

# Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19

David Newton / Friday, 5/8/2020



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## Agenda

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## Reminders

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- OEMS Updates on our website – [www.ems.ga.gov](http://www.ems.ga.gov)
  - Not all updates are emailed out – some are posted on the OEMS COVID-19 page
  - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/oems-covid-19>
- EMS Personnel → Put your email in LMS; Agencies, remind medics to login to LMS
- EMS Agencies → Update rosters and Key Personnel
- PPE → Conserve it, Reuse it (appropriately), Decontaminate (Battelle), Have a plan
  - Supply chains are coming back online – may not be your normal vendor, but there are vendors out there you can order from

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### Georgia DPH Exceeds 100,000 COVID-19 Tests in 10 Days Testing Now Available to all Georgians

**Atlanta** – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has reached its goal of testing 100,000 individuals in 10 days. More than 108,000 tests were processed since Commissioner Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., set the DPH goal last week.

“This is an important benchmark for Georgia as we work to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the state,” said Toomey. “Increased testing is critical to understanding where there are hotspots of infection and how best to mitigate them.”

Effective immediately, **testing is available to all Georgians** who request it, whether they have symptoms or not. There are more than 65 specimen point of collection sites (SPOC) throughout the state, with an additional 30 mobile SPOCs - locations and hours vary daily.

Individuals wanting to be tested can contact any Georgia public health department to schedule an appointment at a SPOC location convenient to them. Contact information for local health departments can be found on the DPH homepage at <https://dph.georgia.gov/>.

For more information about COVID-19 visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For updates on the COVID-19 situation as it develops, follow @GaDPH, @GeorgiaEMA, and @GovKemp on Twitter, and @GaDPH, @GEMA.OHS, and @GovKemp on Facebook.

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## Provisional Licenses – Converting to Traditional

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- For those with provisional licenses, an application should be available next week to allow them to convert a provisional license into a traditional license
  - Must have full NREMT certification
  - No charge
  - Expiration date moves from 12/31/2021 → 3/31/2022

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## Biospatial Tool

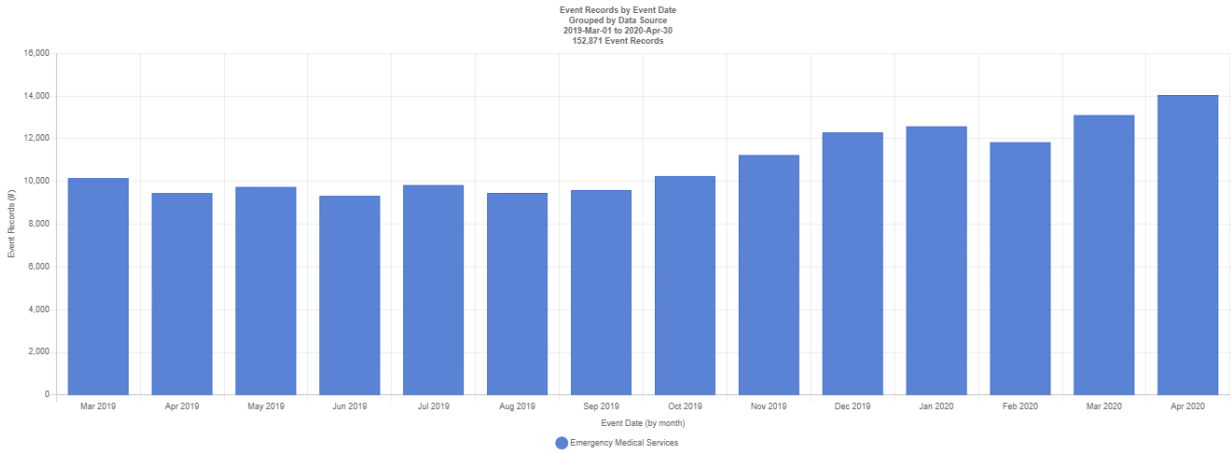
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Metric	Change from April 2019 – April 2020
All EMS Calls	Decreased 13.3% (~28K calls)
All EMS Transports	Decreased 18.0% (~27.2K calls)
All EMS 911 Calls	Decreased 14.8% (~19K calls)
All EMS 911 Calls – Transports	Decreased 24.9% (~18.5K calls)
All EMS 911 Calls – Treated, Released AMA	Increased 16.8% (1,066 calls)
All EMS 911 Calls – Refusals (several)	Increased 11.7% (2,608 calls)
All EMS 911 Calls – Cardiac Arrest	Increased 24.7% (412 calls)
All EMS 911 Calls – Transports for MVCs	Decreased 54.5% (2,628 calls)

