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COVID-19 Response Summary June 1, 2021

Incident Command Briefing

District 4 has continued to see a decrease in COVID-19 cases over the past 2 weeks. Although there has been a slight decrease in cases, District 4 has seen a slight increase in deaths which could be attributed to the B.1.1.7 variant circulating throughout District 4. With the arrival of warm weather, an increase in gatherings and scheduled medium to large scale events on the horizon, we are predicted to have a slight increase in cases over the next 2 weeks. This slight increase will likely be due to the B.1.1.7 variant being 20% more transmissible than the original COVID-19 strain.

Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health Emergency Order on May 28th until June 29th. That Order can be found here: [2021 Executive Orders | Governor Brian P. Kemp Office of the Governor \(georgia.gov\)](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated the guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals, the guidelines can be found here: [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC](#)

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

Moderna has recently released its safety data regarding its 12-17 year olds vaccine study in which it was highly effective in that age group. Moderna will be seeking additional approval to vaccinate the 12-17 age group in the coming weeks. Moderna's vaccine trial studied 3,732 adolescents aged 12 to 17. Two thirds got the vaccine and one third got a placebo. Two weeks after the second dose, researchers found no cases of COVID-19 in the vaccine group and four cases in the placebo group. Moderna is currently testing its vaccine in children as young as 6 months of age.

The District Operations team has continued to test and vaccinate the community. The District Ops team is providing vaccine education and pop-up vaccination clinics across the district to increase our percentage of vaccinated. If you would like the District Epidemiology or Communication Team to provide health education on COVID-19 or the vaccine please submit the following form: [Contact District 4 Public Health - District 4 Public Health - Georgia Public Health Department \(district4health.org\)](#)

The District Operations Team continues to provide testing and vaccination clinics in every county which can be found here: [Home - District 4 Public Health - Georgia Public Health Department \(district4health.org\)](#)

This week's operational focus will be to identify additional mobile sites within the district, increase vaccine education and monitor vaccine and testing numbers.

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COVID-19 Operations Report for the weeks of 5/17 and 5/24

176 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past 2 weeks. 86 specimens collected 5/17-5/22 and 90 collected 5/24 – 5/29/2021.

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. The operation dates and hours of all SPOCs are posted on the county and district web pages. Testing availability will be increased as needed.

COVID Vaccine Appointments

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 5/29/21. 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

Butts – 4,339 doses administered
Carroll – 9,977 doses administered
Coweta – 15,029 doses administered
Fayette – 14,702 doses administered
Heard – 3,849 doses administered
Henry – 17,947 doses administered
Lamar – 9,219 doses administered
Meriwether – 3,096 doses administered
Pike – 3,980 doses administered
Spalding – 15,545 doses administered
Troup 10,038 doses administered
Upson – 4,326 doses administered
Total doses administered as of 5/29/21 = **112,047**

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 5/15/2021 - 5/29/2021

- Total # of calls made by District 4 Contact Tracers:
 - Total # of contact attempts (obtained from MTX report) = **748**
 - Total # of successful contacts (obtained from MTX report) = **389**

- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **127**
 - 119 engaged and no symptoms
 - 2 engaged and symptomatic
 - 6 not engaged
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in manual monitoring = **7** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 3 engaged and no symptoms
 - 1 engaged and symptomatic
 - 3 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **34** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **32,279** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 5/29/2021
- Total # of case interviews completed by District 4 Case Investigators = **1,226**

Staffing Summary as of 5/29/2021:

- 1 PH RN
- 3 EPI
- 1 Resource Coordinator
- 1 Regional Coordinator (CDC/DPH)
- 47 Contact Tracers
- 5 Contact Tracer Supervisors
- 48 Case Investigators
- 22 Outbreak Case Investigators
- 6 Case Investigator Supervisors

