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## COVID-19 Response Summary August 17, 2020

### Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 20 million while cases in The United States of America are at 5.25 million. The State of Georgia currently has 237,030 cases and 4,702 deaths (as of 4:30am 8/17/20) The State of Georgia has tested 2,239,670 residents. District 4 Public Health currently has 14,546 COVID-19 cases and 414 deaths (as of 5:30am 8/17/20).

With multiple school districts opening within District 4, this week's focus will be to coordinate communication between the school districts and our Epidemiology team. The Epidemiology team created a reporting schematic to assist with tracking symptomatic school-aged children and positive COVID-19 cases. This schematic will assist our Epidemiology team with data to present to decision makers as we traverse in-person education during COVID-19 pandemic. This was sent to all Superintendents and School Nurse Leads. District 4 has expanded its SPOC personnel and hours of operation at high volume SPOC locations. The District saw an increase of 500-600 more tests completed in its first week of expanded personnel and hours of operations. The District Public Information Team is continuously encouraging constituents to use face coverings while in public, hand hygiene and social distance. Currently, there are 31 patients at the Georgia World Congress Center which opened on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The Surge SPOC located at Hartsfield Airport opened on Monday August 10, 2020 at 9am and has the ability to test up to 5,000 residents a day. The Surge SPOC at Hartsfield Airport has been extended to September 9, 2020.

This week's operational focus will include increased communication with the district school systems, monitoring for increase symptomatic school-aged children and school outbreaks, expanding messaging through our partners, monitoring increased hospitalizations and critical bed usage, onboarding additional SPOC personnel and contact tracers.

### COVID-19 Operations Report 8/17

**2,917 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) **29** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. & Thurs. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm) **404** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Fri. (8 am –1 pm) - **677** specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **457** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) **42** specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, TH & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) & Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **798** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs.- (8 am-1pm) **63** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Thurs. (9am -11 am) **24** specimens

Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar,  
Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties

- **Meriwether-Manchester** Fri. (9 am -11 am) **45** specimens
- **Pike** Tues. (9 am – 11 am) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **73** specimens collected
- **Spalding-** Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – **102** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) **106** specimens collected
- **Upson-** Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **97**specimens collected
- **0 Mobile SPOCs-** Two Mobile SPOCs planned for this week.

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2-4 days.

Carroll, Fayette & Henry will continue with the extended hours as listed above. The Operations Section Staff started planning with County Nurse Managers to determine how each clinic will continue with COVID specimen collection, normal clinic services and add Influenza vaccine clinics. Also planning for the COVID vaccine to be received late 2020/early 2021. The hope is that each clinic will be able to use the flow/set-up being used for COVID specimen collection to offer drive-thru vaccine clinics for Influenza and COVID vaccines.

Saturday SPOCs scheduled weekly beginning on 7/25. Saturday SPOC schedule:

<b>7-25-20</b> - Butts County and Upson County	<b>8-1-20</b> - Carroll County and Troup County
<b>8-8-20</b> - Coweta County and Spalding County	<b>8-15-20</b> - Fayette County and Pike County
<b>8-22-20</b> – Heard, Lamar & Meriwether	<b>8-29-20</b> - Henry County

As of today, Saturday SPOCs are planned on a rotating basis until 9/26/2020. The demand for testing will determine if we continue offering Saturday SPOCs beyond the end of September.

### County Health Departments

All services being offered. Employees and all who enter the buildings are encouraged to wear a mask, have temperature checked and screened for illness.

### Contact Tracing Team Summary for 8/8/2020 @1201 – 8/15/2020 @ 1200

- Total # of calls made by 14 District 4 Contact Tracers = **598**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **161**
  - 137 engaged and no symptoms
  - 8 engaged and symptomatic
  - 16 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **19** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
  - 14 engaged and no symptoms
  - 3 engaged and symptomatic
  - 2 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **100** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **3,321** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 8/8/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by 13 District 4 Case Investigators = **318**

- 4 Contact Tracing Supervisors finished their onboarding with the state and will start with district training 8/17.
- 1 Case Investigator onboarding 8/17
- 55 Contact Tracers onboarding 8/17
- 6 Case Investigators to start onboarding 8/24

**Continuity of Operations**

Total tests administered to District 4 employees as of 8/14/20: 117

Total positive results: 20

Total negative results: 94

Total tests pending: 2

Presumptive positive: 1 (symptomatic but not tested)

**Epidemiology**

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 14658 median age: 43

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 414 median age: 77

Current outbreaks for the past week:

8 defined outbreaks

13 potential outbreaks

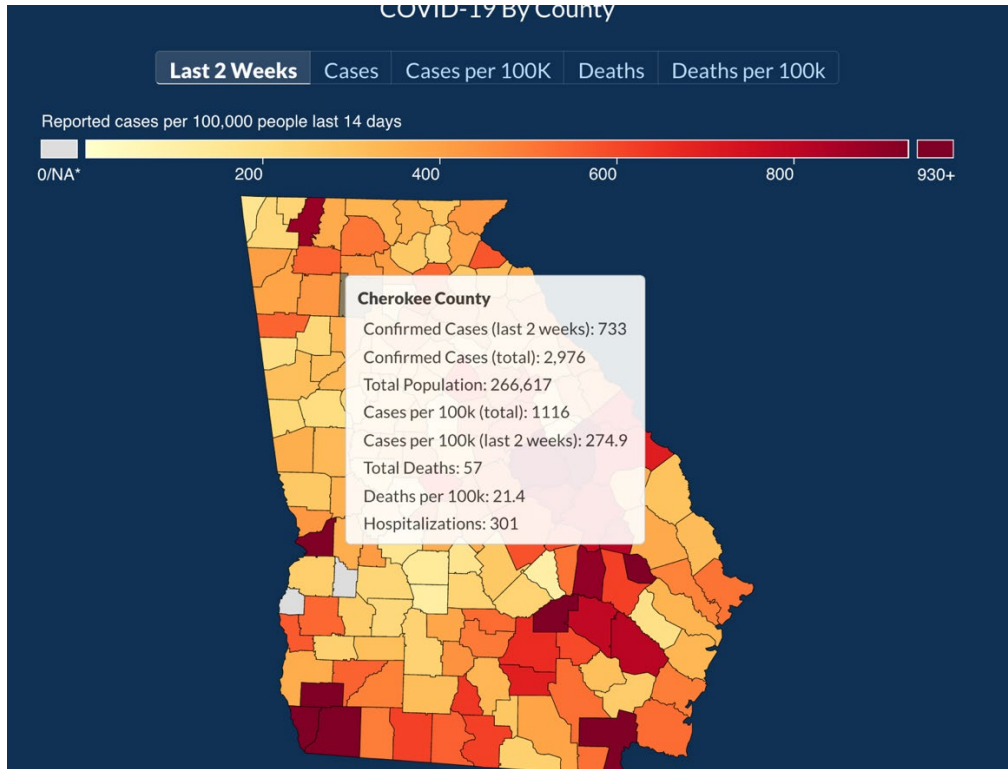
Numbers as of 5:30 AM 8/17/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	509	+20	40	+2
CARROLL	2019	+144	54	+4
COWETA	1792	+283	26	+4
FAYETTE	1299	+173	34	+5
HEARD	151	+10	5	+1
HENRY	3767	+374	59	+12
LAMAR	293	+21	14	+2
MERIWETHER	435	+42	7	+1
PIKE	244	+29	6	+0
SPALDING	1031	+91	43	+2
TROUP	2414	+117	77	+8
UPSON	592	+59	49	+3
Total	14546	+1363	414	+46

County Transmission Levels on <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

Hover over any county on the map of GA and look for Cases per 100K (last 2 weeks). This will allow you to view the cases per 100K any day of the week and compare it to other counties.

Once you have the number of cases per 100k (last 2 weeks) you can determine each county's community spread level using the table below.



Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.
14-day incidence rate indicates newly reported confirmed COVID-19 cases among county residents per 100,000 residents during the 14-day period indicated, using 2018 U.S. Census data to derive county population.
COVID-19 Transmission Levels
High: greater than 100 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Substantial, Uncontrolled
Moderately High: greater than 50-100 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Substantial, Controlled
Moderate:: greater than 10-50 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Moderate
Low: 0-10 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Low
Insufficient data: rates cannot be accurately calculated for counties with < 5 cases. These counties may have low levels of transmission, but may be affected by other factors such as levels of COVID-19 testing. Counties in this category should consider other factors affecting the school district, including the transmission category of surrounding counties.

**Executive Order**

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders>

Document 08.15.20.01 Providing additional guidance for Empowering a Healthy Georgia in response to COVID-19 | updated to include Local Option Face Covering Requirement on page 38.

**Guidance**

Guidance documents can be found on the DPH website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/dph-guidance>

**CDC Guidance**

[Considerations for wearing masks](#)

[Cleaning, disinfection, and hand hygiene in schools](#)

[Interim Considerations for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)