Please

- Type questions in the chat box
- MUTE your lines

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.*
Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19

OEMS / Friday, 5/15/2020

Agenda

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

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
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:
  o Must enter your License number
  o 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 your:
  o Protocols
  o Readiness
  o Knowledge
Scope of Practice – no RSI

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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](https://gdph.webex.com/gdph/j.php?MTID=mc5e966b09791bee8d35b5d172d2db436)
    - Meeting number: 713 691 193
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    - +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

EMS Week – Next week!

• May 17-23, 2020, is the 46th annual National EMS Week.
  o 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:
  o Monday - EMS Education Day
  o Tuesday - Safety Tuesday
  o Wednesday - EMS for Children Day
  o Thursday - Save-A-Life Day (CPR & Stop the Bleed)
  o Friday - EMS Recognition Day
Questions?

- Stay healthy and stay safe!