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## COVID-19 Response Summary November 2, 2020

### Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 46.4 million while cases in The United States of America are at 9.1 million. The State of Georgia currently has 361,982 cases and 7,981 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 3,843,136 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 22,876 and 650 deaths.

District 4 Public Health's digital newsletter will be sent today. If you are not signed up to receive it, you can sign up here <https://www.district4health.org/services/community-health/covid-19/>.

District 4 continues to finalize planning for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Pfizer has released information that their COVID-19 Vaccine should be ready for FDA review and approval by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November barring there are no interruptions in the phase three trials. The State Vaccination Planning and Coordination Team is planning to purchase cold storage to assist in storage and distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccine. The State Vaccination Planning and Coordination team met with the regional CDC planning team to review and approve Georgia's COVID-19 Vaccination and Distribution plan. District 4 Epidemiology will continue to coordinate response efforts with schools, business and local governments to identify, track and slow the spread of COVID-19. There was another slight increase in positive COVID-19 cases state-wide for a 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row. District 4 Public Information team will continue its 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 (9) and Long-Term Care Facilities (6) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to disseminate the District 4 digital newsletter; the Epi team will continue to work with public and private schools, colleges/universities to increase reporting, the Public Information Team will continue to prepare and disseminate messaging for the holiday season.

### COVID-19 Operations Report 11/1

**1,242 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. SPOCs did not operate on Thursday, 10/26 due to inclement weather.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **Closed**
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am – 1pm) **66** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Wed, & Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **331** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (8 am -1 pm) **206** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Mon. (9 am-11 am) **18** specimens collected
- **Henry** – Mon.-Wed, & Fri. (8 am –1 pm) **357** specimens collected

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



- 11 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **276** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **10,179** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 10/31/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **788**

**Staffing Summary as of 10/31/2020:**

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 66 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 59 Case Investigators
- 25 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 4 Case Investigator Supervisors

**Continuity of Operations**

As of 10/30/2020:

Total of 152 District 4 employees have been tested and/or quarantined due to COVID-19.

Of the 152 tested:

119 Negative

27 Positive

4 Pending

2 Exposed but not tested

**Epidemiology**

7 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 5:30PM 11/1/20

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 22989 median age: 42

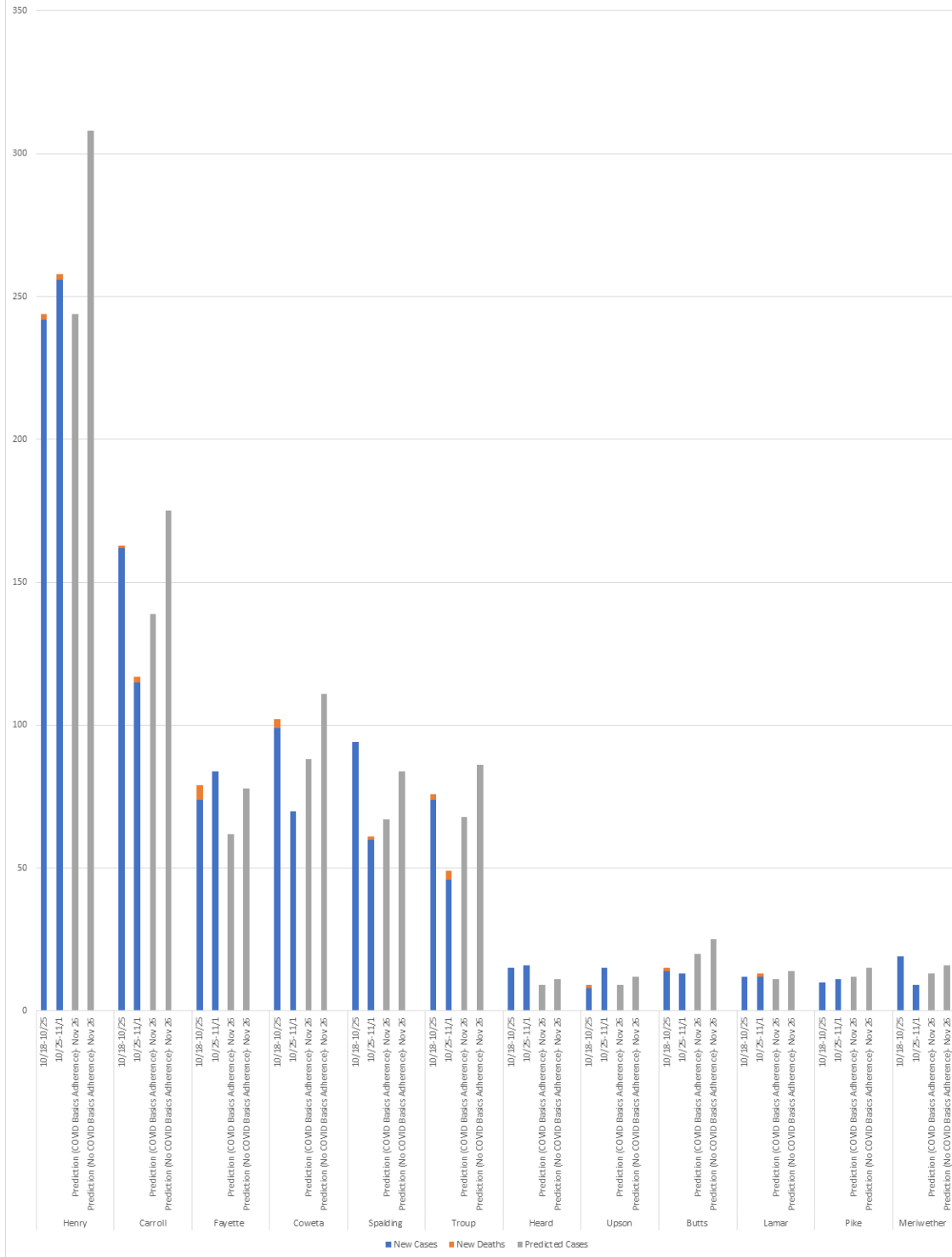
Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 650 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:30PM 11/1/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	748	+13	44	+0
CARROLL	3391	+115	77	+2
COWETA	3008	+70	63	+0
FAYETTE	2178	+84	57	+0
HEARD	239	+16	6	+0
HENRY	6381	+256	114	+2
LAMAR	423	+12	20	+1
MERIWETHER	592	+9	16	+0
PIKE	391	+11	11	+0
SPALDING	1623	+60	63	+1
TROUP	3060	+46	109	+3
UPSON	842	+15	70	+0
Total	22876	+707	650	+9

