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COVID-19 Response Summary September 21, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 30 million while cases in The United States of America are at 6.7 million. The State of Georgia currently has 306,155 (Georgia is now 4th in the US for cumulative cases) cases and 6,602 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 3,045,868 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 18,648 and 544 deaths.

District 4 is currently planning for the continuation of testing through the winter months, flu vaccination (school, drive thru, walk-ins and appointments) and COVID-19 vaccination through the Closed Point of Dispensing Program. The Public Information Team in consultation with the Epidemiology Team has identified that 18-29-year-olds has the most increase in cases throughout District 4 and has created a targeted campaign with social media and print to reach this age group. The Epidemiology Team disseminated the first bi-weekly school report which examines the number of cases of school-aged children in all school districts. The District 4 team has continued to provide guidance to school districts and are available for overall recommendations and individual cases. The Epidemiology Team was invited to preview mitigation measures implemented at Henry County Schools prior to them reopening in-person learning. FDA approved the new 5\$ Abbott rapid lateral flow immunoassay COVID-19 test called BinaxNOW. The Federal Government purchased the first 150 million of these test and plan to deploy them to long-term care facilities. Long-term care facilities also received fogging machines and ancillary supplies to assist with their outbreaks. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (32) and Long-Term Care Facilities (20) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to review local county testing and vaccination plans, discuss and identify needed winterized equipment to continue testing, discuss and identify needed equipment to receive, store and disseminate the COVID-19 vaccine, and continue to increase staff to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Operations Report 9/21

Due to inclement weather last week, some SPOCs closed early on Wednesday and all SPOCs were closed on Thursday.

1,320 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** - SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) **0** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am – 10 am) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **124** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – M, T, W, Fri. (8 am –1 pm) –**349** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **235** specimens collected

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

- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) **4** specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm), Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **373** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (8 am-1pm) **0** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **4** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) **28** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **22** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – **36** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **73** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **43** specimens collected
- **1 Mobile SPOC**- Bethel Baptist Church in Lamar **29** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2-3 days.

We continue to promote testing for COVID-19. County plans 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, times and/or locations. We do not want the public to think it is okay to receive a Flu or Covid vaccine if there is a possibility of being positive for COVID.

Beginning 10/3, 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

District 4 continues to have internal planning meetings in the following focus areas: messaging, vaccine administration and distribution, COVID-19 testing, epidemiology, and finance and administration.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 9/12/2020 @1201 – 9/19/2020 @ 1200

- Total # of calls made by 36 District 4 Contact Tracers = **1,514**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **394**
 - 365 engaged and no symptoms
 - 20 engaged and symptomatic
 - 9 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **20** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 9 engaged and no symptoms
 - 2 engaged and symptomatic

- 9 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **222** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **5,637** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 9/19/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by 50 District 4 Case Investigators = **550**

Additional Staff: 30 Case Investigators starting with the District 9/21
 1 Contact Tracer starting with the District 9/21

Continuity of Operations

Total number of tests/exposures to employees: 132
 Positive:23
 Negative: 106
 Pending: 1
 Exposed not Tested: 2

