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COVID-19 Response Summary November 9, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 50.3 million while cases in The United States of America are at 9.9 million. The State of Georgia currently has 373,078 cases and 8,194 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 3,691,733 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 23,616 and 673 deaths.

The Public Information Team disseminated the District 4 Newsletter to over 200 email addresses last week. Sign up here to receive the next edition of the digital newsletter:

<https://www.district4health.org/services/community-health/covid-19/>

The Public Information Team has increased its social media presence district wide as we get closer to the holiday season. 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.

As the phase 3 Pfizer vaccine trial draws near its conclusion and they prepare to submit data for review and approval from the FDA, District 4 continues its operational planning for storage and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. District 4 is working with the State Vaccination Planning and Coordination team to identify and purchase ultra-cold storage freezers. 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 increase in positive COVID-19 cases state-wide for a 4th week in a row. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (21) and Long-Term Care Facilities (7) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to increase awareness of the District 4 newsletter; the Epi team will continue to provide guidance to public and private schools, colleges/universities. The Ops team will focus on SPOC staffing needs and disseminating BinaxNOW kits to identified organizations.

COVID-19 Operations Report 11/9

1,512 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **8** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **91** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon. & Wed. - Fri. (9 am –2 pm) **369** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **248** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Mon. (9 am-11 am) **7** specimens collected
- **Henry** – Mon.- Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **512** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) – **64** specimens collected

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- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **34** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) - **18** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **17** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **56** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **45** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **43** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2 days.

The operations of all SPOCs are being evaluated to determine the best way for District 4 to move forward in the most efficient manner. Per Dr. Kathleen Toomey, State DPH Commissioner, the rate at which the state funds dedicated to COVID are being expended, the state estimates it has enough money to operate “as is” through the end of February 2021.

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	11/14 – Spalding	11/21 – Fayette
	11/28 – Lamar	12/5 - Henry

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. Flu vaccine is being promoted throughout the communities.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 10/31/2020 @ 1424 – 11/7/2020 @ 1914

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,288**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **627**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **645**
 - 574 engaged and no symptoms
 - 19 engaged and symptomatic
 - 52 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **34** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact’s request)
 - 22 engaged and no symptoms
 - 0 engaged and symptomatic
 - 12 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **296** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)

- To date, **11,001** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 11/7/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **822**

Staffing Summary as of 11/7/2020:

- 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 11/6/2020:

Total of 156 District 4 employees have been tested and/or quarantined due to COVID-19.

Of the 156 tested:

121 Negative

27 Positive

6 Pending

2 Exposed but not tested

Logistics

- Purchased 13 electric heaters for SPOC testing sites due to the colder weather
- Reached out to local EMA Directors to assist with locating heaters to borrow within the county
- For vaccine planning, looking into purchasing sharps containers, ultra-cold freezer, and other supplies for ultra-cold vaccine (e.g. gloves, data loggers)

Planning

- District 4 Public Health reached out to local EMAs to form a partnership to cover COVID-19 vaccine coverage for emergency services. County health departments will work with emergency services to vaccinate first responders and take responsibility for the vaccine cold chain. Each EMA must reach out to the local county nurse manager so that they may receive current emergency services employee count.

Epidemiology

9 Defined Outbreaks

Numbers as of 9:45PM 11/8/20

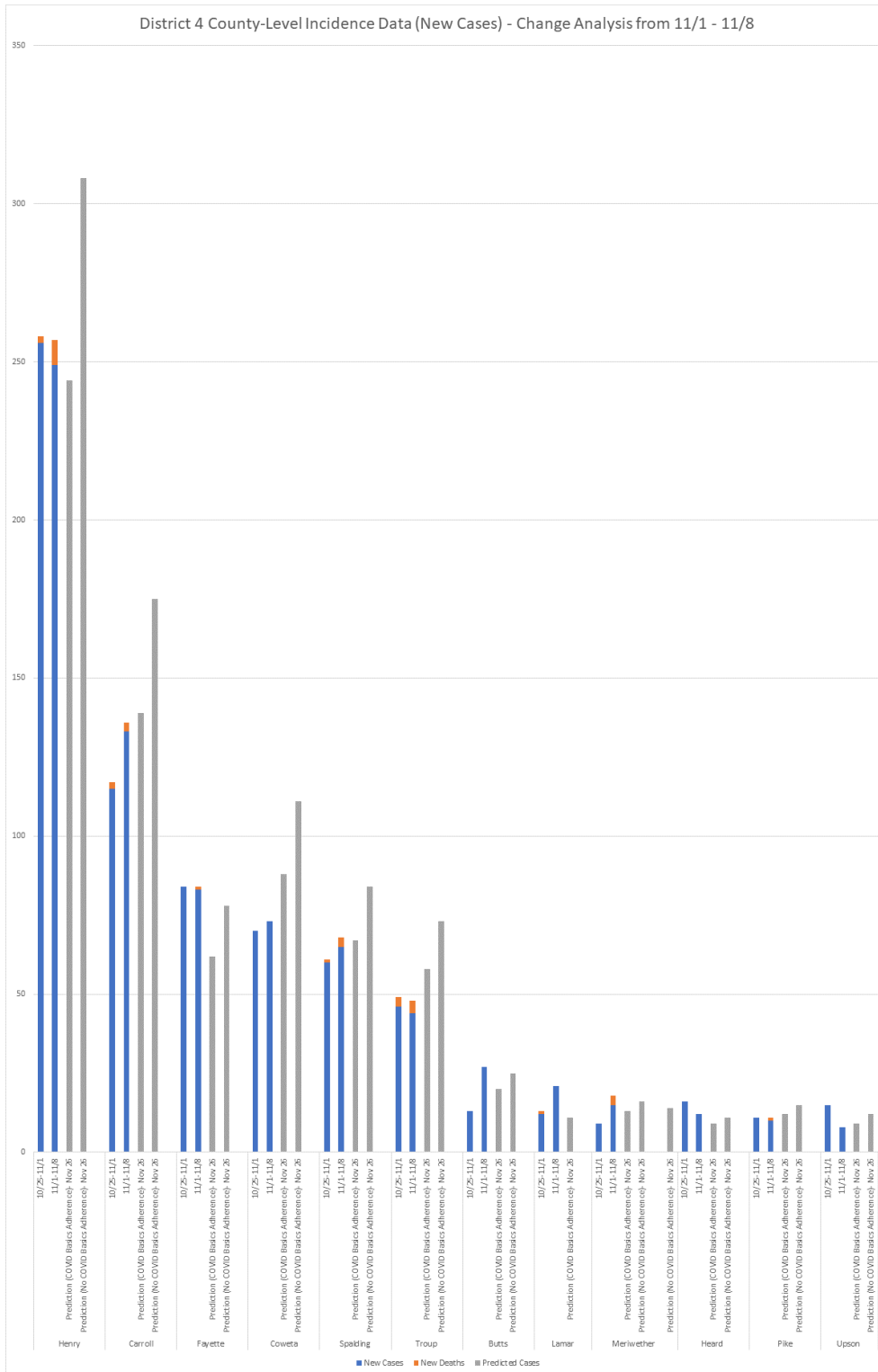
Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 23751 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 673 median age: 76

