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COVID-19 Response Summary November 16, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 54.2 million while cases in The United States of America are at 11 million. The State of Georgia currently has 386,949 cases and 8,462 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 4,181,887 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 24,619 and 690 deaths.

The Public Information Team will disseminate the 2nd edition of the District 4 newsletter to over 400 subscribers this week. This newsletter will highlight tips for celebrating Thanksgivings safely with your family and loved ones. As COVID-19 cases continue to arise state-wide, the Public Information Team continues its engagement of the District 4 community at-large to highlight the importance of adhering to the COVID Basics (wearing a face covering in public, social distance 6ft, increase hand hygiene).

On Nov. 9th, The FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the drug Bamlanivimab for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients. HHS plans to provide this drug at no cost and to be allocated similar to Remdesivir. The FDA has not approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine yet, but the data shows promising results. The State and District continues its planning efforts to store and distribute the vaccine once approved. The initial distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine will be a tiered approach which includes health care professionals, long-term care facilities and emergency services.

Most of the country is experiencing a significant surge in COVID-19 cases. Transmission is occurring through small gatherings. The county indicator report now displays the number of antigen positive cases in addition to the PCR confirmed cases. District 4 counties continue to see a rise in cases following Halloween due to small gatherings. The District 4 School COVID-19 case report will be released this week, and it shows increases in school-aged children in multiple counties following Halloween. This report also shows the case count for teachers remained stable, leading our Epidemiology Team to infer that the gatherings must have centered around school-aged children. The Epidemiology Team continues to coordinate and disseminate safe practices to local industry in an effort to protect employees and customers. The Epidemiology Team also continues to provide accurate and timely information to our public and private school systems regarding COVID-19 cases within their school system. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia this past week were School Settings (11) and Long-Term Care Facilities (14).

This week's operational focus will be to finalize COVID-19 storage and distribution plans, highlighting the COVID-19 Newsletter, the Epi Team will be working with community leaders to increase awareness of the need for adherence to the COVID-19 Basics, updating staffing plan for the SPOCs and disseminating BinaxNOW kits to identified organizations.

COVID-19 Operations Report 11/16

1,408 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. All SPOCs were closed on Wednesday, 11/11 in observance of Veterans Day. The Coweta SPOC was closed 11/9-11/13 for updates to be completed at the collection facility.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **20** specimens collected

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- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **Closed**
- **Coweta** –**Closed**
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **351** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Mon. (9 am-11 am) **12** specimens collected
- **Henry** – Mon.- Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **532** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **48** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **Closed**
- **Meriwether-Manchester** - Fri. (9 am -11 am) - **42** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **21** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Tues. (9 am – 11 am) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **89** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **51** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **Closed**
- **2 Mobile SPOCs**
Coweta County Jail - **195** specimens collected
Coweta County Public Works - **47** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2 days.

The following strategies are being implemented to reserve SPOC resources and funds. These strategies will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and revised as needed.

- Beginning the week of Nov. 16th, the following 4 counties will begin operating 1 day every other week instead of weekly due to low participation on a consistent basis: Butts, Heard, Pike and Spalding.
- Beginning the week of November 16th, Meriwether County will operate one SPOC per week instead of two. They will alternate between the Greenville and Manchester Clinics on a weekly basis.
- Saturday SPOCs will stop as of December 1, except for the Saturday after Christmas and New Year’s Holidays. One SPOC will operate on each of these days.
- Utilize current partnerships to supply clinical personnel to conduct testing in mobile testing sites.
- Use the current Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) volunteers as much as possible to cover the SPOCs.
- Recruit additional volunteers through MRC to use at SPOCs.
- As soon as we receive the signed MOU and a copy of their CLIA license, give BinaxNOW Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Tests to the We Care Clinic in LaGrange to be used primarily for LaGrange College students.
- Educate University of West Georgia and Gordon Colleges about the availability of BinaxNOW tests.
- Continue to educate/promote BinaxNOW to entities that have a medical provider and CLIA License.

As of November 16th, the Henry SPOC hours will be 10 – 3. The staff who work this SPOC on a daily basis prefer to start operations 1 hour later due to the cold mornings. All other SPOCs chose to continue with the 9 AM start time.

