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## COVID-19 Response Summary December 28, 2020

### Incident Command Briefing

The State of Georgia has seen several weeks of sustained increases in daily positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths. All 12 counties surpassed their predicated cases for the month of December. This indicates that the adherence level to COVID Basics (Face Covering while in public, social distance 6ft, increase hand hygiene) has decreased significantly. Due to the significant increase of positive cases and hospitalizations, The State of Georgia is considering re-opening the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) as an overflow for COVID-19 patients. The Public Information Team is working to communicate with the targeted Phase 1a population on hours of operation and locations of county vaccination clinics. The Public Information Team continues to communicate testing hours of operation across the district and addressing vaccine hesitancy.

The District Operations Team continues COVID-19 testing and administering vaccinations throughout the district daily. Please be patient as we focus our efforts on vaccinating the healthcare community and one of our most vulnerable populations; Long-Term Care Facilities first. The District Incident Command Team is working with the local health departments, EMA office and local government to prepare its Phase 1a population (Healthcare Personnel + Long-Term Care Facilities) to receive the vaccine.

The Epidemiology Team continues to aggressively track COVID-19 positive cases across the district. The Communication Team is currently supporting several response operations such as increasing COVID Basics with the Epidemiology Team, increasing testing number with the local health departments, and coordinating with Healthcare Partners and Long-Term Care Facilities to disseminate the vaccine. The Epidemiology Team presented COVID-19 vaccine information to the phase 1a populations via virtual meeting which included safety data. The Epidemiology is currently reaching out to community leaders to address vaccine hesitancy. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (29) and Long-Term Care Facilities (11) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be on providing support for county vaccination clinics, identifying staffing needs for testing sites and communicating with local leaders about the status of vaccine rollout.

### **COVID-19 Operations Report 12/28**

**2,410 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. All SPOCs closed for holidays on 12/24 & 12/25.

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **closed**
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **150** specimens collected (increase of 20)

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- **Coweta** – Mon - Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **409** specimens collected (decrease of 284)
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **262** specimens collected (decrease of 19)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **closed**
- **\*Henry** – Mon - Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9-12) **902** specimens collected (increase of 59)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **closed**
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **88** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **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) **140** specimens collected (decrease of 3)
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **136** specimens collected (Increase of 28)

**Henry County Government** hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Mon, Wed, Fri. (10am – 3 pm) **323** specimens collected (decrease of 11)

\* The Henry Heritage SPOC is being operated by Mako Medical Laboratory. This allows the health department personnel to work in the clinic or assist with planning and dispensing vaccine at the COVID point of distribution (POD). There is no cost to participants, but if the person has insurance, the lab will bill for the service. If insurance does not pay, the person does not receive a bill.

Due to an increase in demand for testing, the average turnaround time for lab results is 2-4 days.

All SPOCS will be closed for holiday on 1/1/2021. Henry Heritage SPOC and Carroll SPOC will operate on Saturday 1/2/2021 from 9 am – 12 pm.

### **COVID Vaccine**

Moderna COVID Vaccine received in Fayette, Heard, Meriwether, Pike & Troup. Pfizer COVID vaccine received in Lamar, Spalding, & Upson. 500 doses of Moderna vaccine being transported to Henry County today for use during 12/29 POD for Health Care workers and First Responders. We are unsure of how the state determines the shipping order and amount. If Butts, Carroll and Coweta do not receive vaccine the earlier part of this week, we will work with other D 4 Counties to transfer vaccine to those sites so they can begin providing vaccine to Health Care Workers and First Responders. Each county working with community partners to provide COVID Vaccine Pods upon receiving vaccine for those in Phase 1A which includes Healthcare Personnel and First Responders.

All health care workers and first responders interested in receiving the COVID Vaccine are instructed to visit [District4Health.org](http://District4Health.org) and complete the provider vaccine form. All providers who complete the form are notified when the POD for their county is scheduled.

## County Health Departments

All services being offered, but on a limited basis when the county has a POD scheduled. 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 12/19/2020 @ 1647– 12/26/2020 @ 1416

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
  - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,887**
  - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **824**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **459**
  - 363 engaged and no symptoms
  - 16 engaged and symptomatic
  - 80 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **28** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
  - 13 engaged and no symptoms
  - 1 engaged and symptomatic
  - 14 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **203** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **16,615** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 12/26/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **874**

### Staffing Summary as of 12/26/2020:

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

### Temporary SPOC Staffing Summary as of 11/30/2020

- 11 administrative staff
- 5 clinical staff

## Continuity of Operations

As of Wednesday, December 23, 2020:

225 employees have been exposed/tested for COVID-19.