Numbers as of 12:00 PM 11/8/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	755	+27	44	+0
CARROLL	3524	+133	80	+3
COWETA	3081	+73	63	+0
FAYETTE	2261	+83	58	+1
HEARD	251	+12	6	+0
HENRY	6630	+249	122	+8
LAMAR	444	+21	20	+0
MERIWETHER	607	+15	19	+3
PIKE	401	+10	12	+1
SPALDING	1688	+65	66	+3
TROUP	3104	+44	113	+4
UPSON	850	+8	70	+0
Total	23616	+740	673	+23

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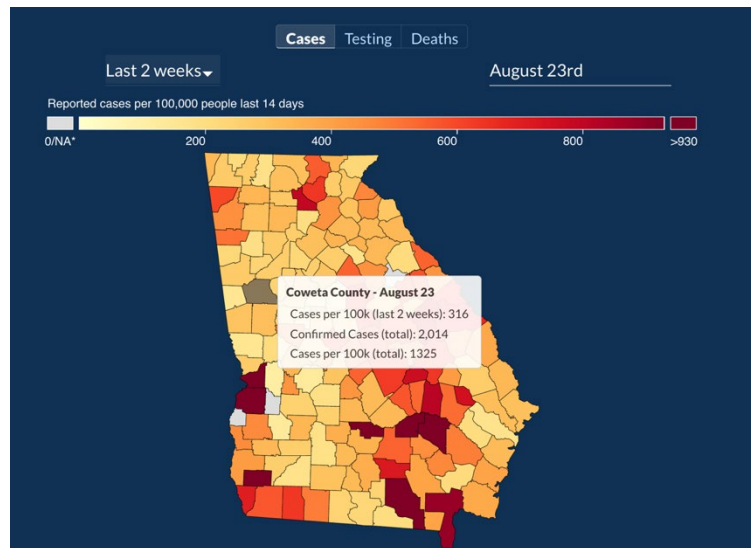
*COVID basics adherence refers to the use of social distancing (6 feet apart), good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings.

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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.

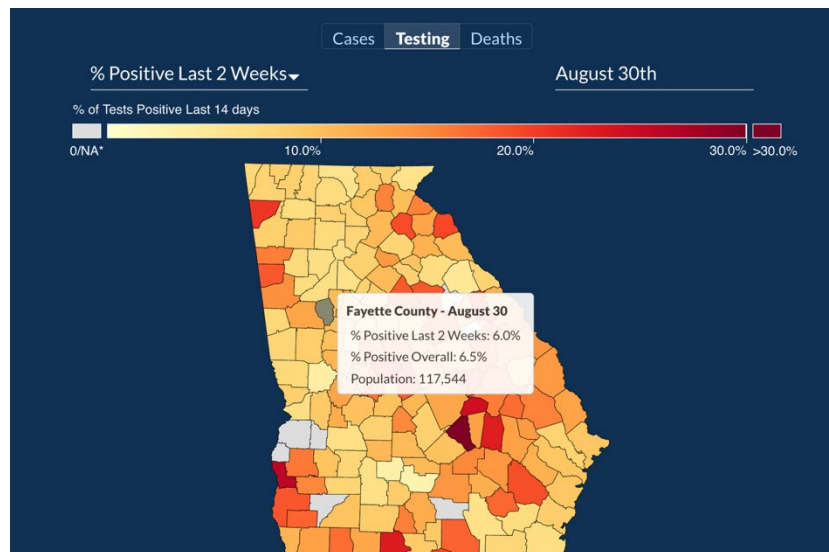


Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.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



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

Sign-Up for Alerts

PunchAlert is free and allows you to receive instant updates for COVID-19.

Text **COVIDGAGEN** (*English*) or **COVIDGAESP** (*Spanish*) to **77297**