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

11/21 – Fayette
Fayette

11/28 – Lamar

12/26 –

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. Flu vaccine is being promoted throughout the communities.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 11/7/2020 @ 1914– 11/14/2020 @ 1856

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,332**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **676**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **681**
 - 572 engaged and no symptoms
 - 18 engaged and symptomatic
 - 91 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **47** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 19 engaged and no symptoms
 - 0 engaged and symptomatic
 - 28 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **355** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **11,707** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 11/14/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **706**

Staffing Summary as of 11/14/2020:

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 66 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 57 Case Investigators
- 25 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 4 Case Investigator Supervisors
- 7 clinical 16 admin temporary SPOC staff

Continuity of Operations

As of 11/13/2020:

158 total employees exposed or tested to COVID-19.

Of the 158:
 126 were negative
 26 were positive
 4 are still pending
 2 were exposed but not tested

Epidemiology

16 Defined Outbreaks

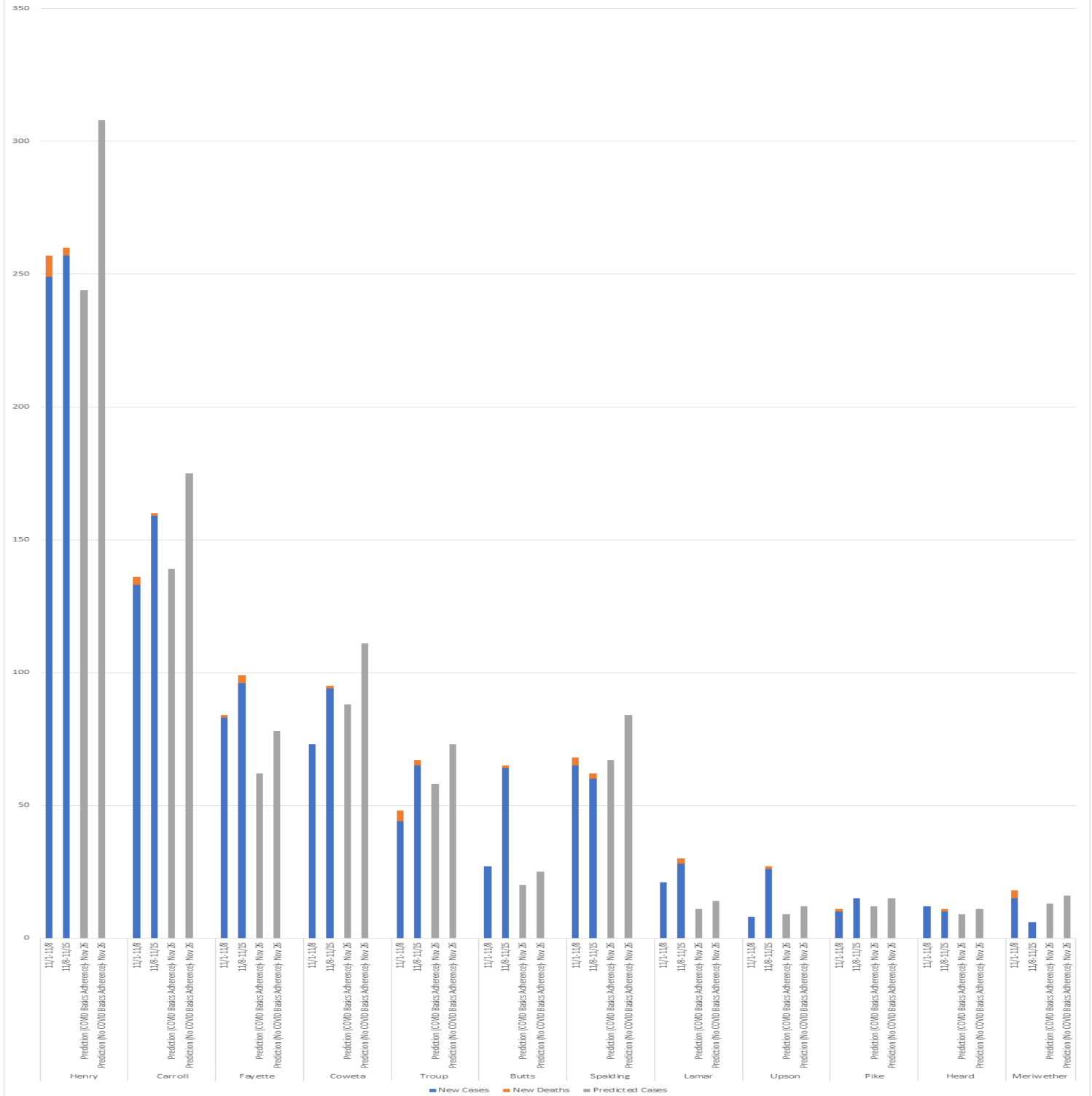
Numbers as of 10:30PM 11/15/20

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 24619 median age: 42
 Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 690 median age: 76