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District 4 County-Level Incidence Data (New Cases) - Change Analysis from 10/25 - 11/1



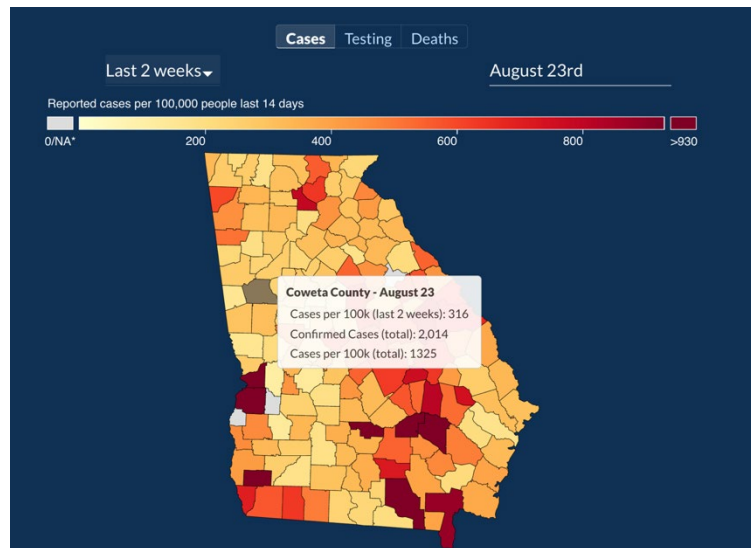
\*COVID basics adherence refers to the use of social distancing (6 feet apart), good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings.

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**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.

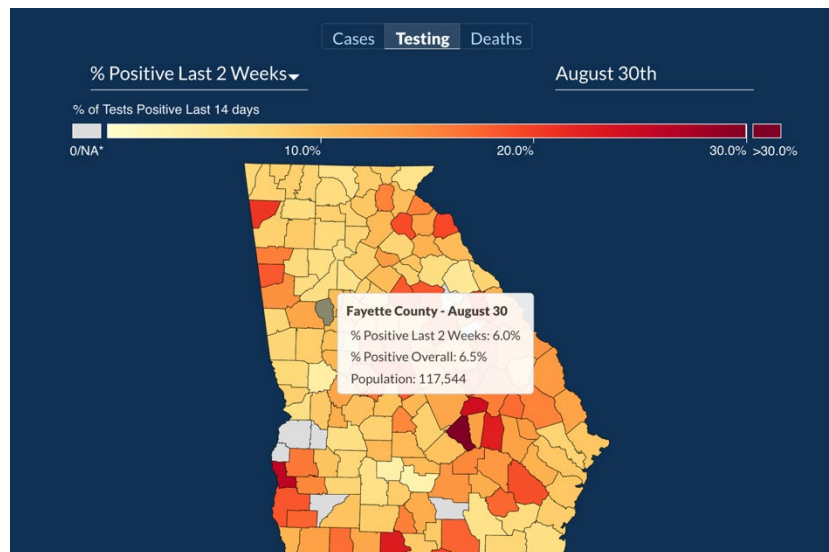


<b>Data Description</b>
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county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



### **Long Term Care Facility link**

<https://dch.georgia.gov/announcement/2020-10-29/long-term-care-facility-covid-19-report>

This report shows COVID-19 cases in licensed nursing homes, assisted living communities and personal care homes of 25 beds or more based on data reported by the facilities to the Georgia Department of Public Health as of 2:00 p.m. on the date of the report. The data in this report is contingent on information received by the department. It is possible that a facility may report different numbers to other outlets based on the time of day information is released. This report is subject to change.

### **Communication**

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is updating its protocols for isolation and quarantine during COVID-19 to allow individuals to vote in person Tuesday, Nov. 3. The protocols are in accordance with [recommendations and guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued today, Nov. 1.

Voters who are sick with COVID-19 and are in isolation or those who are quarantined after being in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should take steps to protect poll workers and other voters. This includes wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and washing their hands or using hand sanitizer before and after voting. Voters should let poll workers know about their condition when arriving at the polling location.

Poll workers should minimize contact with voters and follow respiratory protection guidelines including wearing a mask and gloves, staying at least 6 feet away from others and washing their hands or using hand sanitizers frequently.