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NOTE

- *This meeting is for EMS agencies and EMS educational programs only.*
- *If you are a member of the media or the general public, you are asked to disconnect from this call/WebEx immediately.*

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Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19

OEMS / Friday, 5/15/2020



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Agenda

- Reminders
- COVID-19 Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Provisional Licenses
- Biospatial training today!
- Agency Survey
- Scope of practice
- EMSMDAC
- Waivers
- EMS Week
- Questions

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Reminders

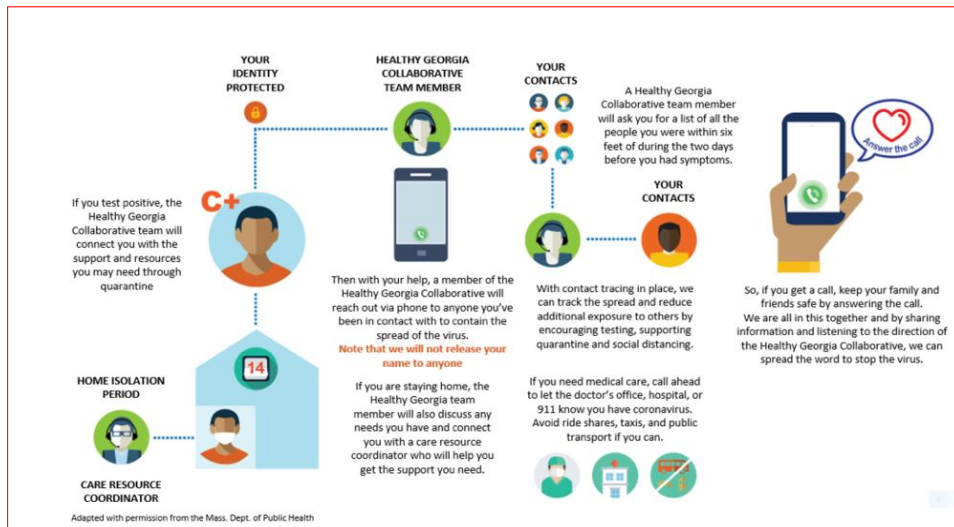
- OEMS Updates on our website – www.ems.ga.gov
 - Not all updates are emailed out – some are posted on the OEMS COVID-19 page
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/oems-covid-19>
- EMS Personnel → Put your email in LMS; Agencies, remind medics to login to LMS
- EMS Agencies → Update rosters and Key Personnel
- 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

COVID-19 Testing

- <https://dph.georgia.gov/>



Contact Tracing



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Provisional Licenses – Converting to Traditional

- For those with provisional licenses, an application should be available in the coming weeks (delayed for right now) 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 Training

- Today @ Noon
- If you registered on LMS, you received an email yesterday evening about registering for the WebEx call today.
- To get credit:
 - Must enter your License number
 - Must attend on the WebEx (won't get credit if just on the phone call)

Agency Survey

- We will be sending out a quick survey in the next week or so to each EMS agency – questions will be about you:
 - Protocols
 - Readiness
 - Knowledge

Scope of Practice – no RSI

Pharmacological Interventions/Skills	Levels				Interpretive Guidelines
3. Advanced pharmacological skills: Medication/Fluids Administration (continued)					
I. Paralytic administration				P*	<p><u>Administration of paralytics for DAI/RSI is NOT permitted</u> unless an agency has obtained written approval from the Office of EMS and Trauma.</p> <p>Paramedics are only authorized to use non-depolarizing paralytics to maintain the paralysis of already intubated patients during interfacility transports if approved by the local EMS Medical Director.</p>

EMSMDAC – Monthly meeting

- On the EMS Medical Directors Advisory Council (EMSMDAC) Call last month, the medical directors agreed that EMSMDAC should begin to meet monthly to discuss any issues that come up regarding COVID-19 or other topics of interest. The meeting is a time for Medical Directors for all EMS agency types to share best practices and concerns.
- **WebEx Information:**
 - Date/Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2020, @ 11am
 - Join by Computer
 - Meeting link: <https://gdph.webex.com/gdph/j.php?MTID=mc5e966b09791bee8d35b5d172d2db436>
 - Meeting number: 713 691 193
 - Password: XkN7wt459sB
 - Join by phone
 - +1-408-418-9388 United States Toll
 - Access code: 713 691 193

Waivers

- Several questions have come up about waivers...
- There are NO waivers on file at OEMS
- If you *think* you have a waiver for something, contact David Newton
- In order to have a waiver – it must come from the Director of the Office of EMS and Trauma on official letterhead

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EMS Week – Next week!

- May 17-23, 2020, is the 46th annual National EMS Week.
 - In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities.
- Daily theme:
 - **Monday** - EMS Education Day
 - **Tuesday** - Safety Tuesday
 - **Wednesday** - EMS for Children Day
 - **Thursday** - Save-A-Life Day (CPR & Stop the Bleed)
 - **Friday** - EMS Recognition Day



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Questions?

- Stay healthy and stay safe!