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COVID-19 Response Summary September 28, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 32.9 million while cases in The United States of America are at 7.1 million. The State of Georgia currently has 313,873 cases and 6,914 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 3,171,910 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 19,144 and 566 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. All District 4 testing sites will be transitioning from nasopharyngeal to nasal swabbing beginning this week. All counties have submitted their continuation of testing and influenza vaccination plans. All Closed POD partners will be notified that they can enroll this week in the COVID-19 vaccination site program (Closed/Open). The District 4 Public Health Epidemiology Team has seen an increase request for guidance and recommendations for large gatherings. The District 4 Epidemiology Team will be reviewing the cases-per-capita for the past 4 weeks as it was predicted that all 12 counties would decrease. The second bi-weekly school report will be sent out on October 2nd, 2020. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (28) and Long-Term Care Facilities (17) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to finalize 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 9/28

1,451 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** - SPOC Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **17** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) & Thurs (8 am- 1 pm) **186** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.- Fri. (8 am –1 pm) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **383** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **170** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Wed. (9 am-11 am) **10** specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, Th & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm), Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **351** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (8 am-1pm) **37** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **30** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) **19** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **24** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Wed. (8 am -1 pm) & Sat. (9 am-12 pm) **52** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) **26** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **55** specimens collected

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- **2 Mobile SPOCs** - Olivette Baptist Church in Fayette **48** specimens collected
8th Street Baptist in Spalding **43** specimens collected

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

We continue to promote testing for COVID-19. Heard & Butts SPOC hours reduced to 9-11 am due to the low number of specimens being collected. County plans 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) Saturday, October 3rd will be Upson County.

Meriwether County will hold their first Influenza vaccine drive thru clinic October 1 8:30 – 11:00 am in Greenville in the DFCS parking lot at 17234 Roosevelt Highway.

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 9/19/2020 @1201 – 9/26/2020 @ 1200

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers = **885**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **406**
 - 379 engaged and no symptoms
 - 10 engaged and symptomatic
 - 17 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **42** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 17 engaged and no symptoms
 - 2 engaged and symptomatic
 - 23 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **180** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)

- To date, **6,339** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 9/26/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **702**

Staffing Summary as of 9/26/2020:

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 73 Contact Tracers
- 4 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 80 Case Investigators
- 8 Outbreak Case Investigators

Continuity of Operations

Total of 134 exposed or tested employees in D4.

Positive: 27

Negative: 103

Pending: 2

Exposed Not Tested: 2

Logistics

- Purchased nasal swab signs for SPOC locations, these will be instructional signs for patients to reference when self-swabbing.
- The State is purchasing cold chain supplies for Districts (under the counter freezers, mobile coolers for vaccine, refrigerators, etc.). The max allotted to District 4 is \$43,500. District 4 has submitted the request to the State after surveying the health departments.
- Continue to research and purchase supplies for the flu and COVID-19 vaccine (band aids, alcohol pads, syringes, needles, etc.)

Epidemiology

15 Defined Outbreaks

0 Potential Outbreaks

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 19354 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 572 median age: 76

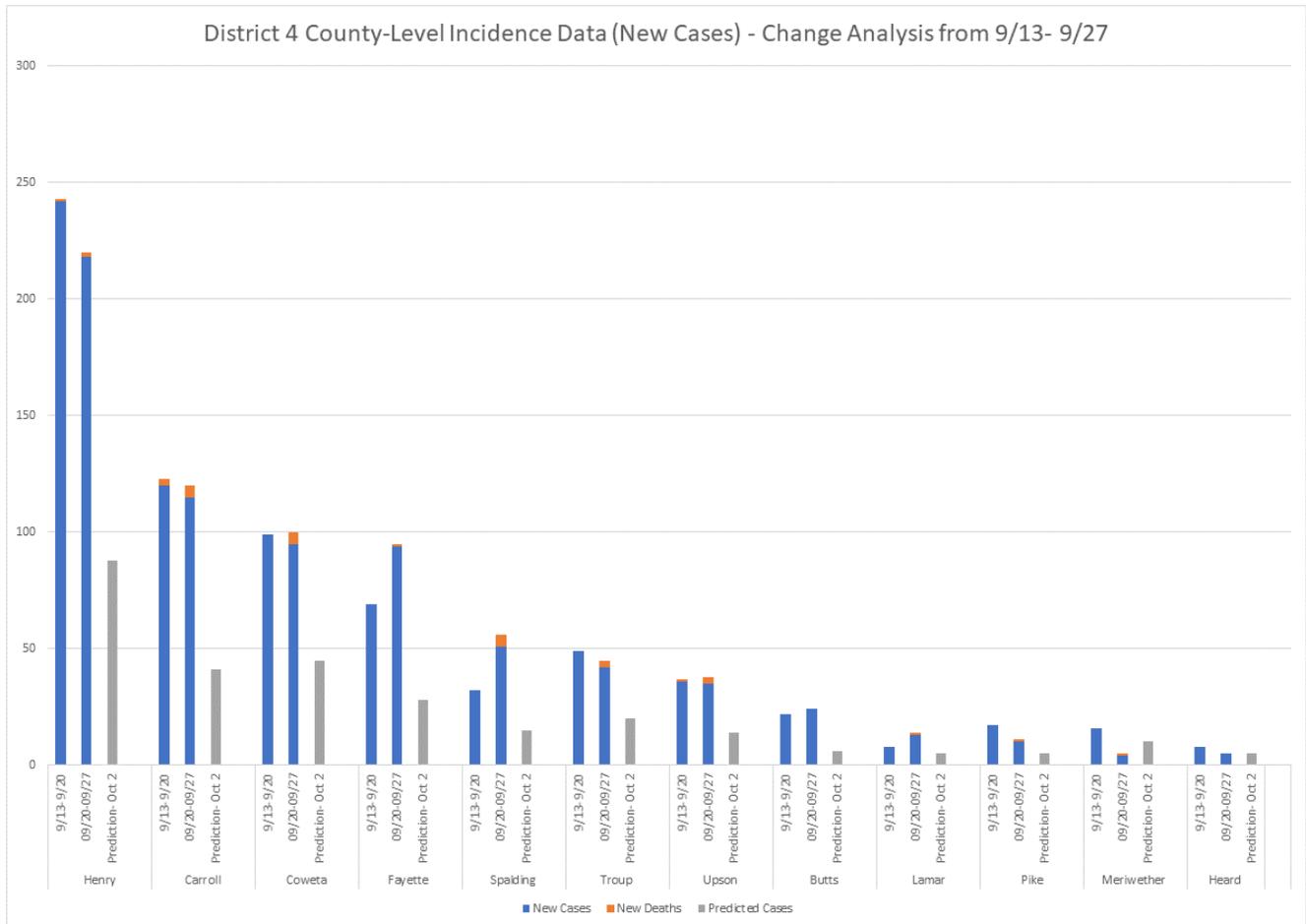
Numbers as of 1:30 PM 9/27/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	653	+24	43	+0

