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COVID-19 Response Summary August 24, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 23 million while cases in The United States of America are at 5.7 million. The State of Georgia currently has 253,949 cases and 5,132 deaths (as of 5:30 am 8/24/20). The State of Georgia has tested 2,415,063 residents. District 4 Public Health currently has 15,744 COVID-19 cases and 437 deaths (as of 8:00 am).

District 4 will continue to provide the most up-to-date communication of local, state and federal COVID-19 guidance to district partners. As guidance continues to evolve, the district epidemiology team will coordinate updates through the school system superintendents, school lead nurses, county nurse managers and case investigators. Testing within District 4 and across the state dropped this past week. Our focus will be to increase visibility of the 13 SPOCs and upcoming pop-up SPOC locations located throughout our district. **As Labor Day weekend approaches, the district will open 6 SPOC locations on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 9am-12pm and 6 SPOC locations on Monday, September 7, 2020 from 9am – 12pm.** The Public Information Team will increase messaging to highlight the days and SPOC locations that will be open. The Public Information Team sent the newest [Executive Order](#) (08.15.20.01) signed by Governor Kemp to all board of health members and highlighted the Local Option Face Covering Requirement (pg 38) that allows local governments that meet the “health-related metrics” which 157 out of 159 counties currently meet throughout the State of Georgia. The Battelle Decontamination System which decontaminated N-95s will be demobilizing soon. The Epidemiology Team has been coordinating with the district school systems to answer any concerns or questions for in-person or virtual learning. School Superintendents will receive bi-weekly data and 4-week county prediction models to assist with their decisions for in-person and virtual learning. The top 2 settings for outbreaks in Georgia are Long-Term Care Facilities (28) and School Setting (26) this past week. The district has begun Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine planning and will be reaching out to district partners as we create a plan to distribute both vaccines and continue testing.

This week’s operational focus will include increase communication with the district school systems, monitoring for increase symptomatic school-aged children and school outbreaks, onboarding additional SPOC personnel and vaccine distribution planning.

COVID-19 Operations Report 8/24

2,473 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collections (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) **37** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. & Thurs. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm) **300** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Fri. (8 am –1 pm) - **588** specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am – 1 pm)- **253** specimens collected

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

- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **35** specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, TH & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) & Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **625** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs.- (8 am-1pm) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **89** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **39** specimens
- **Meriwether-Manchester** Fri. (9 am -11 am) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **75** specimens
- **Pike** Tues. (9 am – 11 am) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **24** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – **78** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) **62** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **70** specimens collected
- **3 Mobile SPOCs**- Westbury-McDonough- **164** specimens collected, Sims Furniture in Henry- **18** specimens collected & R&R Group Home in Carroll- **16** Specimens collected

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

The demand for testing at public health SPOCs is down > 40% across the state. Beginning this week, Carroll will have one late day instead of two. Continued planning with County Nurse Mangers to determine how each clinic will continue with COVID specimen collection, normal clinic services and add Influenza vaccine clinics. Also started planning for the COVID vaccine, we do not know when we will receive the COVID vaccine but planning to receive it 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 SPOC schedule:

8-22-20 – Heard, Lamar & Meriwether

8-29-20 - Henry County

Six counties will offer testing on Saturday, 9/5 and the other six will offer testing on Labor Day 9/7. Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 9/5- (9 am - 12 pm) Butts, Carroll, Heard, Henry, Lamar & Meriwether- Greenville

Monday 9/7- (9 am - 12 pm) Coweta, Fayette, Pike, Spalding, Troup & Upson

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 8/15/2020 @1201 – 8/22/2020 @ 1200

- Total # of calls made by 12 District 4 Contact Tracers = **815**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **163**
 - 143 engaged and no symptoms

- 3 engaged and symptomatic
- 17 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **34** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 17 engaged and no symptoms
 - 4 engaged and symptomatic
 - 13 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **88** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **3,717** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 8/8/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by 14 District 4 Case Investigators = **396**
- 28 Cast Investigators onboarding 8/24

Continuity of Operations

Total tests administered to District 4 employees as of 8/22/20: 122

Total positive results: 21

Total negative results: 99

Total tests pending: 1

Presumptive positive: 1 (symptomatic but not tested)

The total number of OT hours worked for 8/1-8/15 are 495.46.

