North Central Health District
COVID-19 Operational Summary
August 10, 2020

This is an emerging and dynamic situation, therefore our data and recommendations are subject to change. North Central Health District (NCHD) is part of the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and serves individuals residing in 13 Central Georgia counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Putnam, Twiggs, Washington, and Wilkinson. This report describes the NCHD operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this report is to provide situational awareness to our district partners and community members.

Workforce

NCHD has a total of 314 employees. Since before the response to COVID-19 started, NCHD staff have been planning and preparing for the response. In January 2020, the Epidemiology and Emergency Preparedness programs began watching the situation closely, educating partners, and monitoring travelers. Today, we have scaled back our normal operations to be able to respond to this event appropriately and have employees dedicated full time to the response with many additional employees assisting on an as-needed basis. Public health staff are working on a variety of tasks from epidemiology (which includes data management, case investigation, contact tracing, and outbreak investigations), PPE Distribution, Partner Coordination, SPOC operations, and ensuring our regulated facilities are operating according to the newest executive order. In addition to our workforce, NCHD has received several temporary staff from the state office that are assisting with Epidemiology and SPOC operations.

276 Public Health Responders

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Specimen Points of Collection (SPOC)

On March 18, 2020, NCHD stood up our first SPOC in Houston County, in the following weeks we expanded to 3 additional locations in Jasper, Jones, and Washington Counties. The activities of these locations were limited in capacity due to state-supplied specimen collection kits. On 4/17/2020, due to an increase in the state’s capacity to supply specimen collection kits, we opened our fifth location in Bibb County. On 5/3/2020, we expanded testing to all 13 of our county health departments.

The information in this portion of the report is accurate as of 8/9/2020 at 11PM.

The data shown on this page only reflects specimens collected from NCHD public health points of collection and not representative of all specimens collected within our 13-county area.

NOTE: Over the past several weeks there have been delays in laboratory reporting. The week-to-week changes may be affected by such delays. These delays are outside of the operations of NCHD.

3.4 minutes is the average time spent per patient for specimen collection.

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**Epidemiology - Overview**

NCHD’s Epidemiology Program is responsible for investigating every reported case of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. The following information describes the activities of the epidemiology program and provides a description of the current situation with the district.

NCHD Epidemiology, per reporting policy, only reports Confirmed cases that reside within the 13 counties that make up the district. Although serology (i.e. antibody tests) are reportable, they do not meet the CDC case definition for a confirmed case, therefore number of serology tests are not included in this report.

Any reductions in numbers are a result of data error corrections (i.e. duplication, incorrect case classification, residency, etc). Data corrections are made as soon as they are found and data accuracy is checked daily by NCHD epidemiology staff.

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**13% Increase in Cases District-Wide**

Between 8/3/2020-8/9/2020

**314 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/9)**

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for NCHD residents between 7/20/2020-8/9/2020 was 314 per 100,000 population (n=1,669; population=530,945). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 498 per 100,000 population (n=2,690).

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**SUBSTANTIAL SPREAD**

| Total Number of Confirmed and Presumptive | 9,611 |
| Median Age (Age Range) | 43 (0-103 Years) |
| Hospitalizations | 1,347 (14%) |
| Deaths | 279 (2.9%) |
| Deaths Median Age (Age Range) | 74 (24-100 Years) |
| Deaths that were Hospitalized | 208 (75%) |

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*Based on patient county of residence when known

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**Age Distribution of Cases**

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The date indicated for the newly confirmed COVID-19 cases is based on the combination of dates based on: 1) date of symptom onset; 2) if the date is invalid or missing, the first positive collection date is used and 3) if both of those dates are invalid or missing, the date the case is reported is used.

* 14-day window – Confirmed cases over the last 14 days may not be accounted for due to illnesses yet to be reported or test results may still be pending.

Note - Data during the reporting period may be incomplete due to the lag in time between when the case was tested and/or reported and submitted to the Georgia DPH for reporting purposes. This delay can vary depending on the testing facility and/or jurisdiction.
Hospitalizations Over Time

Deaths Over Time

Hospitalizations and Death By Date of Occurrence
65% of Hospitalized Cases have been reported as being discharged.

