Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19

David Newton / Friday, 5/8/2020

Agenda

- Operations:
  - Reminders
  - Testing
  - Provisional Licenses
  - Biospatial
  - Pearson Vue/NREMT
  - Questions
Reminders

- 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
- 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](https://dph.georgia.gov).


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.
Provisional Licenses – Converting to Traditional

- 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

Biospatial Tool

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<td>Decreased 54.5% (2,628 calls)</td>
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911 Calls, Dead at Scene, No Resus Attempted
April 2019 = 9,449; April 2020 = 14,046

911 Calls, Dead at Scene, Resus Attempted
April 2019 = 2,433; April 2020 = 5,531
911 Calls, Pediatrics, Influenza Like Illness

911 Calls, Cardiac Arrest, Called in Field
Biospatial Training

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

Pearson Vue/NREMT

- NREMT is instituting remote proctoring EMT and AEMT
New Normal

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

Questions?

- Stay healthy and stay safe!