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COVID-19 Response Summary January 4, 2021

Incident Command Briefing

With several weeks of continuous surge with record breaking daily positive case numbers, Public Health is asking all Georgia citizens to be cautious and adhere to the COVID-19 basics (Wearing a face covering while in public, social distance 6ft or more, increase hand hygiene). All 12 counties increased significantly in case numbers in the Month December. Due to significant increases across the State, The Georgia World Congress Center has been re-opened has an overflow location for COVID-19 positive patients.

The Public Information Team continues to communicate with Phase 1a populations to provide information on vaccination clinics. Governor Brian Kemp and Commissioner Kathleen Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., announced plans to add adults aged 65 and older, law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders to the current group of individuals eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination. Healthcare workers and staff and residents of long-term care facilities are already in this highest priority group. The expanded administration of vaccine is expected to begin within the next two weeks provided there is adequate vaccine supply available.

The District Operations Team will continue COVID-19 testing and administering vaccinations throughout the district weekly. The District Operations team continues to plan for a multitude of vaccination clinics on various days and hours of operations to cover Phase 1a populations. The District Operations Team will be working to expand Phase 1a within the next two weeks provided there is adequate vaccine supply available. Due to expanded Phase 1a criteria , The Operations Team will have additional planning meetings with local partners to communicate how we plan to include 65+ and all first responders.

The Epidemiology Team continues to aggressively track COVID-19 positive cases across the district. The District Epidemiology Team will be meeting with different organizations to discuss vaccine safety. The Epidemiology Team is currently supporting several response operations such as increasing COVID Basics, increasing testing number with the local health departments, and coordinating with Healthcare Partners and Long-Term Care Facilities to disseminate the vaccine. 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 1/4/2021

2,848 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. Coweta SPOC closed on 12/30 due to site being used for COVID Vaccine point of

dispensing (POD). Henry Heritage SPOC closed on Thursday. All SPOCs closed 1/1/2021 for holiday.

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **31** specimens collected (increase of 31)
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) & Sat. (9 am – 12 pm) **199** specimens collected (increase of 49)
- **Coweta** – Mon., Tues., & Thurs. (9 am – 2 pm) **553** specimens collected (increase of 144)
- **Fayette** – Tues. (9 am -2 pm) **165** specimens collected (decrease of 97)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **43** specimens collected (increase of 43)
- ***Henry** – Mon - Wed. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 1 pm) **1,006** specimens collected (increase of 104)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **138** specimens collected (increase of 138)
- **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) **59** specimens collected (increase of 59)
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **88** specimens collected (increase of 88)
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **124** specimens collected (decrease of 16)
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **230** specimens collected (increase of 94)

Henry County Government hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Mon, & Wed. (10am – 3 pm) **212** specimens collected (decrease of 111)

* 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 dispensing (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.

Henry Heritage SPOC will operate every Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm.

COVID Vaccine

Moderna COVID Vaccine received in Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Meriwether, Pike & Troup. Pfizer COVID vaccine received in Lamar, Spalding, and Upson. 160 doses of Moderna vaccine being transported to Butts County today for use during PODs for Health Care workers and First Responders. All health care workers and first responders interested in receiving the COVID Vaccine are instructed to visit [District4Health.org](https://www.district4health.org) and complete the provider vaccine form. All providers who complete the form are notified when the POD for their county is scheduled. Meetings with community partners will be held this week to discuss the expansion of Phase 1A to include those 65 years of age and older.

County Health Departments

All services being offered, but on a limited basis when the county has a Point of Dispensing 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 12/26/2020 – 1/2/2021

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **714**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **310**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **238**
 - 216 engaged and no symptoms
 - 5 engaged and symptomatic
 - 17 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **27** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 20 engaged and no symptoms
 - 1 engaged and symptomatic
 - 6 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **45** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **17,526** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 1/2/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **911**

Staffing Summary as of 1/2/2021:

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

Continuity of Operations

As of Friday 1/1/2021, 237 employees in District 4 have been exposed/tested for COVID-19.

Of those 237,

Exposed not tested 11

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| Negative | 177 |
| Positive | 49 |
| Pending | 0 |

Also, as of Thursday 12/31/2020, 24 District 4 employees have received the first round of COVID-19 vaccine.

