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## COVID-19 Response Summary January 19, 2021

### Incident Command Briefing

With a positivity rate of 20% for the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>, District 4 continues to see an increase in positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths. With over 60 deaths in the last two weeks, it is critical that we adhere to preventive measures such as the COVID Basics (handwashing, social distancing, and wearing a facemask). The Georgia Department of Public continues to provide overflow assistance to the healthcare system by staffing the Georgia World Congress Center as an overflow location for COVID-19 positive patients.

The Communication team continues to provide information on testing and vaccination sites to community partners. Due to the overwhelming response for vaccine in the phase 1a expansion groups, all vaccinations clinics will be by appointment only. Please check [www.district4health.org](http://www.district4health.org) for the most up-to-date information available.

The District Ops Team continues to staff and manage testing and vaccination sites throughout the district. Currently, every county has a testing site and has held a vaccination clinic to-date. The District Ops Team met with county leaders to coordinate and prepare for the phase 1a expansion. Due to the overwhelming response for the vaccine, the District Ops Team has expanded the call center to deal with the overabundance of calls. Please check the District 4 website for vaccine updates as the call center will be open based on vaccine availability. The District Ops Team will be coordinating with the Medical Reserve Corps to deploy clinical and non-clinical volunteers to vaccinations sites.

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (24) and Long-Term Care Facilities (28) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be on continuation of vaccination clinics, staffing of testing and vaccine sites, deployment of MRC volunteers, increasing call center staff, providing county COVID-19 data to school districts and communication with local leaders about vaccine rollout.

### **COVID-19 Operations Report 1/19/2021**

**2,622 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week. Coweta SPOC closed on 1/11 & 1/14 due to site being used for COVID-19 Vaccine point of dispensing (POD).

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **38** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **94** specimens collected (decrease of 24)
- **Coweta** – Tues, Wed. & Fri. (9 am – 2 pm) **307** specimens collected (decrease of 97)
- **Fayette** – Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **275** specimens collected (increase of 75)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **53** specimens collected (closed last week)

- **\*Henry** – Mon – Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 12 pm) **1,019** specimens collected (decrease of 217)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **110** specimens collected (same as last week)
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **0** specimens collected (closed this week)
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) –**73** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **58** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **132** specimens collected (decrease of 27)
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **131** specimens collected (decrease of 35)

**Henry County Government** hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Mon, Wed. & Fri. (10am – 3 pm) **332** 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**

Each county continues to plan so they are ready to move forward with additional PODs upon receiving vaccine for those included in the 1 A expansion which 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 762-888-8180. Normal operation hours of the appointment call center: 8am – 5pm, Monday- Friday. The call center does not operate when all appointments are booked for the available vaccine. Upon being fully booked, it is advertised on-line, and a message is added to the appointment line to make all aware.

See below for scheduled PODS; additional PODs will be added as vaccine supply allows. We are encouraging as many providers in all communities that are eligible to request vaccine to do so; public health cannot accomplish this task alone.

COVID Vaccine POD Schedule for Phase 1A and those included in the expansion of phase 1 A. (as of 1/15/2021)

**Butts**- 1/22/21 @ Butts County Health Dept. 9 a -3 p (fully booked)

**Carroll** – 1/19/21 @ University of West Georgia’s Football Stadium Parking Lot, 9 a- 12 p (fully booked)

**Coweta** – Waiting on vaccine to schedule additional POD

**Fayette**- 1/20, 1/25 & 1/27 @ Fayette Old Fire Station # 4, Johnson Street. 9 a – 3 p

**Heard** – 1/20 (fully booked) & 1/21 In-clinic Plans; waiting on vaccine to schedule additional POD

**Henry**- 1/26/21 pending vaccine arrival. Vaccinating 30 patients/day inside the clinic.

**Lamar** – 1/20, 1/27 & 2/10/21 @ Southern Rivers Energy (all 3 days fully booked)

**Meriwether**- 1/19 In-clinic Plans; waiting on vaccine to schedule additional POD (fully booked)

**Pike**- 1/19/21 @ Christ Chapel Community Church Parking Lot, 9 a – 1 p (fully booked)

**Spalding**- Pending Vaccine, planning 2/5/21@ Spalding HD 8 a -5 p

**Troup** – Waiting on vaccine to schedule additional POD

**Upson** – 1/21 & 1/28 @ First Methodist Church 9 a -2 p (fully booked)

### **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. Continue to promote Flu vaccine.

### **Contact Tracing Team Summary for 1/10/2021 - 1/17/2021**

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
  - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,564**
  - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **772**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **647**
  - 571 engaged and no symptoms
  - 28 engaged and symptomatic
  - 48 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **38** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
  - 19 engaged and no symptoms
  - 0 engaged and symptomatic
  - 19 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **585** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **19,504** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 1/17/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **969**

### **Staffing Summary as of 1/17/2021:**

- 1 PH RN
- 2 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 63 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 62 Case Investigators

- 23 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 6 Case Investigator Supervisors

### Continuity of Operations

District 4 has 244 employees that have been exposed/tested for COVID-19.

Of those 244 employees:

Exposed not tested: 12

Negative: 178

Pending: 2

Positive: 52

28 employees from District 4 have received the COVID-19 vaccine (9 employees have received 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccines).

### Epidemiology

11 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 4:30PM 1/17/2021

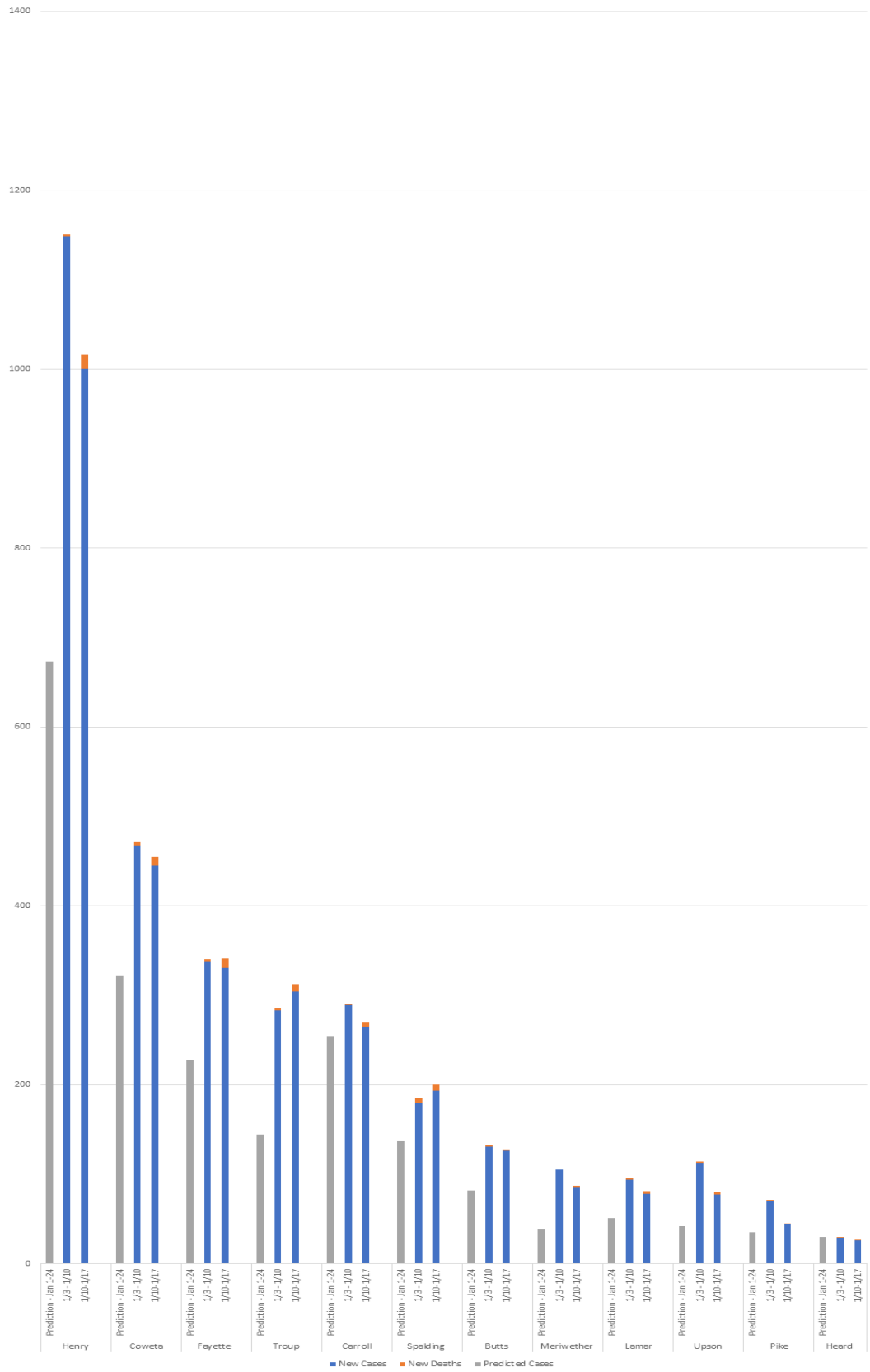
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 44883 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 881 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 1/17/2021

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1607	+126	51	+2
CARROLL	5925	+265	102	+5
COWETA	6418	+445	92	+10
FAYETTE	4596	+330	84	+11
HEARD	489	+26	12	+1
HENRY	13722	+1000	164	+16
LAMAR	1030	+78	31	+3
MERIWETHER	1091	+85	22	+2
PIKE	788	+44	16	+1
SPALDING	3016	+193	98	+7
TROUP	4720	+304	133	+8
UPSON	1462	+77	76	+3
Total	44864	+2973	881	+69

District 4 County-Level Incidence Data (New Cases) - Change Analysis from 1/10  
- 1/17



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

The prediction bar above (grey bar) is calculated for the month of January and should be used as an indicator of cases that will occur in a best case scenario. This scenario depends upon adherence to COVID basics. As seen above, cases (blue bars) are above this indicator (grey bar), which illustrates that COVID basics are not being adhered to in District 4. COVID basics are wearing face coverings, social distancing at least 6 feet, and using proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

Cases are continuing to increase, and with the increase in cases, we are seeing a significant increase in deaths. Please remember to follow the COVID basics when going out in your community. Although many are beginning to be vaccinated, the best defense we have to prevent spread of COVID is social distancing, wearing face coverings, and washing hands frequently.