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## COVID-19 Response Summary April 19, 2021

### Incident Command Briefing

Overall District 4 counties saw a slight decrease in cases over the last two weeks. However, some counties did see a slight increase. The District 4 Epidemiology team continues to monitor significant changes in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Testing numbers continue to be low across the district. Public Health is urging all citizens, that if you are exposed or symptomatic please follow the Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines which includes testing: [COVID-19 Contact Guidance 3\\_9\\_2021](#).

For additional vaccine information on scheduling and eligibility visit [dph.ga.gov](http://dph.ga.gov). The COVID Vaccine Dashboard can be found here: [COVID Vaccine | Georgia Department of Public Health](#)

The FDA and CDC recommend the US pause use of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine while they research 6 women who were diagnosed with a rare blood clot disorder called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST). District 4 and the State of Georgia has paused its J&J operations per the recommendation of the FDA and CDC. State DPH will be working with all sites that were administering J&J. It should be noted that approximately 7 million doses of J&J have been administered and only 6 cases of CVST has been identified. The communication team will continue to update via the District 4 Health website on the status of J&J.

The District Operations Team met with the disaster relief organization C.O.R.E to start planning mobile vaccination operations throughout the district. The District Ops team continues to manage testing and vaccination sites within District 4. Currently every District 4 county has a testing and vaccine site. For additional information on being tested or vaccinated in District 4 please go to the following link: [Home - District 4 Public Health - Georgia Public Health Department \(district4health.org\)](#).

This week's operational focus will be to work with C.O.R.E. on identifying mobile sites within the district, increase communication on testing, and monitoring COVID case trends.

### **COVID-19 Operations Report for the weeks of 4/5 and 4/12**

**350 specimens** collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past 2 weeks. **158 specimens** collected 4/5 -10 and **192** collected 4/12 - 4/17/21.

The Henry Heritage SPOC is 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). Henry Heritage SPOC operates every Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm.

The Coweta SPOC is operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation Tues. & Thurs. 9-2 and every other Saturday 9 am -12 pm. **Closed 4/5 – 4/17/21** due to testing site being used for drop

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off location for supplies for those impacted by tornado. This site will open again Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

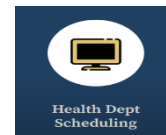
The Carroll SPOC is operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation- Tues. & Thurs. 9 am – 3 pm.

Due to the number of specimens continuing to decrease, all SPOCs except those being operated by Mako (Carroll, Coweta & Henry) are operating once a month. This change allows more resources to be devoted to providing Points of Dispensing (PODs) as our vaccine supply increases. The operation dates and hours of all SPOCs will be posted on the county and district web pages, so all are aware of the closest location to seek COVID testing from a D4 SPOC. Testing availability will be increased as needed.

### **COVID Vaccine Appointments**

All counties have transitioned or in the process of transitioning to the Microsoft Dynamics (MS) scheduling system for COVID Vaccine. Initially, this system will slow down the process at the Points of Dispensing (PODs). Once all staff is educated and the previous appointment systems are phased out, we expect to return to the pre- MS pace. All PODs continue to be by appointment only.

Those wishing to make an appointment to receive the COVID Vaccine can call 1-888-457-0186 or visit the Georgia Department of Public Health website @ <https://dph.georgia.gov>, choose the COVID Vaccine icon then health dept. scheduling icon.



### **COVID Vaccine Administered**

Listed below are the numbers of COVID Vaccine doses administered at each D4PH County POD as of 4/18/21. Note- the number listed for each county is not reflective of the number of residents per county that have received the vaccine; Georgia residents can receive their vaccine at any location throughout the state. The majority of PODs are experiencing an increase in the number of people who do not show for their appointment and several PODs have vacant appointments.

Butts - 3,795 doses administered  
Carroll – 8,620 doses administered  
Coweta – 13,130 doses administered  
Fayette – 11,242 doses administered  
Heard – 3,314 doses administered  
Henry – 13,626 doses administered  
Lamar – 8,006 doses administered  
Meriwether – 2,205 doses administered  
Pike – 3,267 doses administered  
Spalding – 13,321 doses administered  
Troup 9,002 doses administered  
Upson – 3,865 doses administered

Total doses administered as of 4/18/21 = **93,393**

### **County Health Departments**

All services are 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.

