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COVID-19 Response Summary November 23, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 58.5 million while cases in The United States of America are at 12.2 million. The State of Georgia currently has 404,411 cases and 8,627 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 4,395,079 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 25,449 and 695 deaths.

The Public Information Team has been working with external partners across the district to disseminate information regarding safety tips for the holiday season. As we continue to see COVID-19 cases increase, the Public Health message is that COVID Basics (face covering while in public, social distance 6ft or more, increase hand hygiene) are our best weapon to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As the FDA reviews vaccine data submitted by Pfizer, HHS, CDC and Georgia Public Health works to coordinate vaccine storage and dissemination across the state. The distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine will be a tiered approach which includes health care professionals, long-term care facilities and emergency services. The United States is experiencing significant surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. District 4 is also experiencing increases which is attributed to non-compliance of COVID Basics and small and medium size gatherings where the COVID-19 basics are not being adhered to in an enclosed area. 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 are School Settings (29) and Long-Term Care Facilities (13) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to finalize COVID-19 storage and distribution plans, disseminate information regarding safe Thanksgiving practices, 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 11/23

2,569 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **22** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **121** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.- Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **773** specimens collected
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **479** specimens collected

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- **Heard** – Mon. (9 am-11 am) **15** specimens collected
- **Henry** – Mon.- Fri. (10 am – 3 pm) **821** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **40** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **39** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **0** specimens collected
- **Pike** - Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **40** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **53** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **45** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **36** specimens collected
- **3 Mobile SPOCs**
 House of Stuff parking lot, Heard - **12** specimens collected
 Ashbrook Senior Village, Carroll - **52** specimens collected
 Twin Cedars Youth Services, Troup - **21** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2 days.

Available District Staff will be trained to assist at the SPOCs. This will allow the health department staff to remain in the clinic to generate funds.

All SPOCS will be **closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 & 27** and Christmas on December 24 & 25. One SPOC will operate after both holidays. 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 9am-12pm 11/28 – Lamar 12/26 – Fayette

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 11/14/2020 @ 1856– 11/21/2020 @ 1406

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,589**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **858**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **850**
 - 732 engaged and no symptoms
 - 32 engaged and symptomatic
 - 86 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **43** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact’s request)
 - 24 engaged and no symptoms
 - 5 engaged and symptomatic
 - 14 not engaged

- Total # of new contacts pending = **346** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **12,455** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 11/21/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **748**

Staffing Summary as of 11/21/2020:

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 64 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 57 Case Investigators
- 23 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 6 Case Investigator Supervisors

Temporary SPOC Staffing Summary as of 11/23/2020

- 14 administrative staff
- 6 clinical staff

Continuity of Operations

As of 11/20/2020:

163 total employees exposed or tested to COVID-19.

Of the 163

131 were negative

28 were positive

2 are still pending

2 were exposed but not tested

Logistics

- N95s continue to be difficult to purchase. Health Departments and SPOCs continue to preserve N95s, and District 4 Public Health staff continue to look into ways to decrease the use of N95s.
- In the past week, purchased one ultra-cold freezer, cryogenic gloves and safety glasses in preparation for the ultra-cold covid vaccine.

