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## COVID-19 Response Summary September 14, 2020

### Incident Command Briefing 9/14

Global cases have surpassed 29 million while cases in The United States of America are at 6.6 million. The State of Georgia currently has 294,314 cases and 6,333 deaths. District 4 Public Health currently has 17,873 COVID-19 cases and 529 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 begin receiving their bi-weekly data reports once all school systems are operating for two weeks. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings and Long-Term Care Facilities 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 9/14

**1,653 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** - SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) **11** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Thurs. (8 am – 1 pm) **151** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Fri. (8 am –1 pm) – **381** specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Mon. (9 am – 12 pm) Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) - **253** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) **15** specimens collected
- **Henry** – W, TH & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm), Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **358** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (8 am-1pm) **29** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **57** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) **16** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **15** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Mon. (9 am – 12 pm) & Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – **38** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 12 pm) **26** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **68** specimens collected

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

- **3 Mobile SPOCs-** Woods Senior Care in Spalding **42** specimens collected; Harbor View Health Care in Upson- **142** specimens collected & Seventh Day Baptist Church in Henry- **51** Specimens collected

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.

Beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>, one SPOC will operate each Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm. (counties will rotate).

### **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.

### **Planning**

- A vaccine planning workgroup has been formed to prepare for the COVID-19 vaccine (it's comprised of District personnel and a county health department representative from a small and large county)
- A Closed POD list of healthcare, emergency services and long-term care facilities was sent to the State in preparation for the COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Contact Tracing Team Summary for 9/6/2020 @1101 – 9/12/2020 @ 1200**

- Total # of calls made by 28 District 4 Contact Tracers = **1,135**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **215**
  - 200 engaged and no symptoms
  - 5 engaged and symptomatic
  - 10 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)
  - 11 engaged and no symptoms
  - 0 engaged and symptomatic
  - 8 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **122** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **5,087** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 9/6/2020

Total # of case interviews completed by 25 District 4 Case Investigators = **385**

31 Case Investigators and one Contact Tracer onboarded at the state 9/8; District will receive them 9/21.

**Continuity of Operations**

Total tests for employees: 131  
 Negative: 104  
 Positive: 22  
 Pending: 2  
 Exposed not tested: 3

**Epidemiology**

7 Defined Outbreaks  
 5 Potential Outbreaks

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 17961 median age: 42  
 Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 529 median age: 77

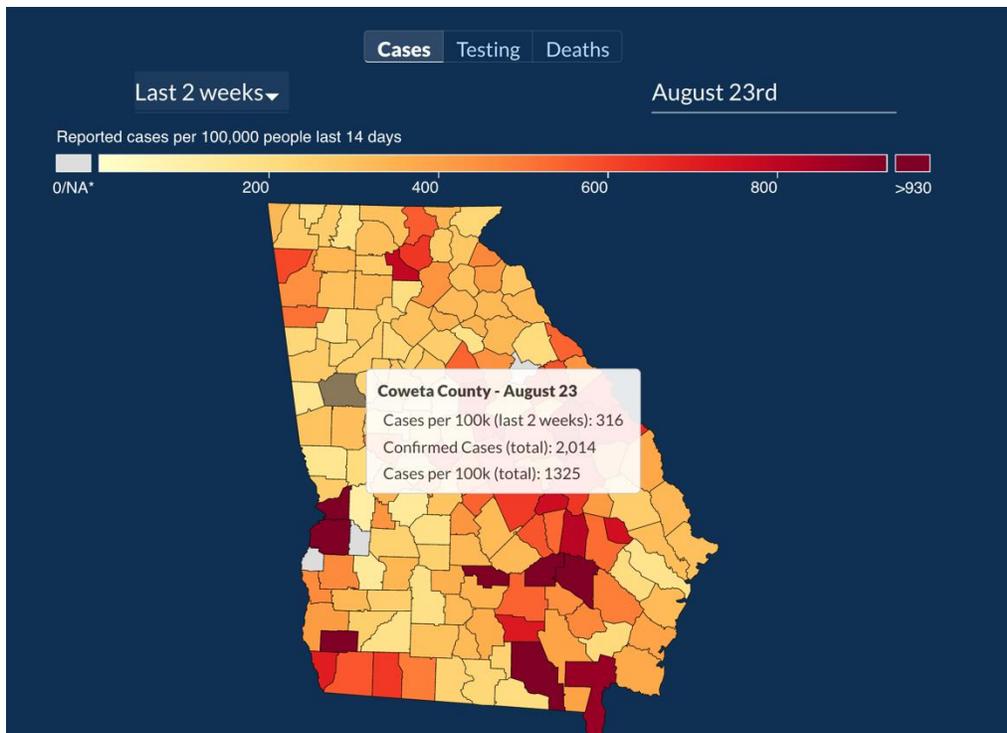
Numbers as of 6:00 AM 9/14/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	607	+28	41	+0
CARROLL	2494	+82	63	+0
COWETA	2400	+65	40	+8
FAYETTE	1671	+48	45	+2
HEARD	181	+1	5	+0
HENRY	4731	+139	92	+5
LAMAR	341	+10	17	+0
MERIWETHER	514	+12	11	+0
PIKE	296	+9	8	+0
SPALDING	1245	+31	54	+0
TROUP	2682	+45	93	+3
UPSON	711	+28	59	+1
Total	17873	+498	529	+19