11% of Cases have been identified as Healthcare Workers.

56% of Deaths are associated with a congregate setting outbreak.

14% of Cases are associated with a congregate setting outbreak.

Race Distribution of Cases

Underlying Health Conditions

Gender Distribution of Cases
Epidemiology - County and Outbreak Summaries

The information in the rest of the report is a breakdown by county.
The only outbreaks listed by location are for those in congregate settings that involve facilities regulated and reported by the Department of Community Health and Department of Corrections.
Due to the reporting, interview, and data analysis processes, there may be delays in reporting cases as an outbreak.
The Epidemiology Program is working closely with all partners to ensure data accuracy.

An outbreak is considered closed if it has been 2 incubation periods since the last symptom onset date.
Not all cases within an outbreak are counted within the county the outbreak occurs (i.e. staff of a facility may live in another county).

14-Day incidence rate indicates newly reported confirmed COVID-19 cases among county residents per 100,000 residents during the 14-day period indicated, using 2018 U.S. Census data to derive county population. Rates cannot be accurately calculated for Counties with <5 cases.

Transmission Levels are based on the incidence rate and defined as:
- Substantial Spread: greater than 101 cases per 100,000 county residents
- Moderate Spread: 51-100 cases per 100,000 county residents
- Minimal Spread: >11-50 cases per 100,000 county residents
- Low Spread: > 0-10 cases per 100,000 county residents
- Insufficient Data: A rate is not calculated for less than 5 cases reported. These counties may likely have low levels of transmission but may be affected by other factors such as levels of COVID-19 testing.

Counties of Interest are identified by counties that have within the most current week (most recent 7 days) to the previous week [≥5% increase in COVID syndrome/ILI syndrome (if >2 visits) AND ≥5% increase in cases (if >2 cases)] OR [≥25% change in cases AND >10 cases during most recent week].

Syndromic surveillance (SS) provides a method for timely detection of potential clusters or outbreaks of specified diseases/events. SS data include emergency department (ED) visits based on the patient’s chief complaint upon admission and/or discharge diagnosis. SS data used within this report is based on county of residence NOT facility.
- Approximately 90% of Georgia EDs currently report to DPH
- Most data available within 72 hours of patient visit
- 80% of facilities currently submitting discharge diagnosis information
- Final diagnosis may differ from submitted diagnosis
- Documentation of chief complaint varies by facility
- SS data does not necessarily depict the true burden of specified diseases/events
- Date represents the ED visit date
- Covid-19 Syndrome includes: Chief complaint text for “coronavirus”, “covid”, “c-19”, or “ncov”. Selected discharge diagnosis codes (ICD or Snomed) relevant to COVID-19; including confirmed COVID-19, suspected/probable COVID-19, unspecified coronavirus infection, exposure to COVID-19, or severe acute respiratory syndrome.
- ILI Syndrome includes: Chief complaint text for fever, influenza, RSV, viral infection, viral pneumonia, cough (if fever), or sore throat (if fever).
- Note: Covid-19 Syndrome excludes select visits related to Covid-19 testing or exposure with no mention of symptoms. Criteria for syndromes are subject to change as additional information is received.

The information is accurate as of 8/9/2020 at 11PM.
Baldwin County - Substantial Spread

12% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Baldwin County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

350

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Baldwin County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 350 per 100,000 population (n=157; population=44,823). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6-7/26) was 448 (n=201) per 100,000 population.

22%

22% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Baldwin County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

Age Distribution of Cases in Baldwin County

The cases reported in Baldwin County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 4% (n=7) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 86% (n=6) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 95% of cases reported during that timeframe in Baldwin County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 33% (349) of cases reported in Baldwin County have been linked to an outbreak.
**Bibb County - Substantial Spread**

6% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Bibb County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

**430**

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Bibb County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 430 per 100,000 population (n=659; population=153,095). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 719 (n=1,101) per 100,000 population.