Of those 225 employees the results are as follows:

Negative: 171

Positive: 44

Pending: 1

Exposed Not Tested: 9

NOTE: This is an increase of 27 employee exposures since 12/13/2020.

### **Epidemiology**

20 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 4:00PM 12/27/20

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 35521 median age: 42

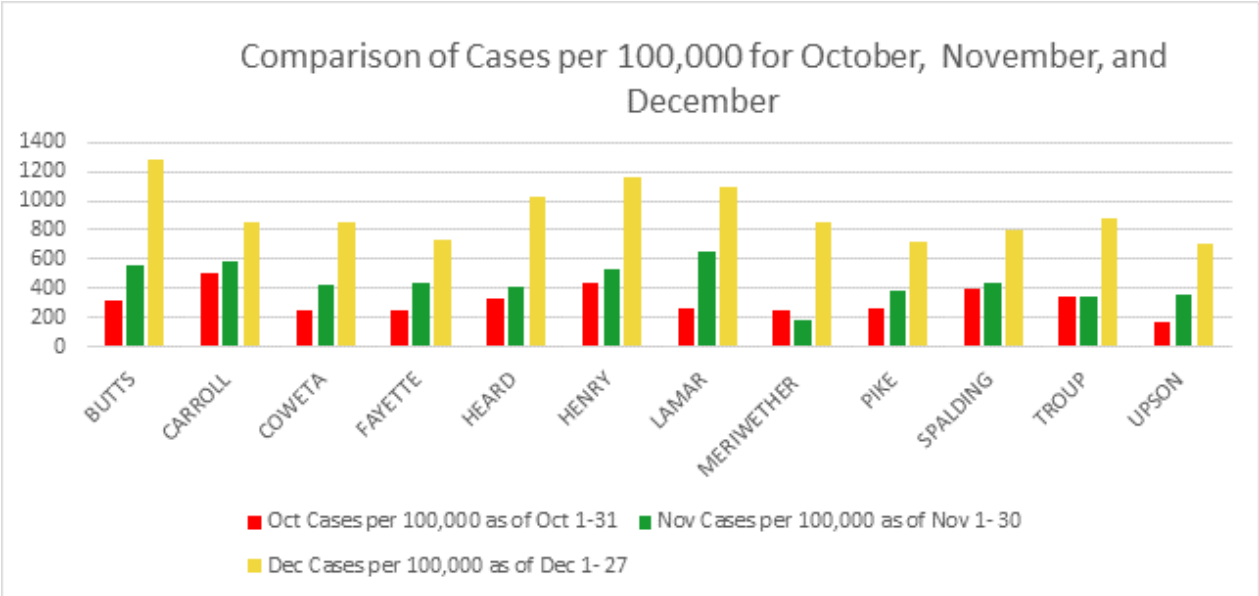
Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 781 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 12/27/20