Epidemiology

9 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 4:44PM 1/03/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 387656 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 788 median age: 76

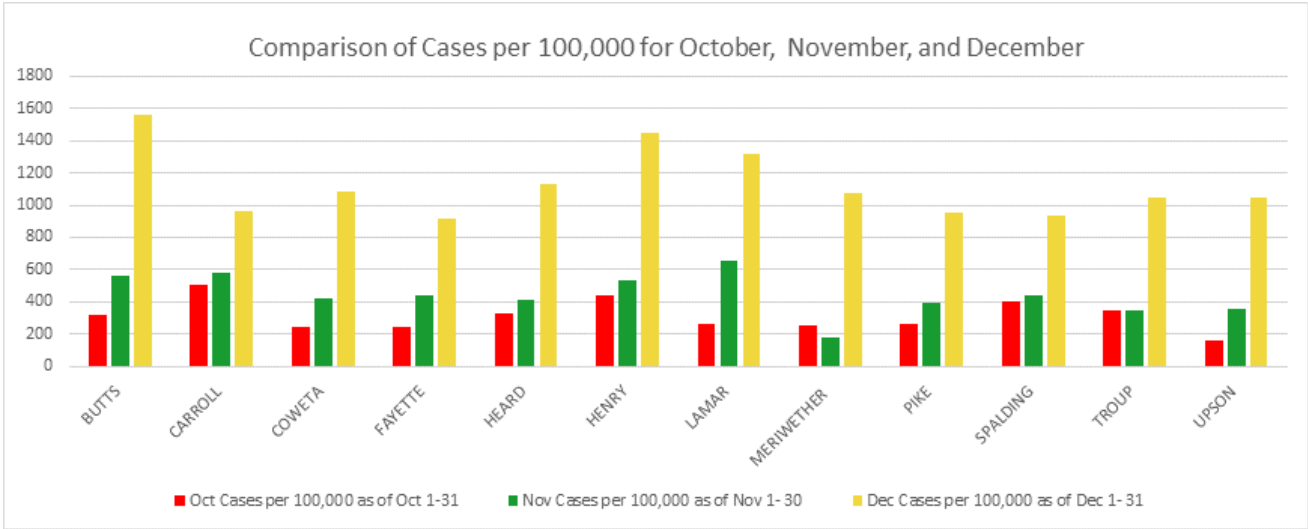
Numbers as of 2:50PM 1/03/2021

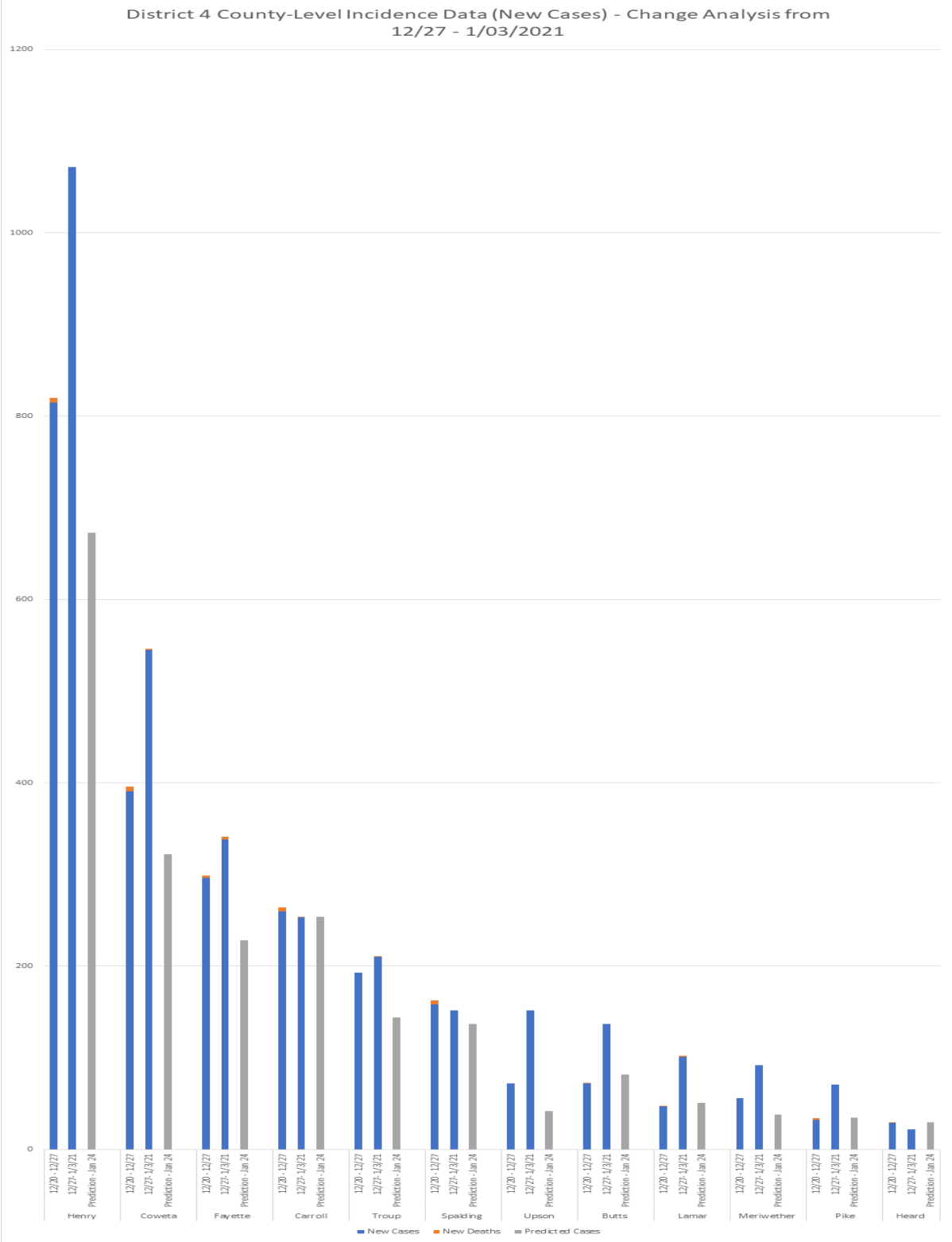
| | CASES | INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK | DEATHS | INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| BUTTS | 1350 | +137 | 47 | +0 |
| CARROLL | 5371 | +253 | 96 | +1 |
| COWETA | 5506 | +545 | 78 | +1 |
| FAYETTE | 3928 | +338 | 71 | +3 |
| HEARD | 434 | +22 | 10 | +0 |
| HENRY | 11574 | +1072 | 145 | +0 |
| LAMAR | 858 | +101 | 27 | +1 |
| MERIWETHER | 901 | +92 | 20 | +0 |
| PIKE | 674 | +71 | 14 | +0 |
| SPALDING | 2643 | +152 | 86 | +0 |
| TROUP | 4133 | +210 | 122 | +1 |
| UPSON | 1272 | +152 | 72 | +0 |
| Total | 38644 | +3145 | 788 | +7 |

As can be seen in the chart below, almost all District 4 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.