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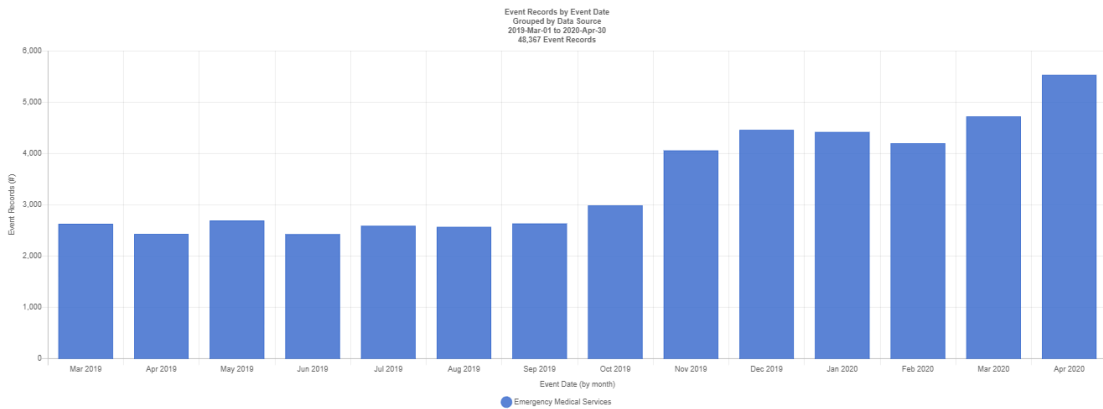
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## 911 Calls, Dead at Scene, No Resus Attempted April 2019 = 9,449; April 2020 = 14,046



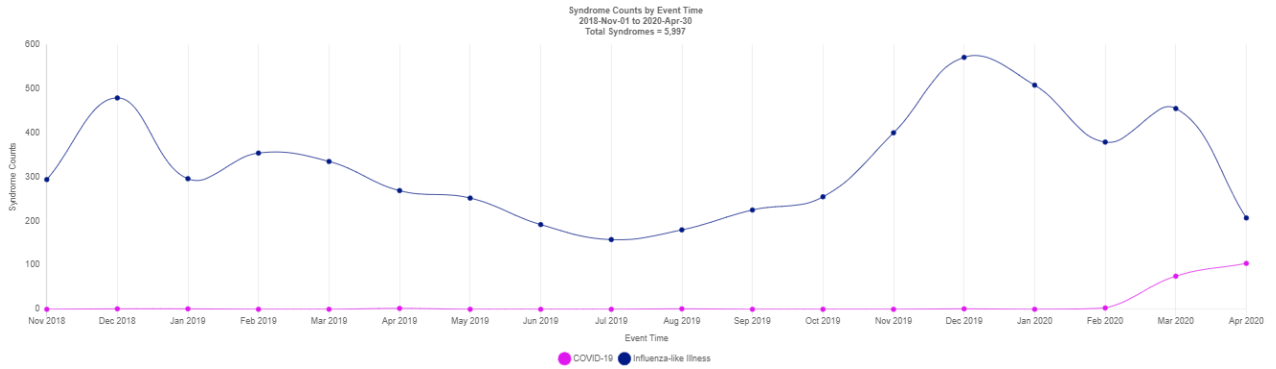
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## 911 Calls, Dead at Scene, Resus Attempted April 2019 = 2,433; April 2020 = 5,531