Epidemiology

34 Confirmed Outbreaks

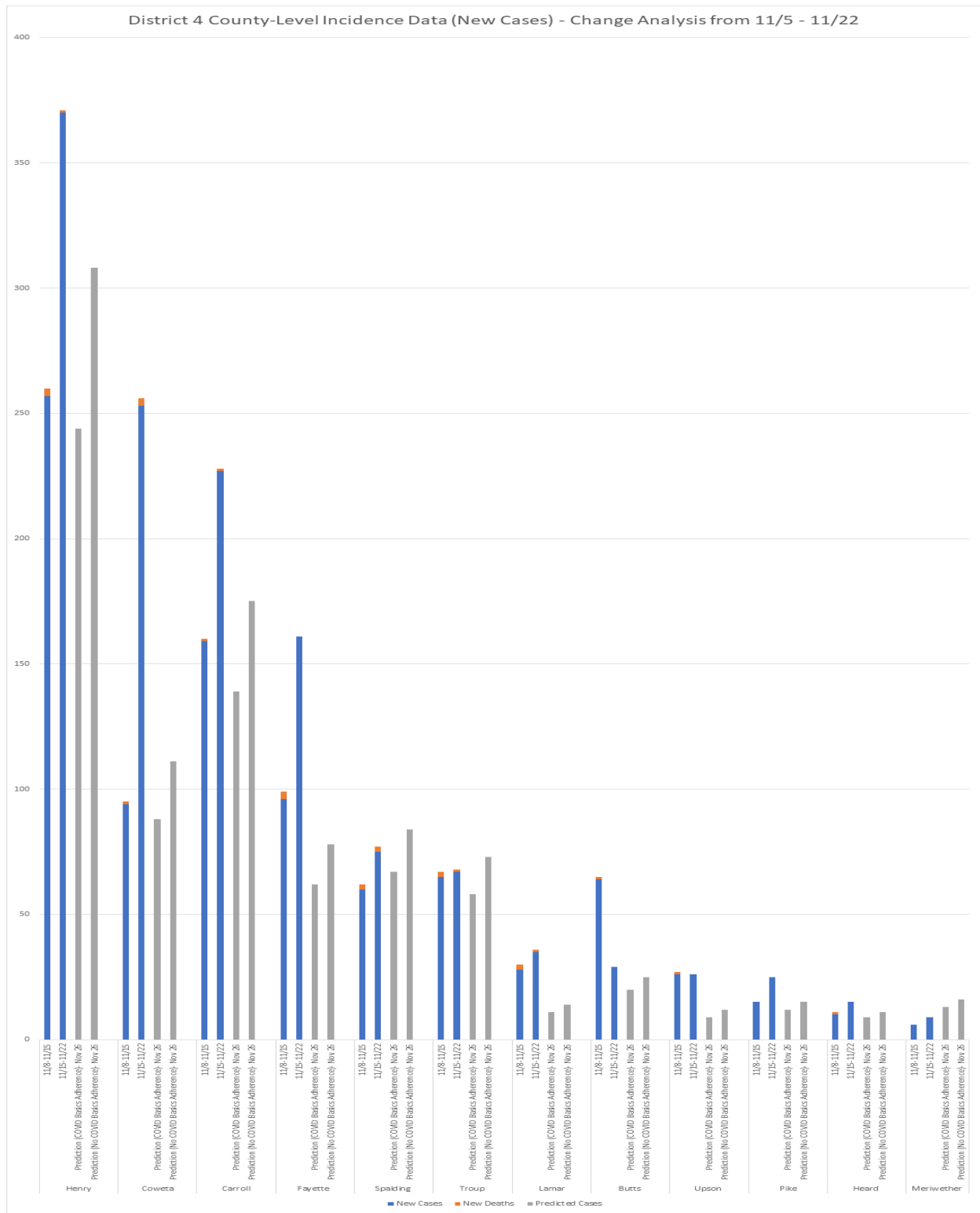
Numbers as of 06:00PM 11/22/20

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 25918 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 699 median age: 76

Numbers as of 1:30 PM 11/22/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	848	+29	45	+0
CARROLL	3910	+227	82	+1
COWETA	3428	+253	67	+3
FAYETTE	2518	+161	61	+0
HEARD	276	+15	7	+0
HENRY	7257	+370	126	+1
LAMAR	507	+35	23	+1
MERIWETHER	622	+9	19	+0
PIKE	441	+25	12	+0
SPALDING	1823	+75	70	+2
TROUP	3236	+67	116	+1
UPSON	902	+26	71	+0
Total	25768	+1292	699	+9



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

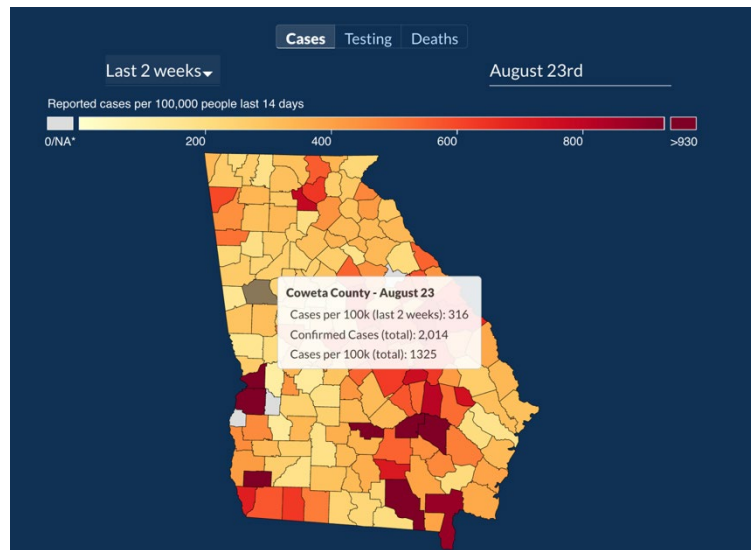
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Note: the predicted cases shown in the graph above (the grey bars) are those cases that were projected for the observed week (Nov 15- Nov 22). It illustrates the number of expected cases for the week based on the Nov 1-26 projection. It can be seen that for some counties, the confirmed cases for the week were greater than the projected cases for the week.

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

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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

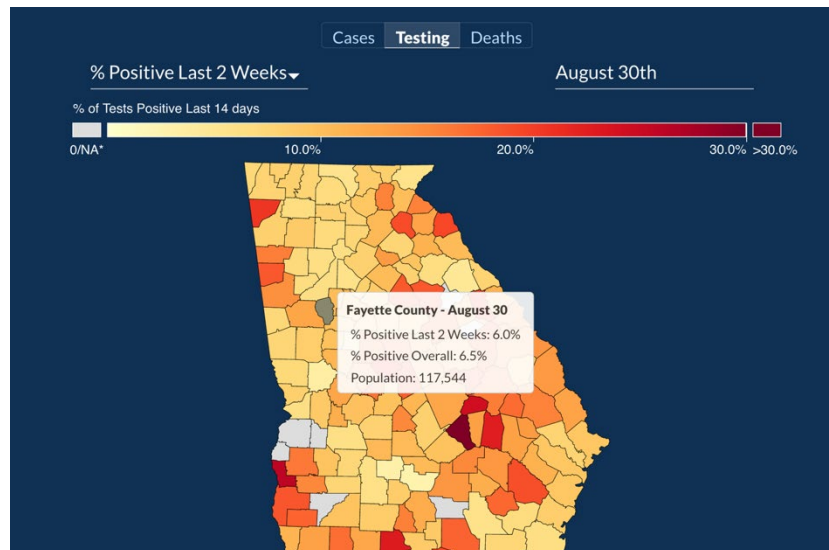
Low: 0-10 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Low

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.