**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.

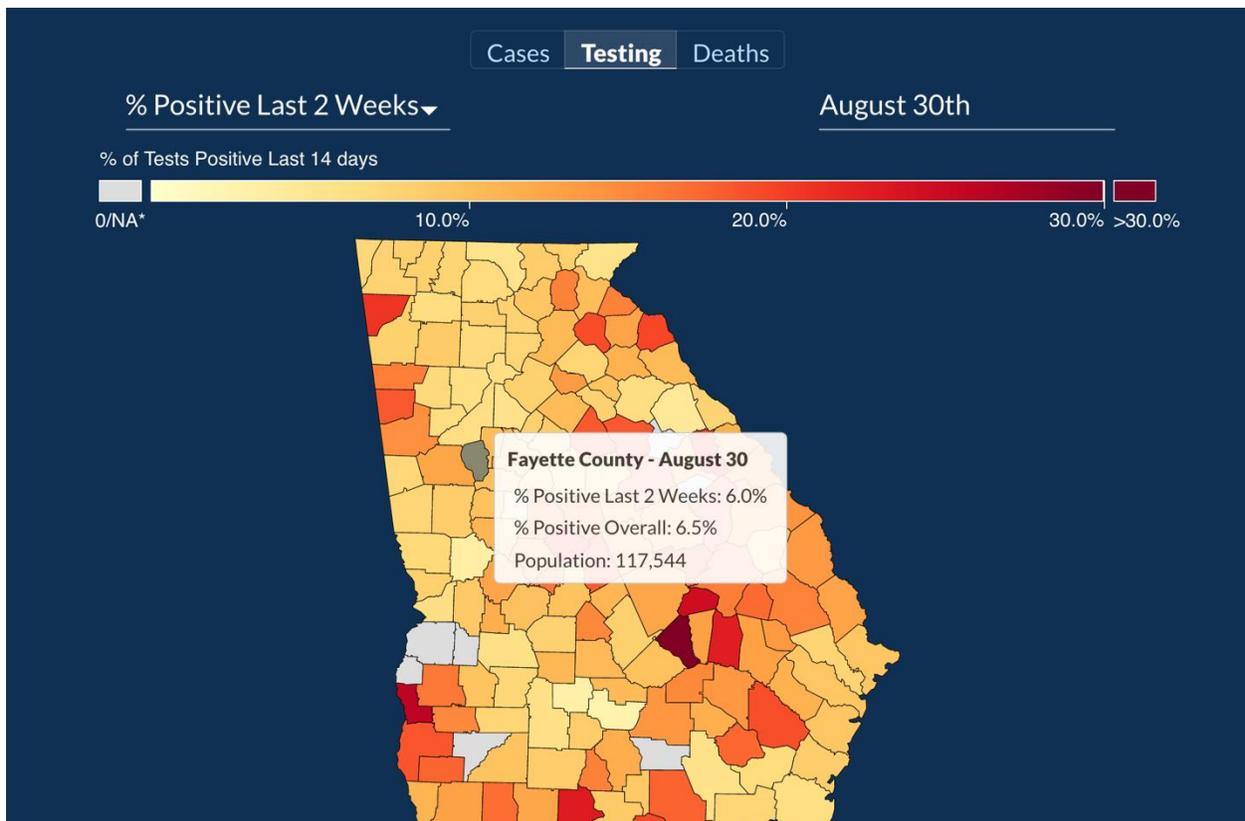


Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.
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.

**% of tests positive** <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

**% 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



### 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 \(COVID-19\)](#)