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COVID-19 Response Summary January 11, 2021

Incident Command Briefing

The State of Georgia and District 4 has continued to observe sustained increases in positive case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths. Although the COVID-19 vaccine has arrived, it is prudent that we continue to practice preventive measures such as wearing face coverings while in public places, practice social distancing (6ft or more) and increase hand hygiene daily. The new virus variant of COVID-19 called B.1.1.7 which was first seen in the London area is now seen in many countries including the United States. There are currently 55 cases of this new variant in 8 states which includes Georgia. The Georgia Department of Public continues to provide overflow assistance to the healthcare system by reactivating the Georgia World Congress Center as an overflow location for COVID-19 positive patients.

The Public Information Team continues to provide information on testing and vaccination sites in District 4. Due to an overwhelming response from the phase 1a+ community (65+ and All First Responders) and limited vaccine availability, District 4 Public Health will require all vaccination sites to have appointments. Please monitor the District 4 Public Health website for vaccine availability. The Public Information Team will update the community on social media and community forums as vaccine becomes available.

The District Operations Team continues to manage testing and vaccination sites throughout the district. The phase 1a+ community will begin vaccinating on January 11, 2020. The District Operations Team worked through the weekend to make sure all sites this week had staffing and equipment to serve the district 4 community. The District Operations team will be coordinating with State DPH to rollout a State scheduling system in the coming weeks.

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (9) and Long-Term Care Facilities (18) 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

3,096 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. Coweta SPOC closed on 1/4 due to site being used for COVID Vaccine point of dispensing (POD) and on 1/5 for voting site.

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **closed**
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **118** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Wed - Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **404** specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **350** specimens collected

Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar,
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- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **closed**
- ***Henry** – Mon – Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 1 pm) **1,236** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **110** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **70** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **closed**
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **79** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **159** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **166** specimens collected

Henry County Government hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Mon, Wed. & Fri. (10am – 3 pm) **404** specimens collected

* 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.

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

COVID Vaccine

Plans completed last week for each county to move forward with their Point of Dispensing (POD) for those included in the 1 A expansion which now includes all first responders, those 65 and older and the caregivers of those 65 and older. Due to the overwhelming response from those seeking vaccine, all PODs are now by appointment only. A team of district employees are making the appointments upon the counties receiving vaccine. Those in need of an appointment should call **1-800-847-4262**. See below for the list of planned PODs; additional PODs will be added as vaccine supply allows. We are encouraging as many partners in all communities that are eligible to request vaccine to do so; public health cannot accomplish this task alone.

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 1/2/2021 @ 1307 – 1/10/2021 @ 1201

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **738**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **342**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **254**
 - 227 engaged and no symptoms

- 16 engaged and symptomatic
- 11 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **29** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 3 engaged and no symptoms
 - 0 engaged and symptomatic
 - 26 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **159** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **18,535** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 1/10/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,009**

Staffing Summary as of 1/10/2021:

- 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, January 8, 2021:

240 District 4 employees have been exposed/tested for COVID-19.

Exposed Not Tested: 11

Negative: 175

Pending: 3

Positive: 51

27 District employees have reported receiving the 1st dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Epidemiology

35 Confirmed Outbreaks

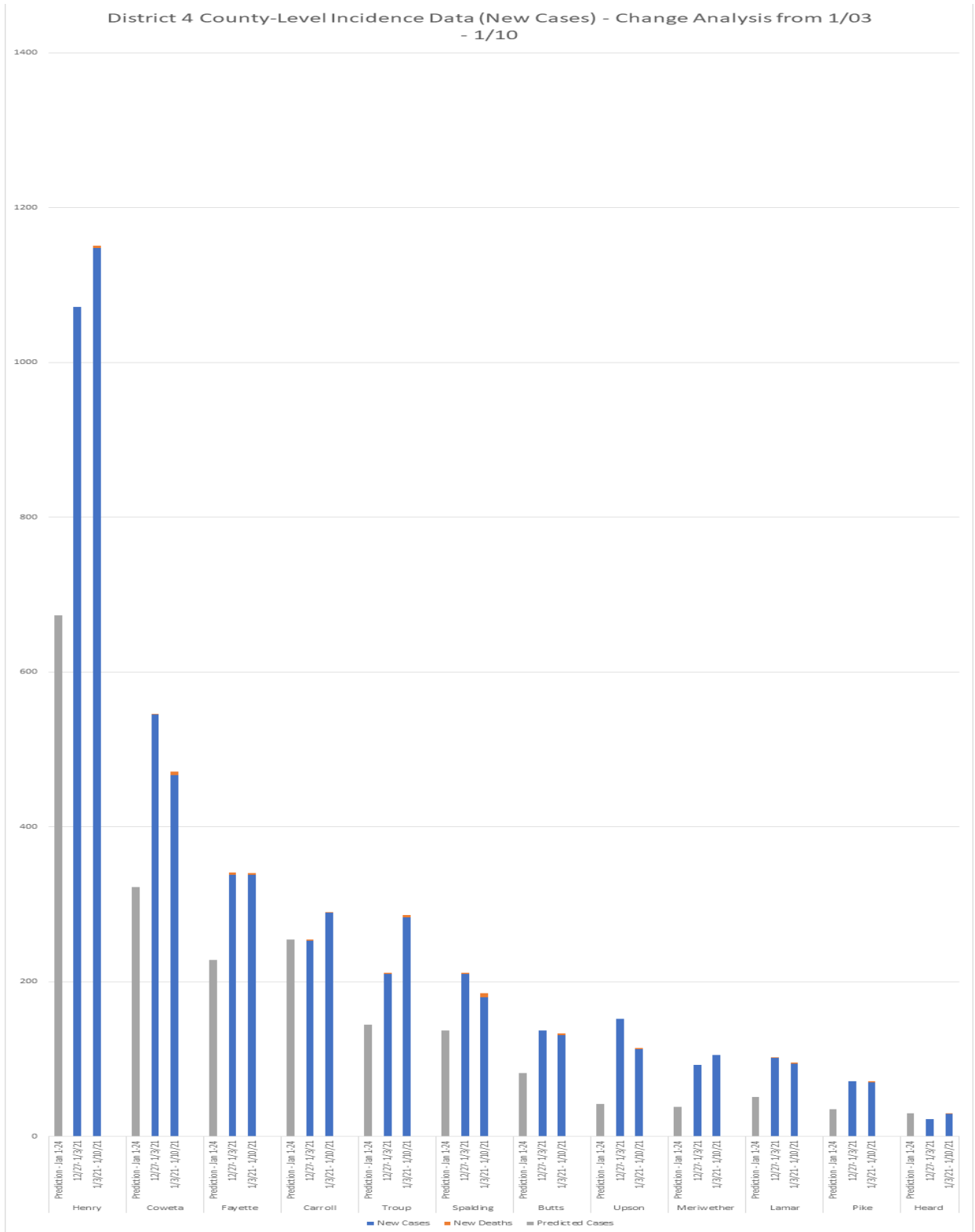
Numbers as of 7:00PM 1/10/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 41919 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 812 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 1/10/2021

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1481	+131	49	+2
CARROLL	5660	+289	97	+1
COWETA	5973	+467	82	+4
FAYETTE	4266	+338	73	+2
HEARD	463	+29	11	+1
HENRY	12722	+1148	148	+3
LAMAR	952	+94	28	+1
MERIWETHER	1006	+105	20	+0
PIKE	744	+70	15	+1
SPALDING	2823	+180	91	+5
TROUP	4416	+283	125	+3
UPSON	1385	+113	73	+1
Total	41891	+3247	812	+24



*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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Communication:

District 4 Public Health has opened appointment scheduling to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Out of an abundance of concern for the well-being of people intending to camp out overnight to be among the first in line, we have decided to make ALL vaccine clinics by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 800-847-4262 option 1. Call center hours will be 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday - Friday.

Appointments will ensure we have adequate vaccine supply for the clinic and to safely manage the traffic surrounding the clinic. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask for the public's patience as we work to provide vaccine in a safe and efficient way.