COVID-19 Response Summary September 8, 2020

**Incident Command Briefing**

Global cases have surpassed 27 million while cases in The United States of America are at 6.2 million. The State of Georgia currently has 283,807 cases and 6,044 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 2,764,020 residents. District 4 Public Health currently has 17,375 COVID-19 cases and 510 deaths.

District 4 will continue to provide the most up-to-date communication of local, state and federal COVID-19 guidance to district partners. The district epidemiology team will continue to coordinate COVID-19 updates through the school system superintendents, school lead nurses, county nurse managers and case investigators. The Epidemiology Team will continue its coordination and support of the district school systems. Superintendents will began receiving their bi-weekly data reports this week. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (26) and Long-Term Care Facilities (17) 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 be to review the Closed Point of Distribution plans with local partners, review and distribute county prediction models, identifying and onboarding additional personnel for vaccine distribution.

**COVID-19 Operations Report 9/8**

1,887 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 33 specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Thurs. (8 am – 1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 245 specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) – 494 specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am – 1 pm)- 244 specimens collected
- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 23 specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, TH & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm), Tues. (8 am – 1 pm & 2–7 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 555 specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs.- (8 am-1pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 46 specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9 am-11 am) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) 31 specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** Fri. (9 am -11 am) 34 specimens collected
- **Pike** Tues. (9 am – 11 am) 34 specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – 35 specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) 54 specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) 59 specimens collected

Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties
The average turnaround time for lab results is 2-3 days.

The demand for COVID testing continues to decrease throughout Georgia. County plans are being finalized to support how the clinics will continue with COVID specimen collection, normal clinic services, Influenza vaccine clinics and COVID vaccine clinics. COVID specimen collection, Influenza vaccine clinics and COVID vaccine clinics will be offered on different days and/or different locations. Those who present for a COVID specimen collection will not be eligible to receive a flu vaccine until the COVID results are received. It is still unknown when we will receive the COVID vaccine but planning to receive it late 2020/early 2021. The district received funding from the state office to hire additional temporary nurses to assist the clinics with administering Influenza & COVID vaccines in house and out in the field. We hope to have the additional nurses hired by 10/01/2020.

Six counties offered testing on Saturday, 9/5 and the other six offered 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

Saturday SPOCs are planned on a rotating basis until 9/26/2020; if the demand for testing continues to decrease, the number of Saturday Clinics will be reduced.

**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 8/29/2020 @1201 – 9/6/2020 @ 1100**

- Total # of calls made by 25 District 4 Contact Tracers = 998
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = 183
  - o 164 engaged and no symptoms
  - o 7 engaged and symptomatic
  - o 12 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = 22 (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact’s request)
  - o 1 engaged and no symptoms
  - o 0 engaged and symptomatic
  - o 21 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = 112 (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, 4,702 cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 9/6/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by 19 District 4 Case Investigators = 522
Epidemiology
Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 17375 median age: 42
Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 510 median age: 77

Numbers as of 6:00 AM 9/7/20

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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.

% Positive Last 2 Weeks: Reflects the percent positive PCR tests reported through ELR by county during the last 2 weeks.

% Positive Overall: Reflect the cumulative percent positive PCR tests reported through ELR by county

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Executive Order  

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)