Epidemiology

6 Confirmed Outbreaks from 5/16/21 – 5/31/21

Numbers as of 2:50PM 5/31/2021

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: 61762 median age: 42

Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths: 1512 median age: 75

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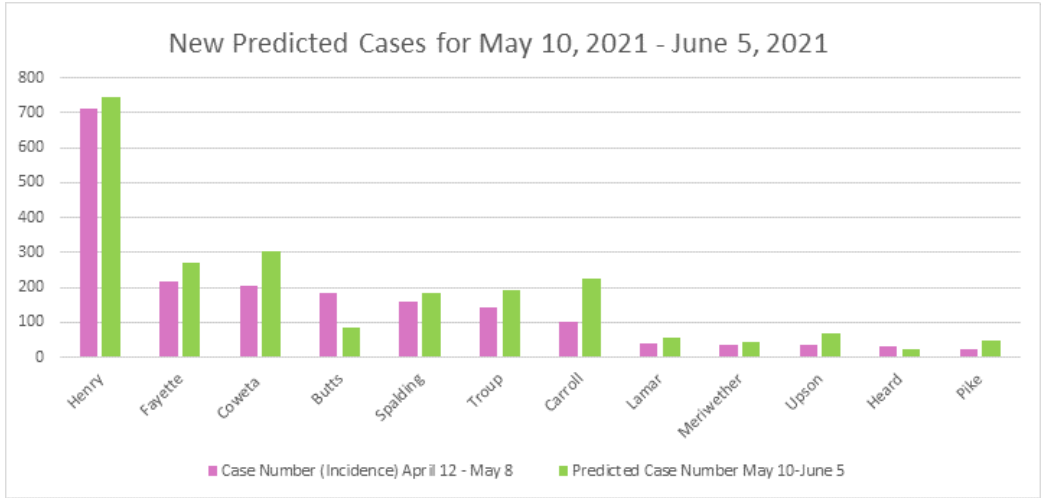
	CASES	NEW CASES PAST TWO WEEKS	DEATHS	NEW DEATHS PAST TWO WEEKS
BUTTS	2358	+4	81	+3

CARROLL	7485	+31	132	+0
COWETA	8826	+58	209	+2
FAYETTE	6783	+39	158	+4
HEARD	652	+1	17	+1
HENRY	19602	+178	303	+3
LAMAR	1365	+7	46	+0
MERIWETHER	1559	+10	76	+3
PIKE	1088	+11	27	+1
SPALDING	4182	+46	161	+3
TROUP	6026	+19	191	+4
UPSON	1836	+11	111	+4
Total	61762	+415	1512	+28

There has been a continued decrease in cases the past 2 weeks; however, death counts have increased in the past two weeks. This increase may be attributed to the high percentage of B.1.1.7 variant circulating in Georgia. It is important to note that though the death total increased this two week period compared to the last two week period, the current deaths reported for May 2021 are less than those reported for April 2021.

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

The graph below shows the predicted cases for May 10 – June 5, 2021, which is based on CDC’s county specific mathematical modeling. Based on the prediction, most District 4 counties may see decreases. However, a few counties may experience increases. It is likely that the arrival of warmer weather will result in more people being outdoors and gathering. This increase in gatherings and travel is likely the basis for the increase in cases predicted. In addition, from April 13th to May 4th, the B.1.1.7 variant increased from 22% to 65% of cases sequenced in Georgia. The B.1.1.7 variant is 20% more transmissible than the original COVID-19 strain. Even though vaccination numbers continue to increase, it is important to continue adherence to COVID basics (wearing a face covering in public, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene), which may contribute to the lower number of cases reported.



