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COVID-19 Response Summary April 5, 2021

Incident Command Briefing

District 4 counties continue a downward trend in weekly COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. It should be noted that multiple US states are seeing spikes in cases following spring break. The District 4 Epidemiology team will monitor case trends, hospitalizations, and deaths in the following weeks to detect any spikes in those categories. As testing continues to decrease, 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.pdf](#)

Additional vaccine information on scheduling, eligibility and the COVID Vaccine Dashboard can be found here: [COVID Vaccine | Georgia Department of Public Health](#)

The Communication team continues to provide COVID-19 information to local government officials, community leaders, and the at-large community. Although we continue to increase our vaccination numbers, it is imperative that we continue COVID-19 preventative measures which are masking while in public areas, social distance 6ft or more, and continued hand hygiene practices.

The District Operations 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 \(district4health.org\)](#). The District 4 Vaccine Intervention Team has been tasked with mobile vaccination operations within District 4. Priority operations include the homebound population and skilled nursing facilities/personal care homes that were not vaccinated initially.

The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (20) and Day care centers (4) this past week.

This week's operational focus will be to deploy the vaccination intervention team to vaccinate more homebound residents, preliminary planning with the Community Organized Relief Efforts (CORE) on expanding vaccine accessibility within the District and The Epidemiology team monitoring COVID case trends.

COVID-19 Operations Report for the weeks of 3/22 and 3/29

534 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past 2 weeks. **320** specimens collected 3/22 -27 and **214** collected 3/29- 4/3/21.

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). There is no cost to participants, but if the person has

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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.

The Coweta SPOC is operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation Tues. & Thurs. 9-2 and every other Saturday 9 am -12 pm. **Closed 3/29 – 4/3/21** due to testing site being used for drop off location for supplies for those impacted by tornado.

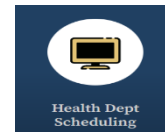
The Carroll SPOC is operated by Mako Laboratory. Hours of operation- Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9 am – 3 pm.

Due to the number of specimens continuing to decrease all SPOCs except those being operated by Mako (Carroll, Coweta & Henry) will operate once a month. This change allows to more resources to be devoted to providing 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 at <https://dph.georgia.gov>, choose the COVID Vaccine icon then health dept. scheduling icon.



The local 762-888-8180 vaccine appointment line will be phased out over the next couple of weeks because there are no appointments to offer those who are calling this number. Appointments are rapidly booked by those calling the state 1-888-457-0186 number or on-line.

COVID Vaccine Administered

Listed below are the numbers of COVID Vaccine doses administered at each D4PH County POD as of 4/2/21. The amount of vaccine administered by each county continues to be dependent upon the amount of vaccine received. 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.

Butts - 3,167 doses administered
Carroll – 7,041 doses administered
Coweta – 11,069 doses administered
Fayette – 8,680 doses administered

Heard – 2,944 doses administered
Henry – 9,200 doses administered
Lamar – 6,880 doses administered
Meriwether – 1,668 doses administered
Pike – 2,738 doses administered
Spalding – 11,176 doses administered
Troup – 6,362 doses administered
Upson – 3,411 doses administered
Total doses administered as of 4/2/21 = **74,336**

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.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 3/20/2021 – 4/3/2021

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **1,260**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **735**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **246**
 - 233 engaged and no symptoms
 - 5 engaged and symptomatic
 - 8 not engaged
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in manual monitoring = **11** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 8 engaged and no symptoms
 - 1 engaged and symptomatic
 - 2 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **52** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **27,894** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 4/3/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,181**

Staffing Summary as of 4/3/2021:

- 1 PH RN
- 3 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 56 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors

- 53 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

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

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

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 58526 median age: 42

Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths: 1381 median age: 75

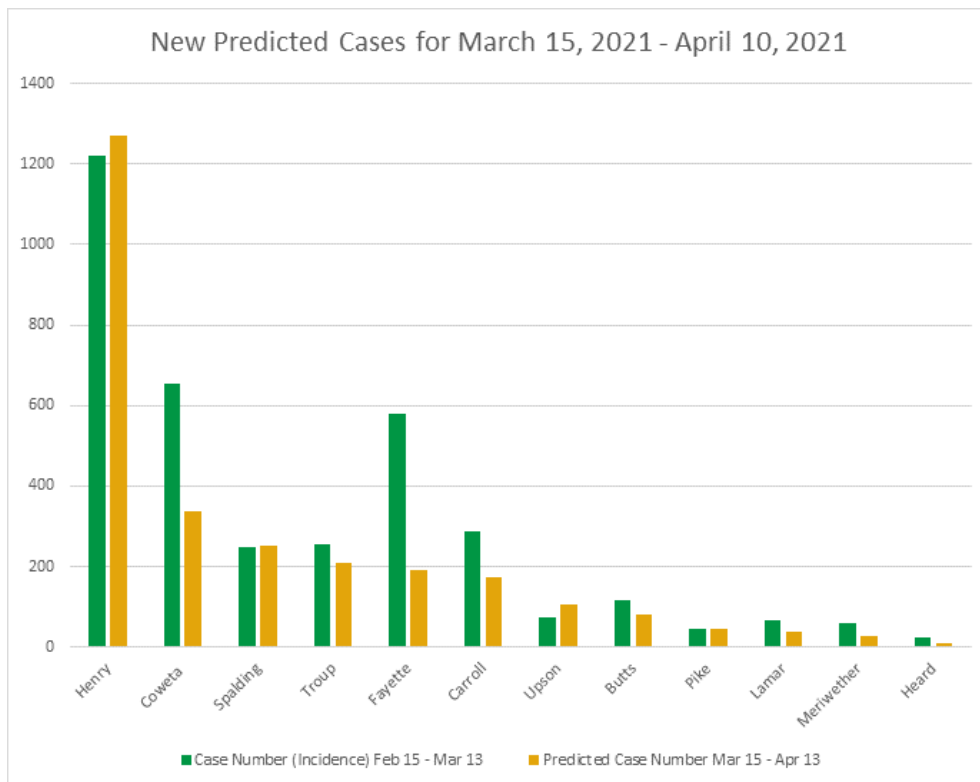
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	CASES	NEW CASES PAST TWO WEEKS	DEATHS	NEW DEATHS PAST TWO WEEKS
BUTTS	2132	+84	73	+2
CARROLL	7267	+137	129	+1
COWETA	8439	+99	181	+12
FAYETTE	6444	+101	142	+5
HEARD	613	+6	15	+1
HENRY	18375	+381	274	+8
LAMAR	1297	+16	44	+2
MERIWETHER	1478	+23	68	+8
PIKE	1028	+22	24	+1
SPALDING	3880	+84	149	+7
TROUP	5801	+101	178	+10
UPSON	1772	+19	104	+2
Total	58526	+1073	1381	+59