Epidemiology

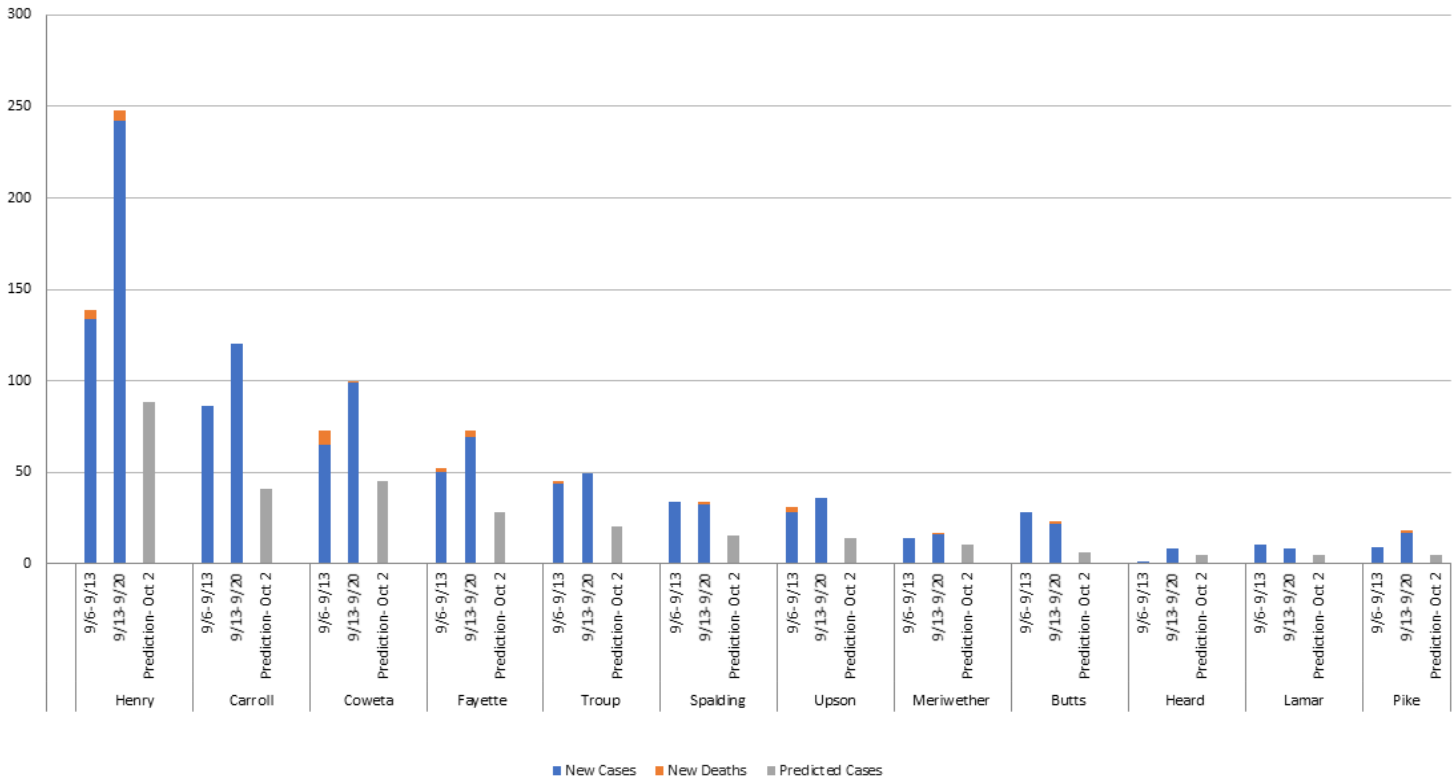
15 Defined Outbreaks

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 18,670 median age: 42
 Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 544 median age: 77

Numbers as of 2:00 PM 9/20/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	629	+22	42	+1
CARROLL	2630	+136	63	+0
COWETA	2503	+103	41	+1
FAYETTE	1745	+74	49	+4
HEARD	189	+8	5	+0
HENRY	4981	+250	98	+6
LAMAR	351	+10	17	+0
MERIWETHER	531	+17	12	+1
PIKE	314	+19	9	+1
SPALDING	1280	+35	56	+2
TROUP	2745	+63	93	+0
UPSON	750	+39	59	+0
Total	18648	+775	544	+15

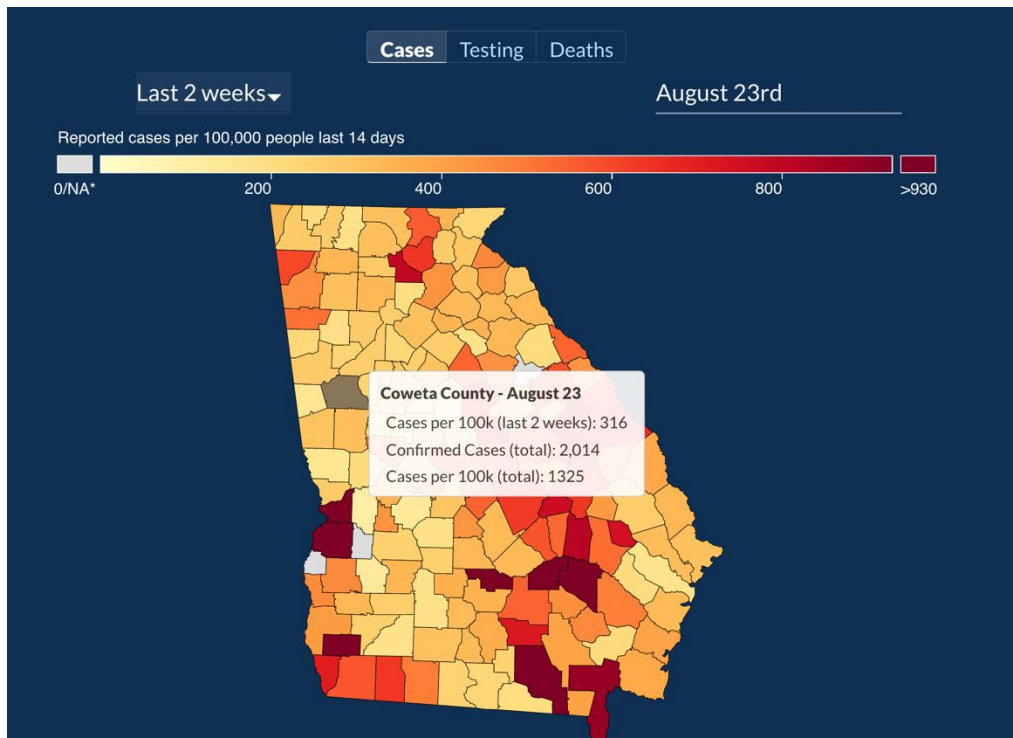
District 4 County-Level Incidence Data (New Cases)- Change Analysis from 9/6- 9/20



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.

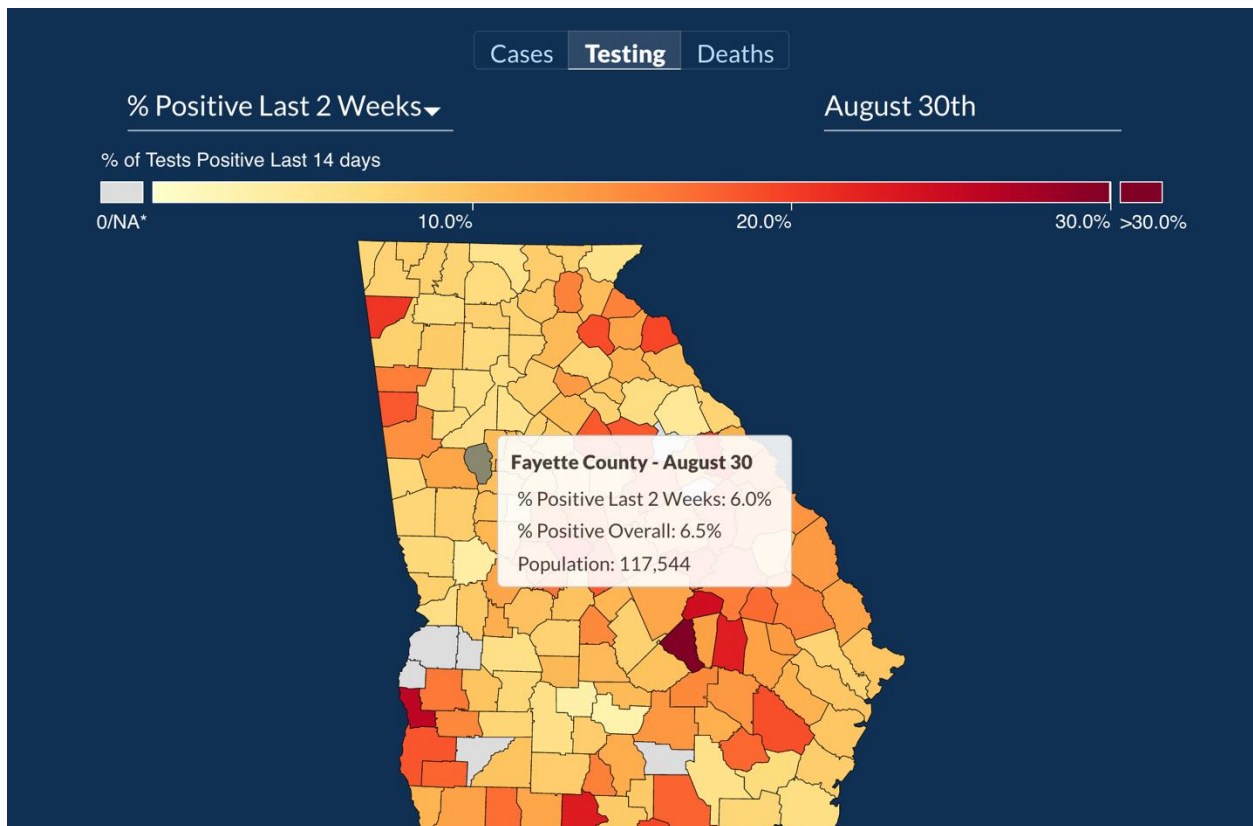


Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.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