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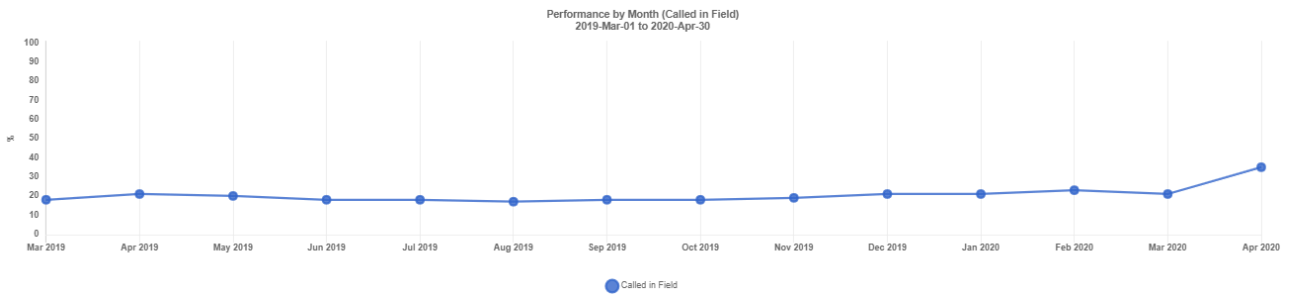
# 911 Calls, Pediatrics, Influenza Like Illness



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# 911 Calls, Cardiac Arrest, Called in Field



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**Temporary Emergency Guidance to STEMI Systems of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic: AHA's Mission: Lifeline**

*Running Title: STEMI Systems of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

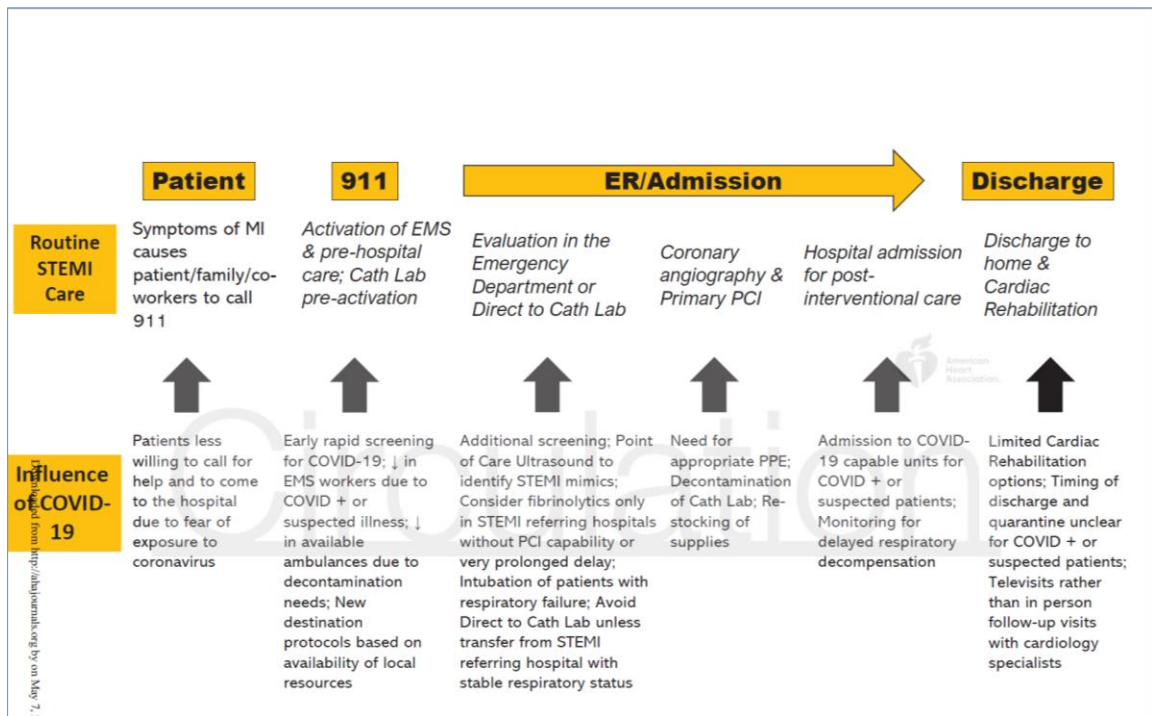
The American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Coronary Artery Disease Advisory Work Group and Mission: Lifeline Program;  
The American Heart Association's Council on Clinical Cardiology;  
The American Heart Association's Council on Clinical Cardiology's Committee on Acute Cardiac Care and General Cardiology Committee;  
The American Heart Association's Council on Clinical Cardiology's Committee Interventional Cardiovascular Care Committee

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## Biospatial Training

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- Friday, 5/15/2020 @ Noon
- We will email information out soon!

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## Pearson Vue/NREMT

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- NREMT is instituting remote proctoring EMT and AEMT

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## New Normal

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- This is not over...do not let your guard down

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## Questions?

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- Stay healthy and stay safe!

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