There has been a significant decrease in cases the past 2 weeks; however, deaths have increased very slightly.

It is important to note that as COVID-related deaths are reviewed based on vital record data, death counts may change.

The District 4 Public Health Epidemiology Department 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 to the right shows the predicted cases for March 15 – April 10, 2021, which is based on CDC’s county specific mathematical modeling. For most counties, a significant decrease or a stabilization in cases is predicted. Although cases are trending downward, case rates remain extremely high overall. The predictions below illustrate how important it is to continue adherence to COVID basics (wearing a mask in public, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene).



Demographics	No. Confirmed Cases	% Cases	No. Confirmed Cases (Last 30 days)	% Cases (Last 30 Days)	No. Hospitalized	% Hospitalized
Age < 1	206	0.35	10	0.4	6	0.2

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	1 to 4	835	1.43	39	1.7	17	0.6
	5 to 9	1228	2.10	66	2.9	7	0.2
	10 to 17	4434	7.58	200	8.9	43	1.5
	18-29	11382	19.45	444	19.8	151	5.1
	30-39	8673	14.82	399	17.8	217	7.3
	40-49	9390	16.04	365	16.2	340	11.5
	50-59	9674	16.53	360	16.0	555	18.8
	60-69	6511	11.12	208	9.3	607	20.5
	70-79	3830	6.54	100	4.5	617	20.9
	80+	2224	3.80	51	2.3	398	13.5
	Blank	140	0.24	5	0.2	1	0.0
TOTAL		58527	100.00	2247	100.00	2959	100.00

Race	White	25916	44.3		882	39	1480	50.0	
	Black or African American	18230	31.1		756	34	1277	43.2	
	Asian	780	1.3		35	2	20	0.7	
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	44	0.1		2	0.09	2	0.1	
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	51	0.1		1	0.04	2	0.0	
	Other	2919	5.0		101	4	101	3.4	
	Unknown	10587	18.1		470	21	77	2.6	
	TOTAL		58527	100		2247	100	2959	100

Ethnicity	Hispanic	3185	5.4		104	4.6	104	3.5
	Non-Hispanic	38545	65.9		1571	69.9	2593	87.6
	Not Specified	11362	19.4		414	18.4	140	4.7
	Other	0	0.0		0	0.0	0	0.0
	Unknown	5435	9.3		158	7.0	122	4.1
TOTAL		58527	100		2247	100	2959	100

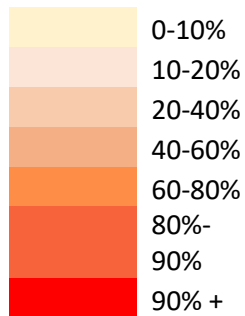
Demographics	No. Hospitalized (in cases from last 30 days)	% Hospitalized (in cases from last 30 days)	No. Confirmed Deaths	% Deaths	No. Confirmed Deaths (in cases from last 30 days)	% Deaths (in cases from last 30 days)
Age	< 1					
	1 to 4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	5 to 9	1	0.8	0	0.0	0.0
	10 to 17	1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	18-29	4	3.1	0	0.0	0.0
	30-39	8	6.3	5	0.4	0.0
	40-49	13	10.2	27	2.0	0.0
	50-59	21	16.5	48	3.5	0.0
	60-69	22	22.0	116	8.4	0.0
	70-79	24	18.9	272	19.7	62.5
	80+	24	2.0	402	29.1	12.5
	Blank	9	7.1	511	37.0	25.0
TOTAL		0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
		127.00	100.00	1381	100.0	8
Race	White	60.00	47	910	66	63
	Black or African American	60.00	47	443	32	38
	Asian	1.00	0.79	10	0.7	0.0
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.0
	American Indian or Alaskan Native		0.00	0	0.0	0.0
	Other	4.00	3.15	16	1.2	0.0
	Unknown	2.00	1.57	2	0.1	0.0
TOTAL		127.00	100.00	1381	100.0	8

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Ethnicity

Hispanic	4.00	3.15	27	2.0	0.00	0.0
Non-Hispanic	114.00	89.76	1344	97.3	8.00	100.0
Not Specified	3.00	2.36	4	0.3	0.00	0.0
Other	0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Unknown	6.00	4.72	6	0.4	0.00	0.0
TOTAL	127.00	100.00	1381	100.00	8.00	100

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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 to high transmission level. As cases are continuing to decline, hospitalizations and deaths are also significantly decreasing as well. 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.