Numbers as of 12:30 PM 11/15/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	819	+64	45	+1
CARROLL	3683	+159	81	+1
COWETA	3175	+94	64	+1
FAYETTE	2357	+96	61	+3
HEARD	261	+10	7	+1
HENRY	6887	+257	125	+3
LAMAR	472	+28	22	+2
MERIWETHER	613	+6	19	+0
PIKE	416	+15	12	+0
SPALDING	1748	+60	68	+2
TROUP	3169	+65	115	+2
UPSON	876	+26	71	+1
Total	24476	+880	690	+17

District 4 County-Level Incidence Data (New Cases) - Change Analysis from 11/8 - 11/15



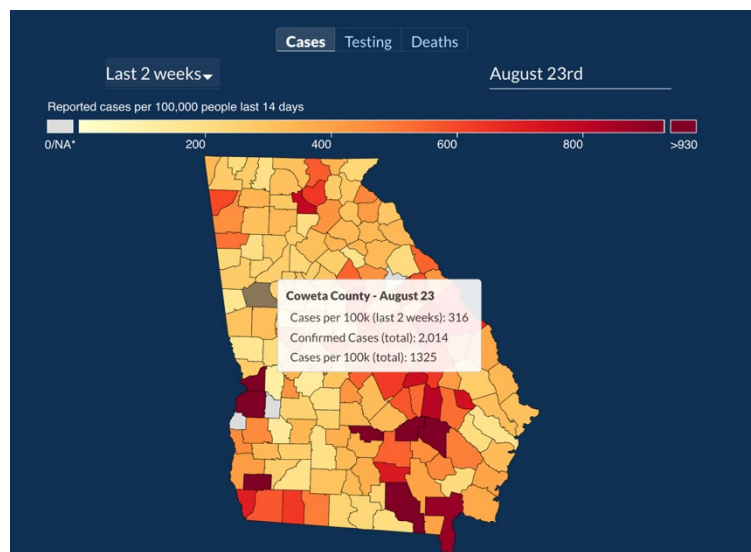
*COVID basics adherence refers to the use of social distancing (6 feet apart), good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings in public.

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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

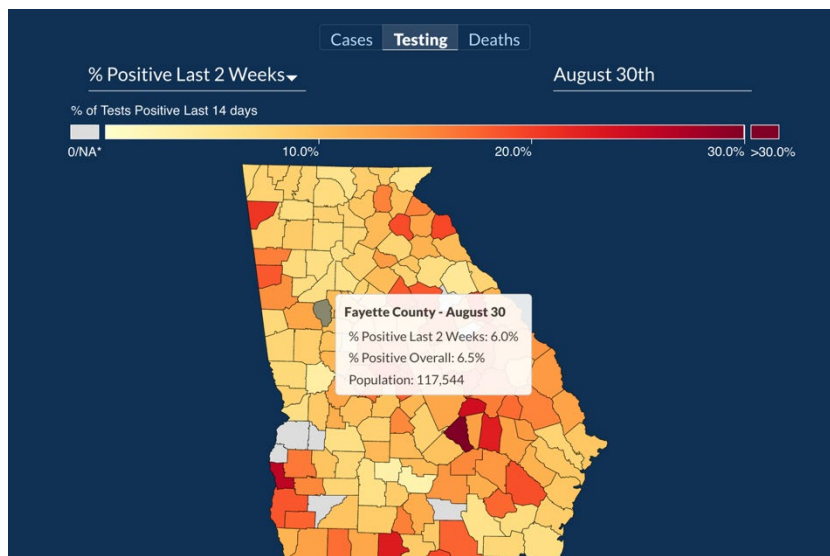
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testing. Counties in this category should consider other factors affecting the school district, including the transmission category of surrounding counties.

% 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.

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