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COVID-19 Response Summary February 8, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

District 4 Public Health is continuing to vaccinate Phase 1 A+, which includes 1st responders, healthcare providers and 65+. District 4 has vaccinated more than 20,000 residents and continues with its vaccine rollout efforts for the phase 1A+ populations. Please visit www.district4health.org for additional information regarding vaccine availability.

Everyone should continue to practice preventative measures such as face coverings, social distancing 6 feet or more and increasing hand hygiene.

There was a decline in positive cases this week; however, cases are still significantly higher compared to previous months. Although cases have declined, The District continues to see an increase in deaths and hospitalizations this week. COVID-19 testing across the district decreased this week. Due to continued high positive case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths, all Georgians who want testing, are encouraged to be tested.

The District operations team continue testing and vaccination efforts across the district. The District vaccination call center will be open starting this week Wednesday – Friday weekly from 8am-5pm. Although the vaccination call center will be open weekly, please check the district 4 website for vaccine availability. The District operations team continues to share information with overwhelmed healthcare partners on how to place medium to low acuity positive COVID-19 patients at the Georgia World Congress Center. State partners are working with pharmacies across the state to increase their vaccine allotment which will allow citizens additional vaccination sites. The demand for the vaccine continues to far outweigh the weekly supply and District 4 continues to ask for the community to be patient. The District Health Departments has vaccinated over 20,000 citizens and as vaccine allotment increases in the coming weeks, so will available appointment slots. The Medical Reserve Corp of West Georgia volunteers continues to be a key resource in staffing for testing and vaccination sites. If you are interested in volunteering please sign-up at www.servga.gov.

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (39) and Long-Term Care Facilities (12) 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 2/8/2021

1,129 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) **44** specimens collected (decrease of 4)

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

- * **Coweta** – Tues. & Thurs. (9 am – 2 pm) & Sat. (9am-12pm) **194** specimens collected (Increase of 70)
- **Fayette** –Tues. & Fri. (9 am -2 pm) **189** specimens collected (decrease of 24)
- **Heard** – Every other Mon. (9 am-11 am) **closed** specimens collected
- ***Henry** – Mon – Thurs. (9am – 3 pm) & Sat. (9 am - 12 pm) **433** specimens collected (decrease of 176)
- **Lamar** - Thurs. (9 am-2 pm) **52** specimens collected (decrease of 13)
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Every other Wed. (9am -11 am) **41** specimens collected
- **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) **44** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (9 am – 2 pm) **75** specimens collected (Increase of 9)
- **Upson**- Wed. (9 am- 2 pm) **57** specimens collected (decrease of 17)

* 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 is being operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation Tues. & Thurs. 9am-2pm and every other Saturday 9am -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 is available, the normal operation hours of the appointment call center: 8a – 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](https://www.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 1/30/2021– 2/6/2021

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers for the week:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **2,230**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **989**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **666**
 - 583 engaged and no symptoms
 - 25 engaged and symptomatic
 - 58 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **63** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 30 engaged and no symptoms
 - 1 engaged and symptomatic
 - 32 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **802** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **22,429** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 2/6/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **905**

Staffing Summary as of 2/6/2021:

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

Continuity of Operations

District 4 has had 255 employees tested/exposed to COVID-19 since March 2020.

Of those 255 employees:

12 were Exposed but not Tested

181 tested negative

61 tested positive

1 tests still pending

40 employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, 37 of which have completed both vaccines.

Epidemiology

9 Confirmed Outbreaks

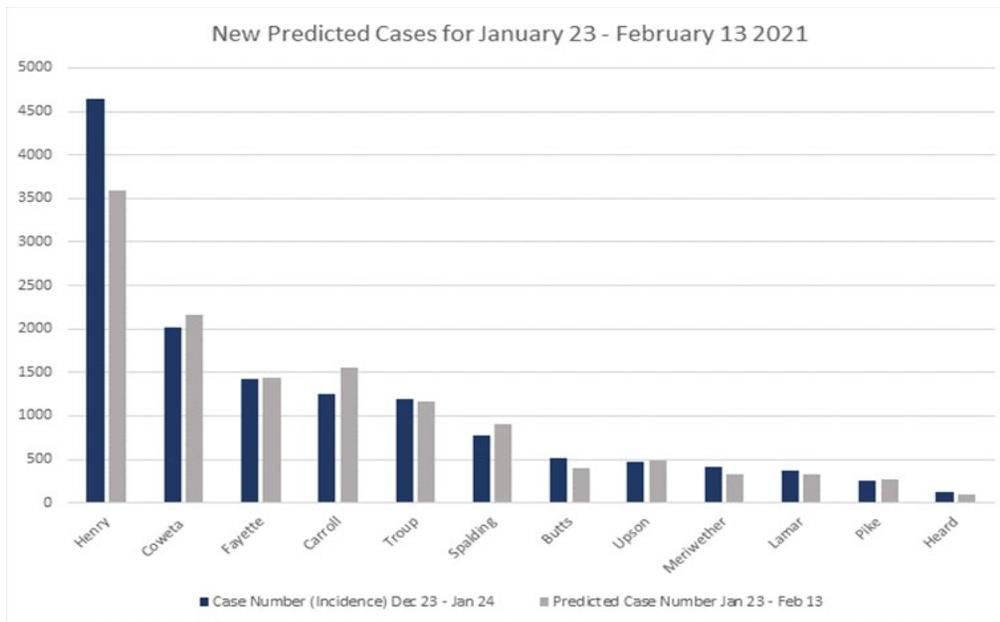
Numbers as of 4:00PM 2/7/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 51702 median age: 42

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 1066 median age: 76

Numbers as of 2:50PM 2/7/2021

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	1858	+76	61	+4
CARROLL	6653	+204	115	+5
COWETA	7414	+275	121	+12
FAYETTE	5429	+277	108	+5
HEARD	557	+21	12	+0
HENRY	16020	+581	207	+8
LAMAR	1183	+36	33	+0
MERIWETHER	1342	+73	35	+6
PIKE	924	+42	19	+1
SPALDING	3412	+110	113	+7
TROUP	5279	+123	151	+7
UPSON	1628	+35	91	+5
Total	51699	+1853	1066	+60



District 4 Public Health EPI is using county-specific data posted on the CDC’s COVID-19 forecasting webpage. This data is tailored for each county. Each forecast uses a different scale due to differences in the numbers of COVID-19 cases occurring in each jurisdiction. Models make various assumptions about the levels of social distancing and other interventions, which may not reflect recent changes in behavior. The graph above shows the predicted cases for January 23 – February 13, 2021, which is 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.

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.