| | October Incidence | Oct Cases per 100,000 | November Incidence (New Cases) | Nov Cases per 100,000 | Current Cases (Dec 1-27) | Dec Cases per 100,000 (Dec 1-31) |
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| | (New Cases) | as of Oct 1-31 | | as of Nov 1-30 | | |
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| BUTTS | 79 | 316 | 141 | 564 | 391 | 1564 |
| CARROLL | 609 | 508 | 695 | 579 | 1151 | 959 |
| COWETA | 376 | 247 | 637 | 419 | 1641 | 1080 |
| FAYETTE | 286 | 242 | 517 | 438 | 1086 | 920 |
| HEARD | 39 | 325 | 49 | 408 | 136 | 1133 |
| HENRY | 1046 | 436 | 1275 | 531 | 3474 | 1448 |
| LAMAR | 49 | 258 | 125 | 658 | 250 | 1316 |
| MERIWETHER | 52 | 248 | 38 | 181 | 226 | 1076 |
| PIKE | 49 | 258 | 74 | 389 | 181 | 953 |
| SPALDING | 278 | 403 | 306 | 443 | 644 | 933 |
| TROUP | 242 | 346 | 244 | 349 | 731 | 1044 |
| UPSON | 42 | 162 | 93 | 358 | 273 | 1050 |





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

Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties