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## COVID-19 Response Summary January 25, 2021

### Incident Command Briefing

District 4 counties along with the rest of the state continues to see increases in hospitalizations and deaths. The hospital system throughout Georgia is being taxed as the need for critical access beds are increasing by the week. Although we are vaccinating Phase 1a+, preventative measures will decrease cases in the short term. While the state is working on increasing bed capacity for the Covid-19 overflow site at the GWCC, it is also currently taxed.

The Communication team continues to work with local government and community organizations to provide up-to-date vaccine information. The Biden Administration has distributed the new National Strategy for combating COVID-19 and will be implementing new strategies over a few weeks. Please continue to check [www.district4health.org](http://www.district4health.org) for additional vaccine availability.

The District Ops Team continues to staff and manage testing and vaccination sites throughout the district. The District 4 Public Health team ask for patience as the call center continues to be overwhelmed by the volume of calls daily. The District Ops team is working with state partners to implement an online scheduling system that will provide the community another way to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination. The District Ops Team continues to deploy Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to vaccinations sites. If interested in volunteering please sign-up at [www.servga.gov](http://www.servga.gov).

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (12) and Long-Term Care Facilities (16) 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, providing county COVID-19 data to school districts and communication with local leaders about vaccine rollout.

### COVID-19 Operations Report 1/25/2021

**1,635 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **53** specimens collected (decrease of 41)
- **Coweta** – Tues. & Thurs. (9 am – 2 pm) **152** specimens collected (decrease of 155)
- **Fayette** – Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **205** specimens collected (decrease of 70)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **\*Henry** – Mon – Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 12 pm) **782** specimens collected (decrease of 237)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **89** specimens collected (decrease of 21)

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- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **45** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **closed** specimens collected
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **27** specimens collected (closed last week)
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **closed for Holiday** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **120** specimens collected (decrease of 11)

**Henry County Government** hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Wed. & Fri. (10am – 3 pm) **162** specimens collected (decrease of 170)

\* 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. 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 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 (appointments not available at this time). Callers now receive their second dose appointment upon making the first dose appointment. 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. Those who did not receive a date/time for their second dose are instructed to visit the [District 4 website](#) to determine when they should report for their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

First and Second Dose PODs being scheduled as each county receives vaccine.

### **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 1/17/2021– 1/23 /2021**

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
  - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **2,201**
  - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **920**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **713**
  - 576 engaged and no symptoms
  - 31 engaged and symptomatic
  - 106 not engaged

- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **55** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
  - 30 engaged and no symptoms
  - 5 engaged and symptomatic
  - 20 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **926** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **20,508** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 1/23/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,004**

**Staffing Summary as of 1/23/2021:**

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

**Continuity of Operations**

District 4 has had 244 employees tested/exposed to COVID-19 since March 2020.

Of those 244 employees:  
 12 were Exposed but not Tested  
 176 tested negative  
 52 tested positive  
 2 tests still pending

29 employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, 11 of which have completed both vaccines.

**Epidemiology**

20 Confirmed Outbreaks

Numbers as of 6:30PM 1/24/2021

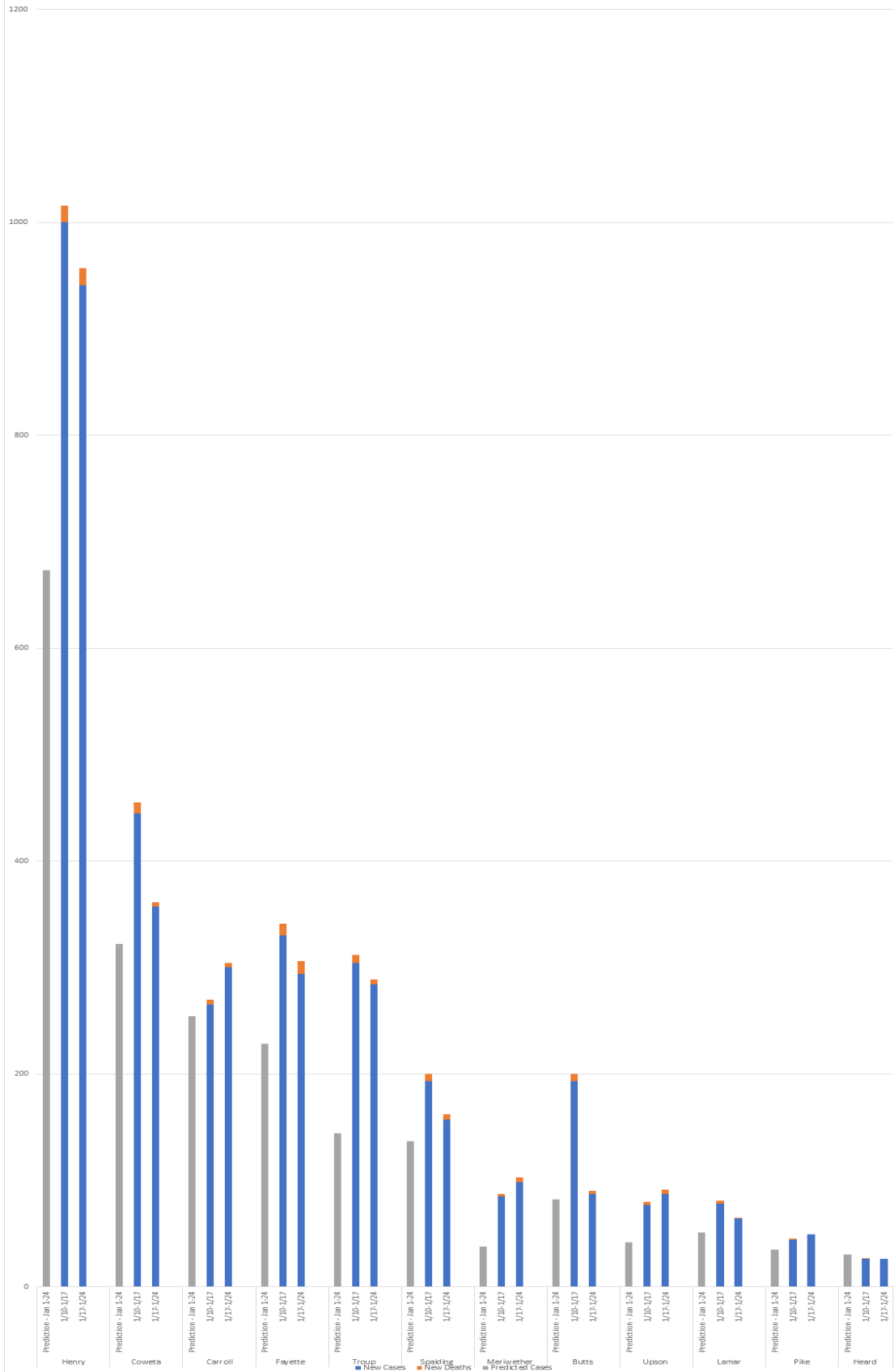
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 47613 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 945 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 1/24/2021

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1694	+87	54	+3
CARROLL	6225	+300	106	+4
COWETA	6775	+357	96	+4
FAYETTE	4890	+294	96	+12
HEARD	515	+26	12	+0
HENRY	14663	+941	180	+16
LAMAR	1094	+64	32	+1
MERIWETHER	1189	+98	27	+5
PIKE	837	+49	16	+0
SPALDING	3173	+157	102	+5
TROUP	5004	+284	138	+5
UPSON	1549	+87	80	+4
Total	47608	+2744	945	+64

### District 4 County-Level Incidence Data (New Cases) - Change Analysis from 1/17 - 1/24



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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.