CARROLL	2745	+115	68	+5
COWETA	2598	+95	46	+5
FAYETTE	1839	+94	50	+1
HEARD	194	+5	5	+0
HENRY	5199	+218	100	+2
LAMAR	364	+13	18	+1
MERIWETHER	535	+4	13	+1
PIKE	324	+10	10	+1
SPALDING	1331	+51	61	+5
TROUP	2787	+42	96	+3
UPSON	785	+35	62	+3
Total	19354	+706	572	+27

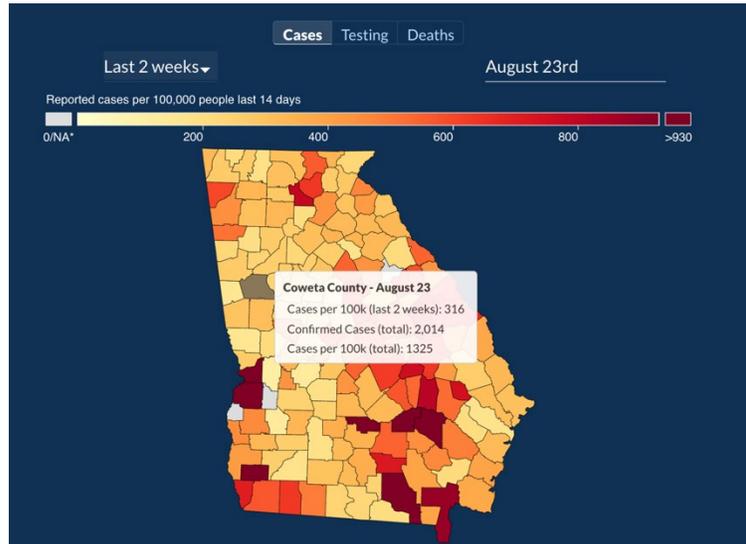
County Transmission Levels on <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

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.



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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.

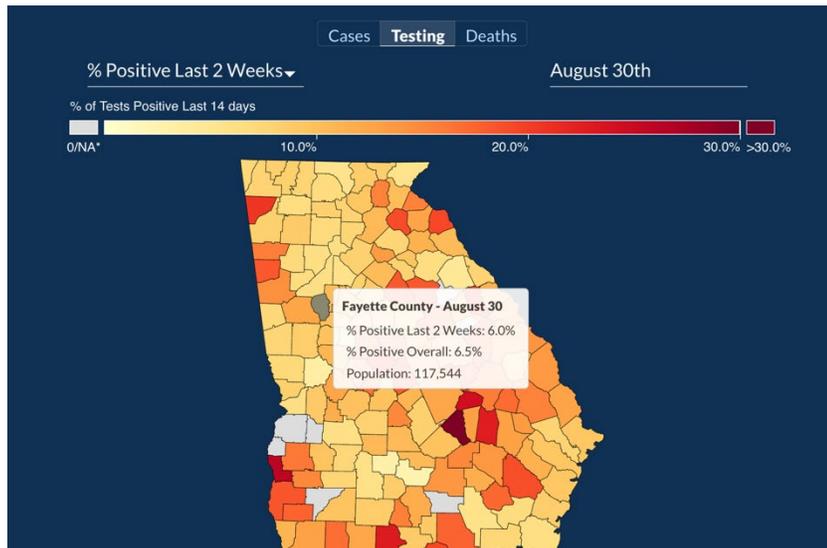


Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.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



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