



Kathleen Toomey MD, MPH, Commissioner | Brian Kemp, Governor

Beverley A. Townsend, MD, MBA, FAAFP
Interim District Health Director
301 Main Street, LaGrange, GA 30240
Phone: (706) 845-4035 • www.district4health.org



COVID-19 Response Summary October 19, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 39.8 million while cases in the United States of America are at 8.1 million. The State of Georgia currently has 340,558 cases and 7,638 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 3,571,331 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 21,346 and 626 deaths.

The Georgia Public Health Emergency Executive Order was renewed until November 9, 2020. District 4 Incident Command team continues to plan for the COVID-19 vaccine. The Medical Countermeasures coordinator reached out to the County Emergency Management Directors to discuss county emergency services being vaccinated in the first round of vaccinations. District 4 has received its first 2 shipments of the Abbot rapid antigen test BinaxNow. The District is currently coordinating distribution and data collection of the BinaxNow test results with the State Epidemiology department. The District 4 Epidemiology School bi-weekly report will be released this week. There has been a slight increase in positive COVID-19 cases throughout the State of Georgia. This increase has prompted the Public Information Team to focus on disseminating the COVID-19 basics which are wear a face covering while in public, continue to social distance (6ft) and increase hand hygiene when possible. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (18) and Long-Term Care Facilities (9) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to coordinate the usage of the BinaxNow rapid antigen testing with identified partners, increase messaging of the importance of a flu vaccine and Increase personnel for the outbreak investigation team.

COVID-19 Operations Report 10/19

1,335 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **9** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am – 1pm) **115** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Tues. - Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **382** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (8 am -1 pm) **248** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Mon. (9 am-11 am) **0** specimens collected (closed for holiday)
- **Henry** – Tues.- Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **393** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (8 am-1pm) **28** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Mon. (9 am-12 pm) & Wed. (9am -11 am) **32** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) **24** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **10** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **31** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) **0** specimens collected (closed for holiday) &
- Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **24** specimens collected

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

- **Upson-** Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **30** specimens collected
- **1 Mobile SPOC-** Heard County Jail **9** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2 days.

One District 4 SPOC will continue to be open on Saturdays (9 am – 12 pm) on a rotating basis. All SPOCS will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Also, all SPOCS will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 & 27 and Christmas on December 24 & 25. The SPOCs operating on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year’s Holidays were randomly selected by drawing their names from a basket.

Saturday SPOC Schedule: 10/24 – Carroll	10/31 – Meriwether
11/7 – Lamar	11/14 - Spalding
11/21 – Fayette	11/28 - Lamar

County Health Departments

All services are being offered. Employees and all who enter the buildings are encouraged to wear a mask, have temperature checked and screened for illness. The doors to the majority of the clinics are no longer locked.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 10/11/2020 @1050 – 10/17/2020 @ 1239

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers = **1,286**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **403**
 - 372 engaged and no symptoms
 - 18 engaged and symptomatic
 - 13 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **31** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact’s request)
 - 16 engaged and no symptoms
 - 2 engaged and symptomatic
 - 13 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **163** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **8,653** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 10/17/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **625**

Staffing Summary as of 10/17/2020:

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator

- 68 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 63 Case Investigators
- 23 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 3 Case Investigator Supervisors

Continuity of Operations

As of Friday 10/16/2020:

144 employees exposed
 118 negative
 24 positive
 2 exposed not tested

Epidemiology

7 Confirmed Outbreaks

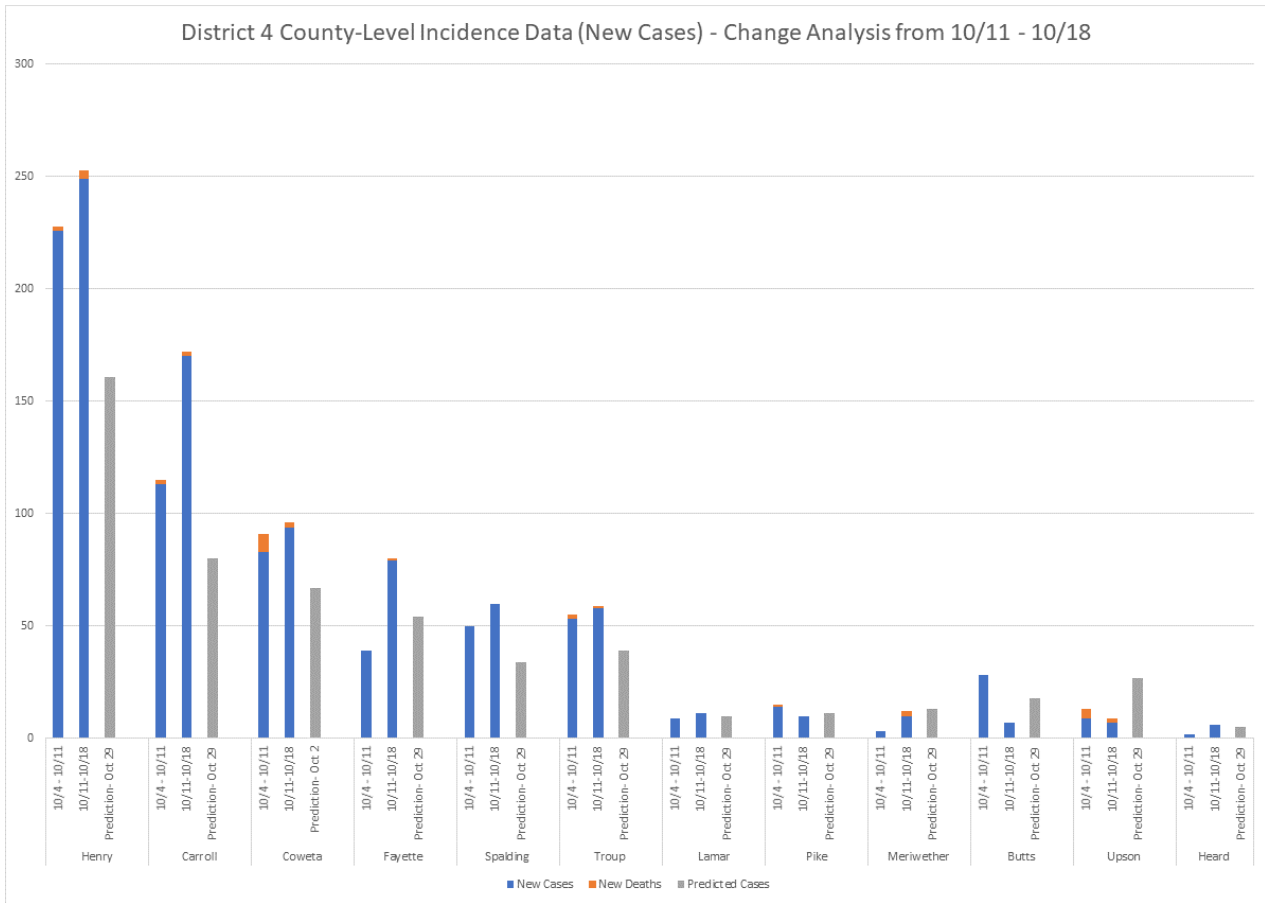
Numbers as of 6:30PM 10/18/20

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 21514 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 632 median age: 76

Numbers as of 12:30PM 10/18/20

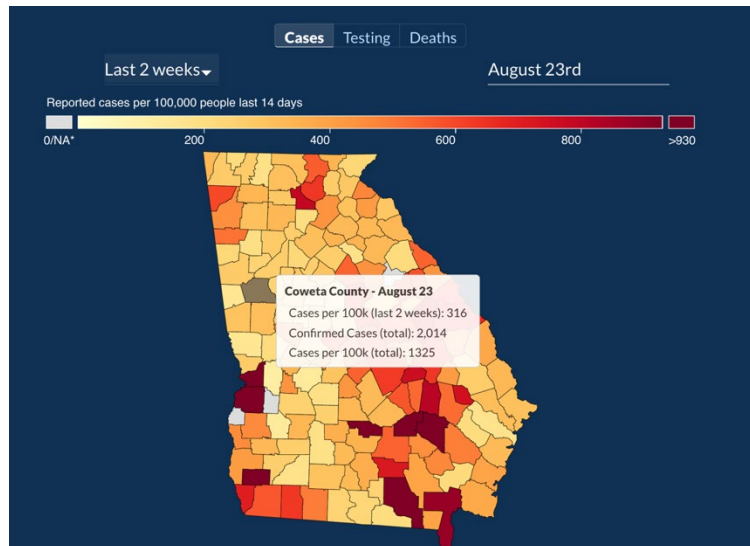
County	Cases	Increase cases since last week	Deaths	Increase deaths since last week
BUTTS	721	+7	43	+0
CARROLL	3114	+170	74	+2
COWETA	2839	+94	60	+2
FAYETTE	2020	+79	52	+1
HEARD	208	+6	6	+0
HENRY	5883	+249	110	+4
LAMAR	399	+11	19	+0
MERIWETHER	565	+10	16	+2
PIKE	370	+10	11	+0
SPALDING	1469	+60	62	+0
TROUP	2940	+58	104	+1
UPSON	819	+7	69	+2
Total	21346	+761	626	+14



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.



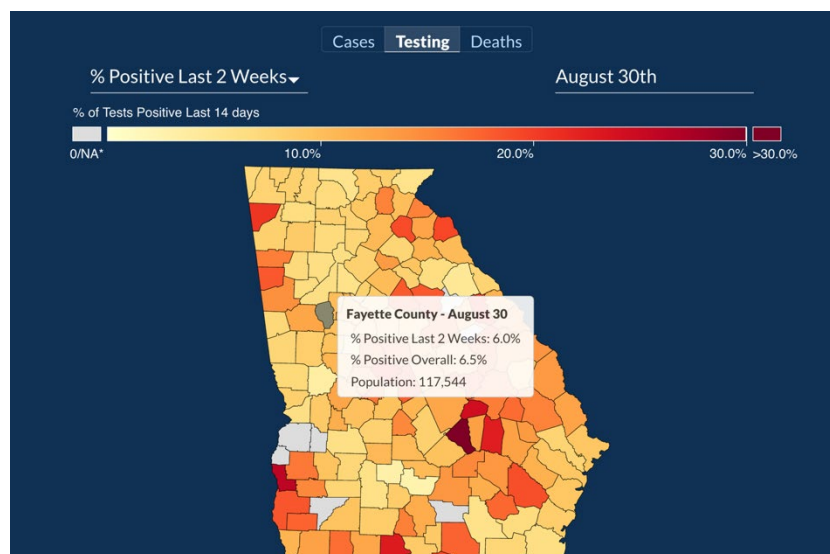
Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties

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