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COVID-19 Response Summary December 7, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 67 million while cases in The United States of America are at 14.7 million. The State of Georgia currently has 443,822 cases and 8,971 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 4,803,982 residents. District 4 Public Health cumulative COVID-19 cases are at 28,506 cases and 719 deaths.

Georgia is currently experiencing a significant surge in COVID-19 cases across the state. District 4 Communications Team is working with local partners to disseminate information regarding the COVID-19 surge and the solution to slowing the spread is adhering to the COVID Basics. The Communications Team will also begin disseminating education regarding vaccine hesitancy across the district. The FDA is expected to finalize their analysis and issue Emergency Use Authorizations for Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines this month. District 4 is currently working with county partners to finalize COVID-19 plans and confirm site distribution locations. The CDC and the Advisory Committee for Immunizations Practices has discussed and finalized phase 1a and 1b targeted populations. Phase 1a are clinical healthcare professionals and residents and staff of long-term care facilities. The District 4 Incident Command Team will be working with county emergency management directors and leadership to identify and communicate with the phase 1 populations. The Epidemiology Team continues to work diligently with local partners to track and slow the spread of COVID-19. The Epidemiology Team is currently working aggressively to track and manage the surge of COVID-19 cases following Thanksgiving. The Epidemiology Team is expecting a surge in hospitalizations this week. The Epidemiology Team also continues to provide accurate and timely information to our public and private schools systems regarding COVID-19 cases within their school system. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (15) and Long-Term Care Facilities (23) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to continue training staff for Specimen Point of Collection sites, implementing communication vaccine hesitancy plans, monitor increases in hospitalizations and ICU Beds and prepare to enact COVID-19 storage and distribution plans.

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1,883 specimens collected (an increase of 278 over last week) by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. All SPOCS closed on 12/1 due to inclement weather.

- **Butts** -Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **36** specimens collected (increase of 36)
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **117** specimens collected (increase of 18)
- **Coweta** – Mon.& Wed- Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **593** specimens collected (increase of 62)
- **Fayette** –Tues. (closed) & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **159** specimens collected (decrease of 51)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **27** specimens collected (increase of 27)

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- **Henry** – Mon.& Wed- Fri. (10 am – 3 pm) **626** specimens collected (increase of 146)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **70** specimens collected (Increase of 33)
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **closed** (closed last week)
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **52** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** due to weather (closed last week)
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** due to weather (closed last week)
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **98** specimens collected (decrease of 1)
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **85** specimens collected (increase of 28)
- **1 Mobile SPOC** (decrease of 72)
Saint Paul AME- Spalding - **20** specimens collected

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

District and County Staff are working on plans as we move forward with preparing for vaccinating those in Phase 1a with COVID Vaccine which includes 1) health care personnel and 2) residents of long-term care facilities

- Health care personnel are defined as paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials
- Long-term care facility residents are defined as adults who reside in facilities that provide a variety of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.

*Law Enforcement, first responders and dental practices are also included in Phase 1a. It is expected that clinics will receive their vaccine in increments as the allotment for Georgia is received.

All SPOCS will be closed for holidays on December 24 & 25 and on January 1. One SPOC will operate on Saturday 12/26/20 & 1/2/2021.

Saturday SPOCs 12/26 – Fayette 1/2 - Carroll

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 being promoted throughout the communities.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 11/28/2020 @ 1630– 12/5/2020 @ 1213

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,361**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **623**

- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **561**
 - 518 engaged and no symptoms
 - 28 engaged and symptomatic
 - 15 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)
 - 34 engaged and no symptoms
 - 2 engaged and symptomatic
 - 7 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **151** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **14,194** 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 = **877**

Staffing Summary as of 12/5/2020:

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

Temporary SPOC Staffing Summary as of 11/30/2020

- 13 administrative staff
- 6 clinical staff

Continuity of Operations

As of 12/4/2020

There have been 183 District 4 employees tested/or exposed to COVID-19.

Of those 183 employees:

145 tested negative

32 tested positive

4 still pending results

2 exposed not tested

Planning

District 4 PH will have a finalized COVID-19 Vaccine Plan by Tuesday, December 8th.