### **Contact Tracing Team Summary for 4/3/2021 – 4/18/2021**

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers:
  - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **934**
  - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **492**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **245**
  - 210 engaged and no symptoms
  - 11 engaged and symptomatic
  - 24 not engaged
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in manual monitoring = **19** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
  - 7 engaged and no symptoms
  - 2 engaged and symptomatic
  - 10 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **131** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **29,047** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 4/18/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,153**

### **Staffing Summary as of 4/18/2021:**

- 1 PH RN
- 3 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 53 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 51 Case Investigators
- 23 Outbreak Case Investigators

6 Case Investigator Supervisors

### **Continuity of Operations**

District 4 has had 256 employees tested/exposed to COVID-19 since March 2020.

Of those 256 employees:  
 12 were Exposed but not Tested  
 185 tested negative  
 59 tested positive  
 0 pending

87 employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Epidemiology**

3 Confirmed Outbreaks from 4/4/21 – 4/18/21

Numbers as of 2:50PM 4/18/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 59569 median age: 42

Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths: 1439 median age: 75

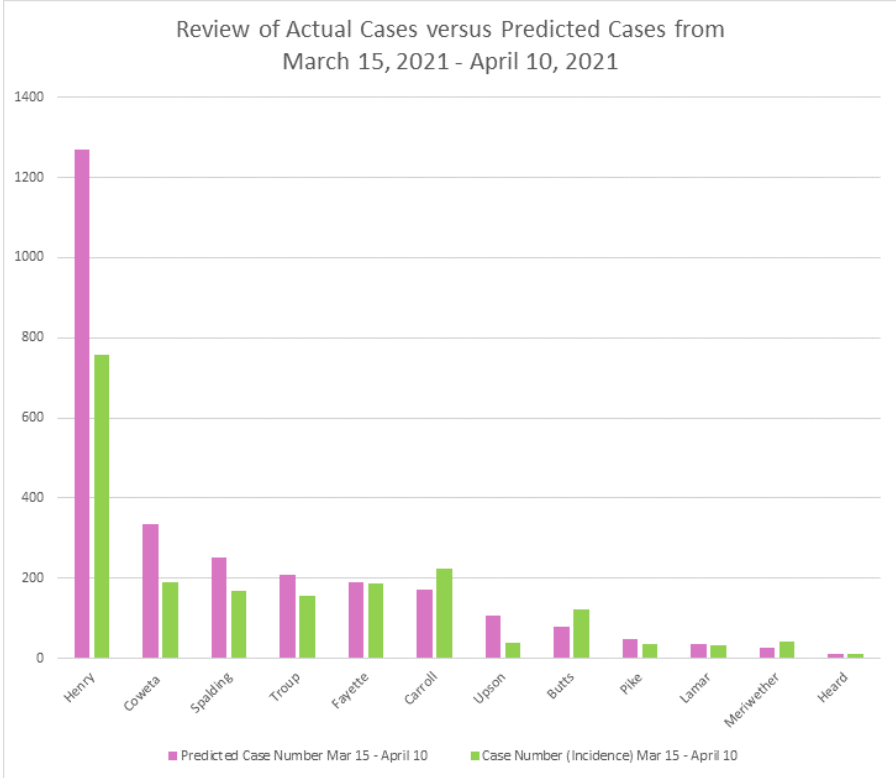
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	CASES	NEW CASES PAST TWO WEEKS	DEATHS	NEW DEATHS PAST TWO WEEKS
BUTTS	2236	+104	73	+0
CARROLL	7344	+77	130	+1
COWETA	8541	+102	199	+18
FAYETTE	6540	+96	151	+9
HEARD	625	+12	16	+1
HENRY	18777	+402	288	+14
LAMAR	1326	+29	44	+0
MERIWETHER	1500	+22	71	+3
PIKE	1054	+26	26	+2
SPALDING	3978	+98	153	+4
TROUP	5855	+54	182	+4
UPSON	1793	+21	106	+2
Total	59569	+1043	1439	+58

Most District 4 counties saw a slight decrease in cases; however, some counties saw a slight increase in the past two weeks. However, deaths have held steady at their current rate. It is important to note that as COVID-related deaths are reviewed based on vital record data, death counts may change.

The graph to the below shows the predicted cases as well as the actual number of cases for March 15 – April 10, 2021 (based on CDC’s mathematical modeling) for District 4 counties. 33.33% of counties had cases at or above the prediction (pink bar). March 15 – April 10, 2021, the decline in testing that has been seen over the past few months continued, which may contribute to the lower number of cases reported during this timeframe. Although cases are

decreasing, it is important to remember that underreporting of cases as well as lack of testing still occurs.



