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COVID-19 Response Summary February 1, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

The State of Georgia continues to see increases in hospitalizations and deaths, but there was a decrease in positive cases number for the week state-wide. District 4 counties is following the same trend. Preventative measures are still the primary tool citizens have to combat COVID-19. Georgia World Congress Center has increased its bed capacity and is currently accepting medium to low acuity positive COVID-19 patients.

The Communication team continues to work with local government and community organizations to provide up-to-date vaccine information. Please continue to check www.district4health.org for additional vaccine availability and 2nd dose appointments.

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 continues to deploy Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to vaccinations sites. If interested in volunteering please sign-up at www.servga.gov.

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (22) and Long-Term Care Facilities (22) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be on staffing the call center and vaccination sites, increase volunteer participation, monitoring COVID-19 data within district 4 school districts and communication with local leaders regarding vaccine operations.

COVID-19 Operations Report 2/1/2021

1,541 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** – Every other Thurs. (9 am - 11 am) **20** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (9 am – 2 pm) **48** specimens collected (decrease of 5)
- **Coweta** – Tues. & Thurs. (9 am – 2 pm) **124** specimens collected (decrease of 28)
- **Fayette** – Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **213** specimens collected (increase of 8)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **34** specimens collected
- ***Henry** – Mon – Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 12 pm) **609** specimens collected (decrease of 173)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **65** specimens collected (decrease of 24)
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** – Every other Fri. (9 am -11 am) – **52** specimens collected
- **Pike** -Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **23** specimens collected
- **Spalding**- Every other Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **closed** specimens collected

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

- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **66** specimens collected
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **74** specimens collected (decrease of 46)

Henry County Government hosting & staffing SPOCs in three different locations within the county. Wed. & Fri. (10am – 3 pm) **213** specimens collected (increase of 51)

* 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.

As of 2/2, the Coweta SPOC will be operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation Tues. & Thurs. 9am-2pm and every other Saturday 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. When vaccine available, the normal operation hours of the appointment call center: 8 a – 5p, 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. Those who did not receive a date/time for their second dose are receiving a robo call with directions for reporting for their second dose and also instructed to visit the District4health.org website to determine when they should report for their 2nd 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 1/23/2021 - 1/30/2021

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **2,390**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,049**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **698**
 - 584 engaged and no symptoms
 - 22 engaged and symptomatic
 - 92 not engaged

- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **72** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 29 engaged and no symptoms
 - 6 engaged and symptomatic
 - 37 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **947** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **21,524** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 1/30/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,016**

Staffing Summary as of 1/30/2021:

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

Continuity of Operations

District 4 has had 253 employees tested/exposed to COVID-19 since March 2020.

Of those 253 employees:

12 were Exposed but not Tested

181 tested negative

59 tested positive

1 tests still pending

33 employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, 31 of which have completed both vaccines.

Epidemiology

27 Confirmed Outbreaks

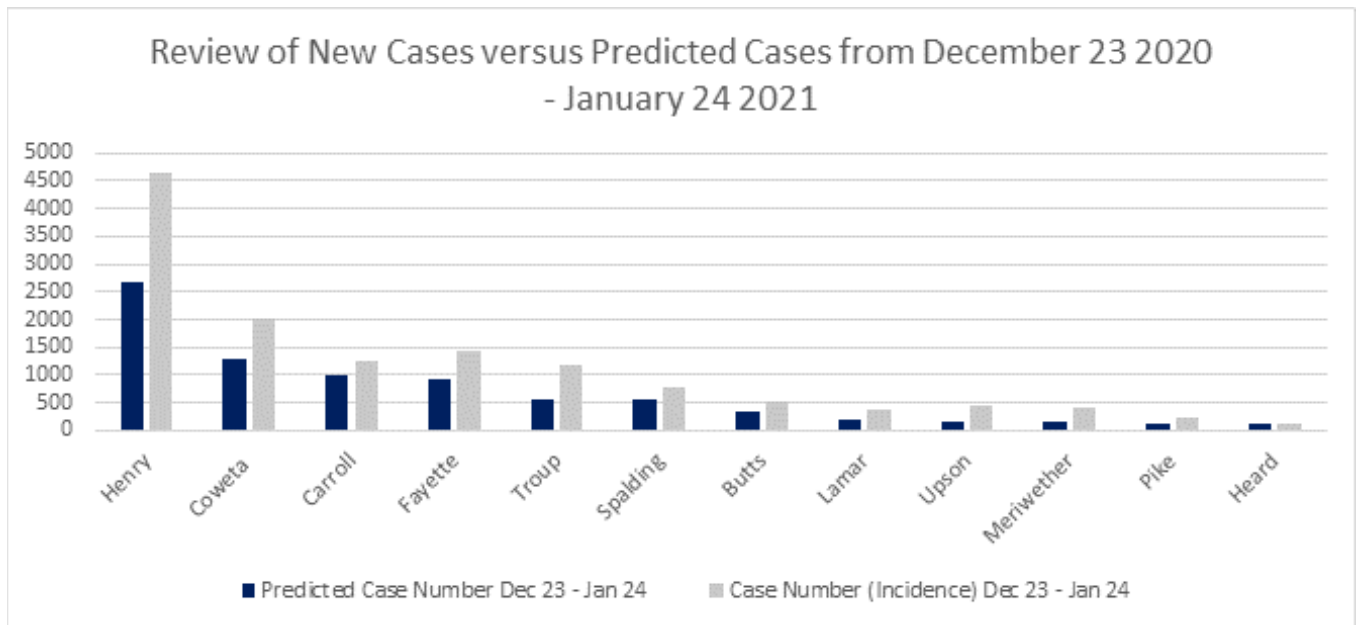
Numbers as of 4:30PM 1/31/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 49849 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 1006 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 1/31/2021

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1782	+88	57	+3
CARROLL	6449	+224	110	+4
COWETA	7139	+364	109	+7
FAYETTE	5152	+262	103	+7
HEARD	536	+21	12	+0
HENRY	15439	+776	199	+19
LAMAR	1147	+53	33	+1
MERIWETHER	1269	+80	29	+2
PIKE	882	+45	18	+2
SPALDING	3302	+129	106	+4
TROUP	5156	+152	144	+6
UPSON	1593	+44	86	+6
Total	49486	+2238	1006	+61



The predicted cases above are based on CDC’s county specific mathematical modeling. For most counties, a slight decrease or stabilization in cases is predicted; however, some counties are continuing to see increases. The model used assumes that the current social distancing and mask-wearing practices

continue in every community. Also, the model is tailored for each county in Georgia. The predictions below illustrate how important it is to emphasize adherence to COVID basics (wearing a mask in public, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene).

Cases are declining in some counties; however, cases are still extremely high. Due to the high level of 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.