District Emergency Operations Center will have a tabletop exercise on Wednesday, December 9th. The purpose is to discuss COVID-19 vaccine receipt, distribution, and administration operations. This discussion will be facilitated and identify gaps in the plan that can be addressed to better prepare for the emergency use authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine(s).

District 4 PH counties, District office and Emergency Management Agency partners will participate in a similar virtual tabletop discussion on Monday, December 14th.

Epidemiology

23 Confirmed Outbreaks

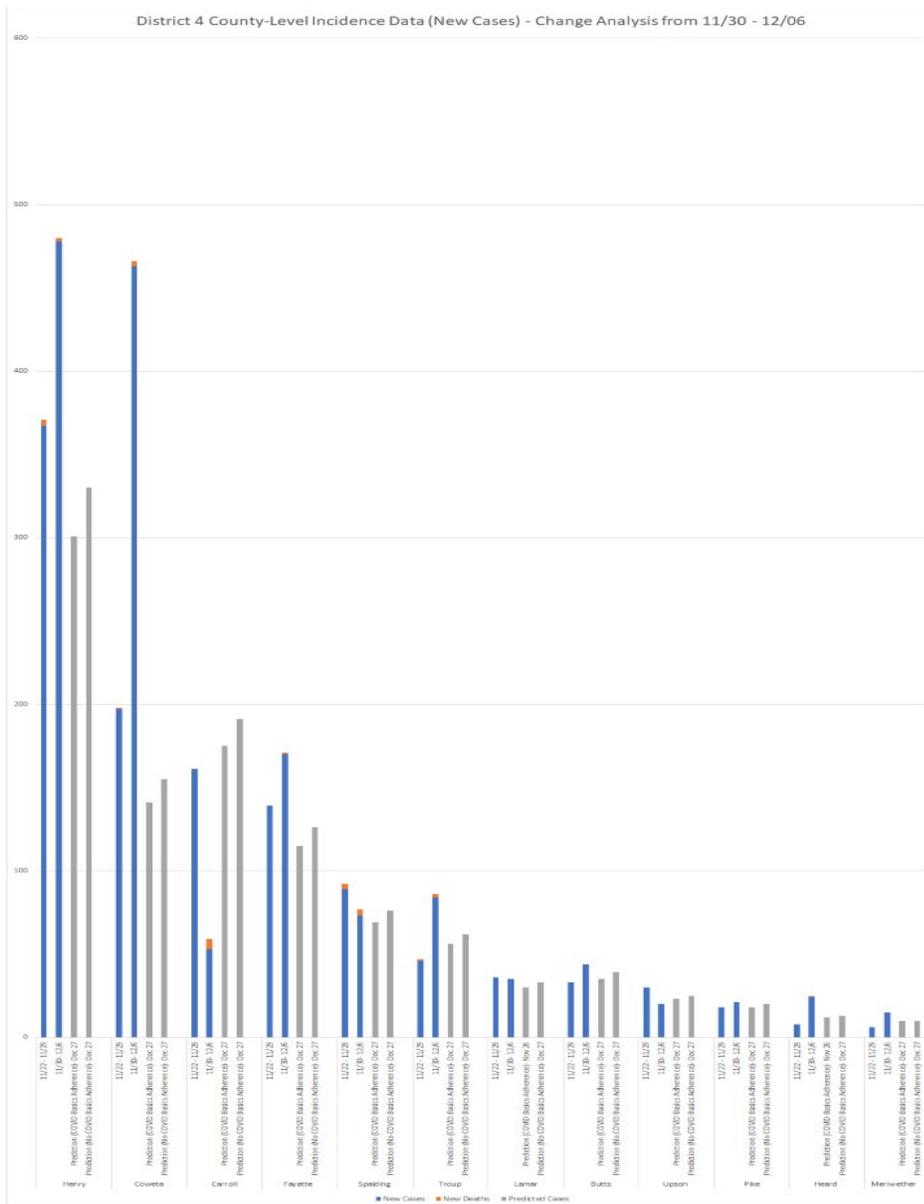
Numbers as of 6:06 PM 12/06/2020

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 28,504; Median Age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 725; Median Age: 76