Demographics		No. Confirmed Cases	% Cases	No. Confirmed Cases (Last 30 days)	% Cases (Last 30 Days)	No. Hospitalized	% Hospitalized
Age	< 1	225	0.36	9	0.8	7	0.2
	1 to 4	898	1.45	25	2.2	19	0.6
	5 to 9	1345	2.18	38	3.3	10	0.3
	10 to 17	4731	7.66	111	9.6	56	1.7
	18-29	12069	19.54	224	19.4	171	5.2
	30-39	9242	14.96	179	15.5	240	7.3
	40-49	9917	16.06	190	16.5	387	11.8
	50-59	10193	16.50	184	16.0	617	18.8
	60-69	6782	10.98	110	9.5	666	20.3
	70-79	3981	6.45	57	4.9	686	20.9
	80+	2299	3.72	25	2.2	426	13.0
	Blank	78	0.13	1	0.1	2	0.1
TOTAL		61760	100	1153	100	3287	100
Race	White	28162	45.6	475	41	1669	50.8
	Black or African American	20004	32.4	421	37	1394	42.4
	Asian	827	1.3	13	1	22	0.7

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	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	53	0.1	2	0.17	2	0.1
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	54	0.1	1	0.09	2	0.0
	Other	3111	5.0	68	6	115	3.5
	Unknown	9549	15.5	173	15	83	2.5
TOTAL		61760	100	1153	100	3287	100
Ethnicity	Hispanic	3487	5.6	51	4.4	122	3.7
	Non-Hispanic Not Specified	43084	69.8	813	70.5	2907	88.4
	Other	10171	16.5	199	17.3	143	4.4
	Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Unknown	5018	8.1	90	7.8	115	3.5
TOTAL		61760	100	1153	100	3287	100

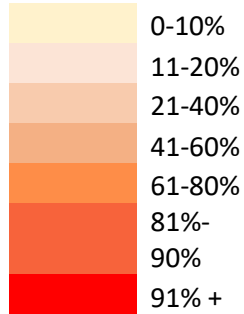
Demographics		No. Hospitalized (in cases from 30 day)		No. Confirmed Deaths % Deaths		No. Confirmed Deaths (last in cases from 30 days) % Deaths (in cases from 30 days)	
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Age	< 1	1	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1 to 4	1	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
	5 to 9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10 to 17	2	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
	18-29	7	9.3	6	0.4	0	0.0
	30-39	6	8.0	31	2.1	0	0.0
	40-49	10	13.3	54	3.6	0	0.0
	50-59	17	22.0	130	8.6	2	40.0
	60-69	16	21.3	301	19.9	0	0.0

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	70-79	11	2.0	444	29.4	1	20.0
	80+	3	4.0	546	36.1	2	40.0
	Blank	1	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL		75	100	1512	100	5	100

Race		41.00	55	990	65	3	60
White		27.00	36	491	32	1	20
Black or African American		1.00	1.33	11	0.7	0	0.0
Asian		0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0.00	0.00	1	0.0	0.00	0.0
American Indian or Alaskan Native		3.00	4.00	17	1.1	0	0.0
Other Unknown		3.00	4.00	2	0.1	1.00	20.0
TOTAL		75	100	1512	100	5	100

Ethnicity		4.00	5.33	39	2.6	0.00	0.0
Hispanic		66.00	88.00	1470	97.2	5.00	100.0
Non-Hispanic		2.00	2.67	1	0.1	0.00	0.0
Not Specified		0.00	0.00	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Other Unknown		3.00	4.00	2	0.1	0.00	0.0
TOTAL		75	100	1512	100	5	100



** 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 and middle-aged population are contracting and spreading illness to the elderly, who experience more severe illness that may result in hospitalization and potentially death. We are also seeing more hospitalizations in younger populations as well, which may be related to the large percentage of B.1.1.7 variant that is circulating in Georgia. This variant currently represents 78.4% of sequenced cases in Georgia.

Cases are continuing to decline in the district’s counties; however, the transmission level in the district is still not low. Currently, the counties are in either the moderately high or moderate transmission level; there is no trend among larger or smaller counties. Some larger counties are in the moderate level, while some of the smaller counties are in the moderately high transmission level and vice versa.

As long as cases continue to decline, hospitalizations and deaths will continue to decrease. Please remember to follow the COVID basics when going out in your community. Although many are vaccinated, the best defense we have to prevent spread of COVID is to continue social distancing, wearing face coverings, and washing hands frequently.