Demographics		No. Confirmed Cases	% Cases	No. Confirmed Cases (Last 30 days)	% Cases (Last 30 Days)	No. Hospitalized	% Hospitalized
Age	< 1	211	0.35	11	0.6	6	0.2
	1 to 4	856	1.44	35	1.8	17	0.6
	5 to 9	1267	2.13	70	3.6	9	0.3
	10 to 17	4522	7.59	183	9.4	50	1.6
	18-29	11605	19.48	389	20.0	155	5.1
	30-39	8866	14.88	344	17.7	223	7.3
	40-49	9548	16.03	299	15.4	353	11.5
	50-59	9842	16.52	308	15.8	575	18.8
	60-69	6582	11.05	159	8.2	624	20.4
	70-79	3879	6.51	90	4.6	635	20.7
	80+	2255	3.79	52	2.7	415	13.5
	Blank	134	0.22	4	0.2	1	0.0

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TOTAL		<b>59567</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3063</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Race	White	26566	44.6	731	38	1535	50.11
	Black or African American	18793	31.5	680	35	1319	43.06
	Asian	794	1.3	24	1	20	0.65
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	45	0.1	2	0.10	2	0.07
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	51	0.1	1	0.05	2	0.1
	Other	2980	5.0	108	6	105	3.4
	Unknown	10338	17.4	401	21	80	2.6
	TOTAL	<b>59567</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3063</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Ethnicity	Hispanic	3267	5.5	127	6.5	108	3.5
	Non-Hispanic Not Specified	39691	66.6	1326	68.2	2684	87.6
	Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Unknown	5414	9.1	195	10.0	124	4.0
	TOTAL	<b>59567</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3063</b>	<b>100</b>

Demographics		No. Hospitalized (in cases from 30 day)	% Hospitalized (in cases from 30 day)	No. Confirmed Deaths	% Deaths	No. Confirmed Deaths (last in cases from 30 days)	% Deaths (in cases from 30 days)
		Age	< 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1 to 4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	5 to 9	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10 to 17	6	5.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
	18-29	9	7.8	5	0.3	0	0.0
	30-39	13	11.3	28	1.9	0	0.0
	40-49	14	12.2	51	3.5	0	0.0
	50-59	21	22.0	120	8.3	0	0.0
	60-69	19	16.5	289	20.1	2	20.0

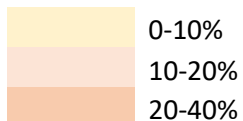
	70-79	18	2.0	420	29.2	4	40.0
	80+	13	11.3	526	36.6	4	40.0
	Blank	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1439</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>

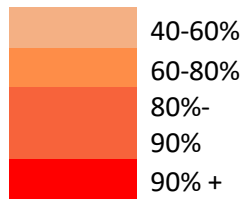
Race

	White	58.00	50	947	66	7	70
	Black or African American	49.00	43	462	32	2	20
	Asian	1.00	0.87	12	0.8	1	10.0
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
	American Indian or Alaskan Native		0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
	Other	3.00	2.61	16	1.1	0	0.0
	Unknown	4.00	3.48	2	0.1	0.00	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1439</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>

Ethnicity

	Hispanic	3.00	2.61	34	2.4	0.00	0.0
	Non-Hispanic	102.00	88.70	1395	96.9	10.00	100.0
	Not Specified	3.00	2.61	4	0.3	0.00	0.0
	Other	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
	Unknown	7.00	6.09	6	0.4	0.00	0.0
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\*\* The colors above illustrate the burden in each category. A darker color indicates a higher burden.

The table above shows the cumulative case count, hospitalizations, and deaths based upon age range, race, and ethnicity specific to District 4 Public Health. Also shown is the cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in the last 30 days among these groups. It is important to note that this data is limited to what is reported into SENDSS, our electronic notifiable disease surveillance system. This data illustrates that District 4 is seeing the majority of cases in young and middle aged adults; however, our hospitalizations and deaths are still among the elderly. Therefore, it is likely that the younger population are contracting and spreading illness to the elderly, who experience more severe illness that may result in hospitalization and potentially death.

Cases are declining in many of the district’s counties; however, cases are still at an high level in terms of community transmission. Many of our larger counties are still at levels considered to be widespread community transmission, while others have moved into the moderate and moderate to high transmission level. As long as cases continue to decline, hospitalizations and deaths will continue to decrease; however, they are plateauing currently. 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 to continue social distancing, wearing face coverings, and washing hands frequently.