*The cumulative increase in numbers this week is due to a transition to state numbers. There was no statistical significance between state numbers and the numbers after local cleaning

	CASES	INCREASE IN CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE IN DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	932	+44	45	+0
CARROLL	4271	+53	86	+6
COWETA	3831	+463	71	+3
FAYETTE	2877	+170	62	+1
HEARD	316	+24	8	+1
HENRY	8187	+478	132	+2
LAMAR	589	+35	23	+0
MERIWETHER	657	+15	19	+0
PIKE	489	+21	12	+0
SPALDING	2007	+73	77	+4
TROUP	3388	+84	119	+2
UPSON	962	+20	71	+0
TOTAL	28506	+1480	719	+19



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

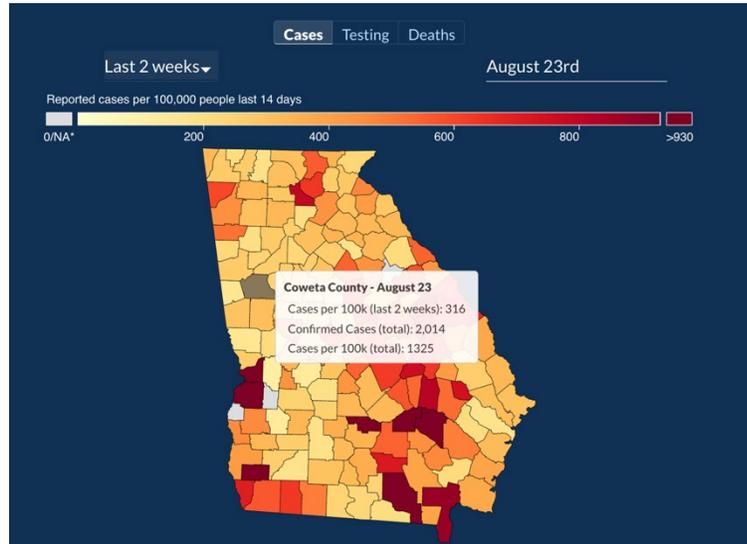
Note: the predicted cases shown in the graph above (the grey bars) are those cases that were projected for the observed week (Nov 15- Nov 22). It illustrates the number of expected cases for the week based on the Nov 1-26 projection. It can be seen that for some counties, the confirmed cases for the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

County Transmission Levels on <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

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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.

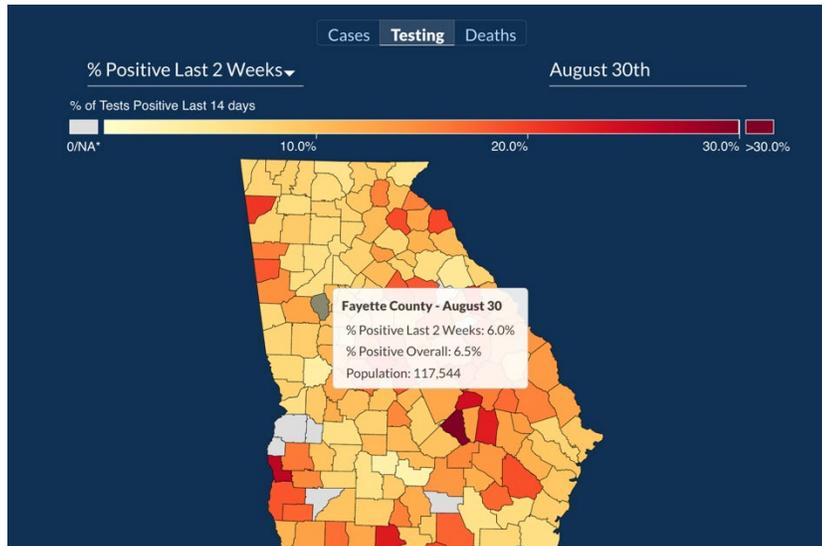
% of tests positive <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

% Positive Last 2 Weeks: Reflects the percent positive PCR tests reported through ELR

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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.