Planning

The State is requesting a list of Closed Point of Distribution (POD) partners that are **healthcare, emergency services or long term care facilities by August 27th**. The State is activating the Closed POD program for the first phase of COVID-19 vaccine distribution. District 4 has reached out to partners to offer the opportunity to enroll as a Closed POD before the State deadline. the organization must fall within healthcare, emergency services or long term care facility. **The Closed POD must be able to receive and store the vaccine, and have personnel to administer the vaccine.**

Epidemiology

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 15832 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 437 median age: 77

Current outbreaks for the past week:

5 defined outbreaks

9 potential outbreaks

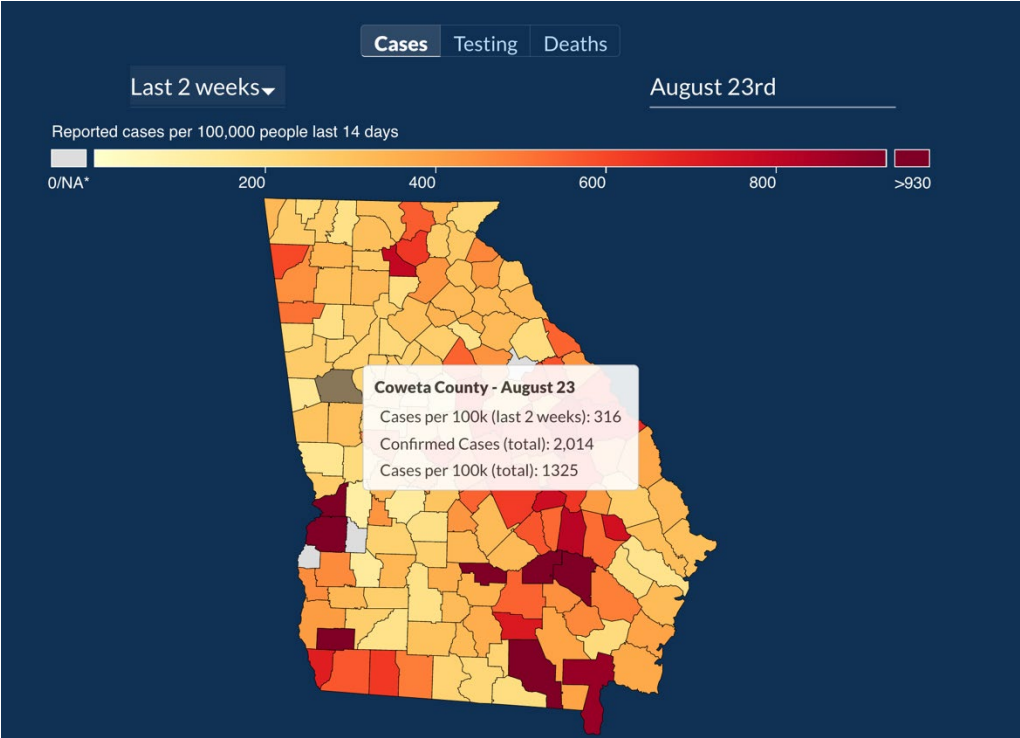
Numbers as of 8:00 AM 8/24/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	533	+24	40	+0
CARROLL	2195	+176	56	+2
COWETA	2024	+232	26	+0
FAYETTE	1414	+115	36	+2
HEARD	161	+10	5	+0
HENRY	4135	+368	66	+7
LAMAR	313	+20	15	+1
MERIWETHER	456	+21	8	+1
PIKE	265	+50	8	+2
SPALDING	1112	+81	45	+2
TROUP	2508	+94	79	+2
UPSON	628	+37	53	+4
Total	15744	+1198	437	+23

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.



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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.

Georgia DPH Guidance

Guidance documents can be found on the DPH website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/dph-guidance>
 Guidance for Georgia K-12 Schools and School-Based Programs updated 8/12/20
 Guidance for Childcare Facilities in Georgia updated 8/12/20

CDC Guidance

[COVID-19 Guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing](#)
[Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC's Considerations](#)
[Overview of Testing for SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#)