**40%**

40% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Bibb County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

**7%**

Outbreak Related (7/20-8/2)

The cases reported in Bibb County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 7% (n=48) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% (n=48) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 93% of cases reported during that timeframe in Bibb County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 11% (386) of cases reported in Bibb County have been linked to an outbreak.
Crawford County - Substantial Spread

9% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Crawford County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

146
14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Crawford County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 146 per 100,000 population (n=18; population=12,318). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 130 (n=16) per 100,000 population.

13% increase in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Crawford County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

0%
Outbreak Related (7/20-8/2)

The cases reported in Crawford County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 0% (n=0) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. The other 100% of cases reported during that timeframe in Crawford County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 23% (n=23) of cases reported in Crawford County have been linked to an outbreak.

Age Distribution of Cases in Crawford County

The cases reported in Crawford County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 0% (n=0) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. The other 100% of cases reported during that timeframe in Crawford County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 23% (n=23) of cases reported in Crawford County have been linked to an outbreak.
Hancock County - Substantial Spread

**Area of Concern:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Hancock County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

**371**

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Hancock County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 371 per 100,000 population (n=31; population=8,348). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 575 (n=48) per 100,000 population.

**35%**

35% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Hancock County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020** and **7/20/2020-8/2/2020**

**Age Distribution of Cases in Hancock County**

The cases reported in Hancock County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 3% (n=1) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% (n=1) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 97% of cases reported during that timeframe in Hancock County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 45% (143) of cases reported in Hancock County have been linked to an outbreak.

3% Outbreak Related (7/20-8/2)
Houston County - Substantial Spread

2% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Houston County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Houston County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **191 per 100,000 population** (n=297; population=155,469). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 382 (n=594) per 100,000 population.

50% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Houston County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.**

50% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Houston County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.**

The cases reported in Houston County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 2% (n=7) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% (n=7) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 98% of cases reported during that timeframe in Houston County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 11% (n=219) of cases reported in Houston County have been linked to an outbreak.

**Age Distribution of Cases in Houston County**

The cases reported in Houston County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 2% (n=7) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% (n=7) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 98% of cases reported during that timeframe in Houston County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 11% (n=219) of cases reported in Houston County have been linked to an outbreak.
Jasper County - Substantial Spread

**AREA OF CONCERN:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Jasper County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

**235**

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Jasper County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **235 per 100,000 population** (n=33; population=14,040). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020) was 192 (n=27) per 100,000 population.

**22%**

22% increase in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Jasper County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020** and **7/20/2020-8/2/2020**.

### Age Distribution of Cases in Jasper County

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The cases reported in Jasper County between 7/20/2020-78/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for **3%** (n=1) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, none of the outbreak-related cases are associated with congregate care settings. The other **97%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Jasper County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, **7%** (n=12) of cases reported in Jasper County have been linked to an outbreak.

### Outbreak Related (7/20-8/2)

The cases reported in Jasper County between 7/20/2020-78/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for **3%** (n=1) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, none of the outbreak-related cases are associated with congregate care settings. The other **97%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Jasper County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, **7%** (n=12) of cases reported in Jasper County have been linked to an outbreak.
Jones County - Substantial Spread

12% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Jones County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Jones County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 189 per 100,000 (n=54; population=28,616). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 370 (n=106) per 100,000 population.

49% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Jones County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

The cases reported in Jones County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 7% (n=4) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 50% (n=2) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 93% of cases reported during that timeframe in Jones County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 8% (n=25) of cases reported in Jones County have been linked to an outbreak.
Monroe County - Substantial Spread

6% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Monroe County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Monroe County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was 316 per 100,000 population (n=87; population=27,520). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 429 (n=118) per 100,000 population.

26% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Monroe County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

Age Distribution of Cases in Monroe County

The cases reported in Monroe County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 5% (n=4) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% (n=4) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other 95% of cases reported during that timeframe in Monroe County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 25% (n=117) of cases reported in Monroe County have been linked to an outbreak.
Peach County - Substantial Spread

**AREA OF CONCERN:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Peach County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Peach County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **326 per 100,000 population** (n=89; population=27,297). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 432 (n=118) per 100,000 population.

25% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Peach County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020** and **7/20/2020-8/2/2020**.

**Age Distribution of Cases in Peach County**

The cases reported in Peach County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 3% (n=3) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 100% of the outbreak-related cases are related to congregate care settings. The other 97% of cases reported during that timeframe in Peach County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 7% (n=26) of cases reported in Peach County have been linked to an outbreak.
**Putnam County - Substantial Spread**

**Area of Concern:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Putnam County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

**284**

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Putnam County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **284 per 100,000 population** (n=62; population=21,809). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 564 (n=123) per 100,000 population.

**▼ 50%**

50% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Putnam County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020**.

**Age Distribution of Cases in Putnam County**

The cases reported in Putnam County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for **5% (n=4)** of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, none of the outbreak-related cases are associated with congregate care settings. The other **95%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Putnam County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, **14% (n=69)** of cases reported in Putnam County have been linked to an outbreak.
**Twiggs County - Substantial Spread**

**AREA OF CONCERN:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Twiggs County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

**391**

14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Twiggs County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **391 per 100,000 population (n=32; population=8,188)**. The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 391 (n=32) per 100,000 population.

**0%**

No change in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Twiggs County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020**.

**Age Distribution of Cases in Twiggs County**

The cases reported in Twiggs County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for **0% (n=0)** of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. The other **100%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Twiggs County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, **5% (n=6)** of cases reported in Twiggs County have been linked to an outbreak.
Washington County - Substantial Spread

6% of Emergency Department Visits captured in syndromic surveillance for residents of Washington County were categorized as COVID-19 Syndrome since 7/24/2020.

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Washington County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **569 per 100,000 population** (n=116; population=20,386). The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 760 (n=155) per 100,000 population.

25% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Washington County residents between the weeks of **7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-7/8/2020**.

The cases reported in Washington County between 7/20/2020-7/8/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 7% (n=8) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 88% (n=7) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other **93%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Washington County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 10% (n=45) of cases reported in Washington County have been linked to an outbreak.

**Age Distribution of Cases in Washington County**

The percentage of total cases by age group from 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.

- **<1**: 7%
- **1-4**: 2.5%
- **5-9**: 5%
- **10-17**: 7.5%
- **18-24**: 10%
- **25-34**: 12.5%
- **35-49**: 15%
- **50-64**: 17.5%
- **65-79**: 20%
- **80 and older**: 22.5%

**Outbreak Related (7/20-8/2)**

The cases reported in Washington County between 7/20/2020-7/8/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 7% (n=8) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During this time period, 88% (n=7) of the outbreak-related cases are associated with a congregate care setting. The other **93%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Washington County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, 10% (n=45) of cases reported in Washington County have been linked to an outbreak.
Wilkinson County - Substantial Spread

**AREA OF CONCERN:** Confirmed case counts, as well as emergency room visits associated with COVID-19 and ILI Syndromes, have increased amongst Wilkinson County residents. The increase in cases cannot be attributed solely to congregate setting outbreaks. Due to this we are watching the situation closely and working with our partners to ensure that precautions amongst residents are encouraged.

![376](image)

**14-Day Incidence Rate (7/20-8/2)**

The incidence rate of COVID-19 for Wilkinson County residents between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 was **376 per 100,000 population (n=34; population=9,036)**. The prior 14-Day Incidence Rate (7/6/2020-7/19/2020) was 564 (n=51) per 100,000 population.

![33%](image)

**33% decrease in newly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases amongst Wilkinson County residents between the weeks of 7/6/2020-7/19/2020 and 7/20/2020-8/2/2020.**

### Age Distribution of Cases in Wilkinson County

![Age Distribution Chart](image)

The cases reported in Wilkinson County between 7/20/2020-8/2/2020 associated with an outbreak account for **6% (n=2)** of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. During that time period, 100% of outbreak-related cases are associated with congregate care settings. The other **94%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Wilkinson County have not been attributed to a single area of concern and represent community level spread within the county. Since March 2020, **17% (n=37)** of cases reported in Wilkinson County have been linked to an outbreak.