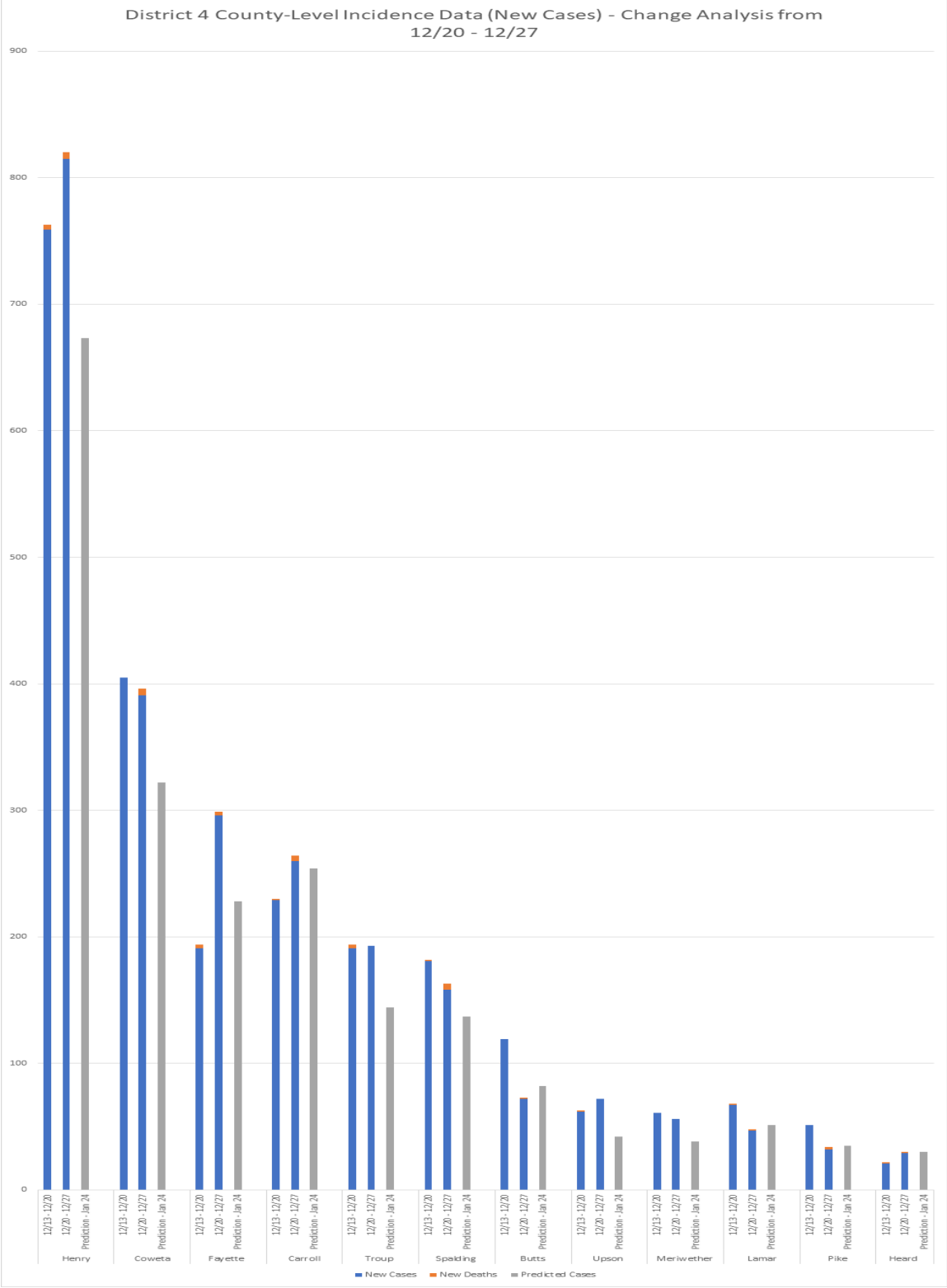
	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1213	+72	47	+1
CARROLL	5118	+260	95	+4
COWETA	4961	+391	77	+5
FAYETTE	3590	+296	68	+3
HEARD	412	+29	10	+1
HENRY	10502	+815	145	+5
LAMAR	757	+47	26	+1
MERIWETHER	809	+56	20	+1
PIKE	603	+32	14	+2
SPALDING	2491	+158	86	+5
TROUP	3923	+193	121	+0
UPSON	1120	+72	72	+0
Total	35499	+2421	781	+28

	October Incidence (New Cases)	Oct Cases per 100,000 as of Oct 1-31	November Incidence (New Cases)	Nov Cases per 100,000 as of Nov 1- 30	Current Cases (Dec 1- 27)	Current Cases per 100,000 (Dec 1- 27)
BUTTS	79	316	141	564	321	1284
CARROLL	609	508	695	579	1020	820
COWETA	376	247	637	419	1298	854
FAYETTE	286	242	517	438	864	732
HEARD	39	325	49	408	124	1033
HENRY	1046	436	1275	531	2787	1161
LAMAR	49	258	125	658	207	1089
MERIWETHER	52	248	38	181	179	852
PIKE	49	258	74	389	136	716
SPALDING	278	403	306	443	547	793
TROUP	242	346	244	349	613	876
UPSON	42	162	93	358	183	704

As can be seen in the chart above, almost all the counties have increased significantly from November to December. For the next four weeks, cases are expected to continue to increase. Georgia and District 4 are seeing a surge in cases currently, which makes it even more important to follow and promote the COVID basics in your communities – wear face coverings, social distance at least 6 feet, and use proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette.



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\*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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