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COVID-19 Response Summary November 30, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 62.6 million while cases in The United States of America are at 13.3 million. The State of Georgia currently has 420,601 cases and 8,778 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 4,554,678 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 26,898 cases and 708 deaths.

Local, state and federal partners disseminated holiday safety tips across tv, print and social media for weeks. Unfortunately, current and predicted cases are expected to surge significantly in the following weeks. District 4 continues to see a rise in cases which we contribute to non-adherence to the COVID Basics and small to medium size gatherings. The Public Information Team will continue to disseminate the importance of adhering to the COVID Basics and implementing COVID-19 Holiday Safety Tips. The 3rd Edition of the District 4 COVID-19 Newsletter will be released this week. Sign up here to receive it:

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

Pharmaceutical companies Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZenca have all reviewed their preliminary data and has currently submitted or will submit within the next week approval to the FDA. 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 Epidemiology Team continues to work diligently with local partners to track and slow the spread of COVID-19. Following Halloween, the Epi team saw an increase in school-aged children but not an increase in teachers and administration workers. The Epi team will be monitoring increases in hospitalizations and age-based increases following the Thanksgiving Holiday. 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 (19) and Long-Term Care Facilities (14) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to identify and train staff for SPOCs sites, discuss communication plans for COVID-19 vaccines, monitor increases in hospitalizations and ICU Beds and prepare to enact COVID-19 storage and distribution plans.

COVID-19 Operations Report 11/30

1,605 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week (decrease of 964 from previous week). All SPOCS closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 & 27.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **closed**
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **99** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.- Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **531** specimens collected

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- **Fayette** –Tues. (9 am -2 pm) **210** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **closed**
- **Henry** – Mon.- Wed. (10 am – 3 pm) **480** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) closed & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **37** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **closed**
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **closed**
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed**
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed**
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **99** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **57** specimens collected
- **2 Mobile SPOCs**
 - Coweta Prison - **88 specimens** collected
 - Heard County Jail - **4** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2 days.

Available District Staff are being 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 Christmas on December 24 & 25. One SPOC will operate the Saturday after Christmas.

Saturday SPOC 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. County and District Staff are monitoring the latest information related to the COVID vaccine. Staff are gearing up to vaccinate based on the guidance provided by the state office.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 11/21/2020 @ 1406– 11/28/2020 @ 1630

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,455**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **695**
 - **47% of contact attempts were successful**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **706**
 - 581 engaged and no symptoms
 - 35 engaged and symptomatic
 - 90 not engaged
 - 12% of enrolled individuals 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)
 - 38 engaged and no symptoms

- 1 engaged and symptomatic
- 8 not engaged
 - 17% of manual monitoring individuals are not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **240** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **13,317** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 11/28/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **862**

Staffing Summary as of 11/28/2020:

- 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 11/30/2020

- 14 administrative staff
- 6 clinical staff

Continuity of Operations

As of 11/27/2020:

173 total employees exposed or tested to COVID-19.

Negative: 132

Positive: 32

Pending: 7

Exposed not tested: 2

Epidemiology

6 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 4:20PM 11/29/20

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 27078 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 708 median age: 76

Numbers as of 12:30 PM 11/29/20

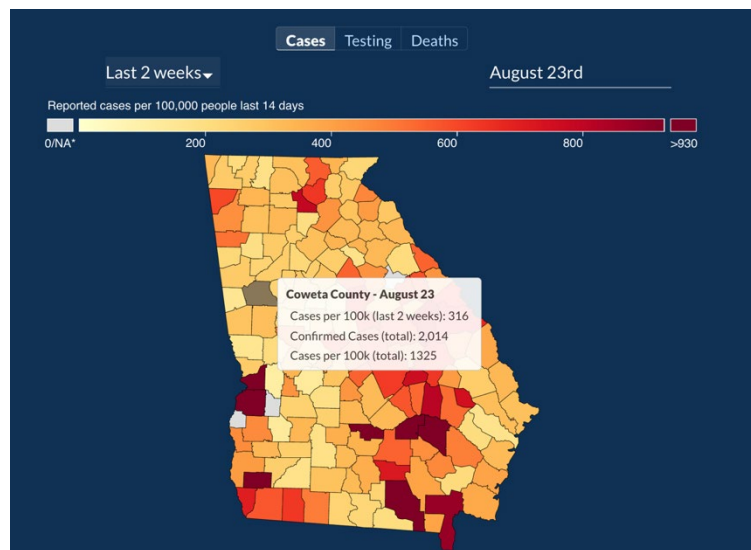
*COVID basics adherence refers to the use of social distancing (6 feet apart), good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings in public.

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

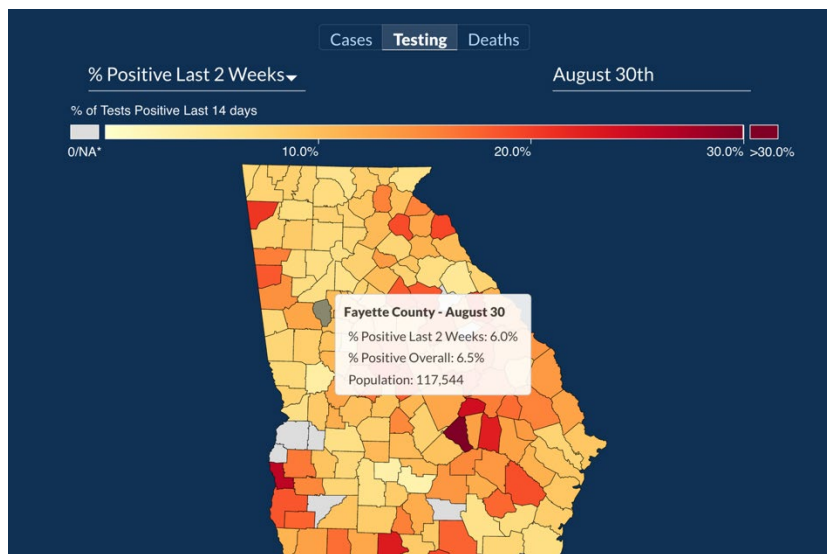
Low: 0-10 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Low

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.

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