Office of EMS and Trauma – Friday, 4/3/2020

Reminders
- OEMS Updates on our website – www.ems.ga.gov
- Make sure Emails are up-to-date in LMS for all your personnel
- Agencies must update rosters

Post Licensure Skills Extension – now 1/1/21
- The Scope of Practice for EMS personnel section on Post-Licensure Skills had an original date of compliance of 7/1/2020 – this has now been pushed to 1/1/2021

PPE
- Requests
  - Get the information from your Regional EMS Director
- Guidelines
  - Conservation methods are critical!
- Agencies should have a plan in place if SNS supplies are not available

Updates to OEMS COVID-19 Webpage
- Not all updates are emailed out – some are posted on the OEMS COVID-19 page


EMS Educational/Licensing Pipeline
- NR
  - Provisional Certifications
  - Extension of Expiration Dates
  - Removal of Max Distance Learning
  - NR now allowing Psychomotor exams (decision at the local level)
- Pearson Vue*
  - Some testing centers are open – candidates can check status when they go to the website and search for a testing site
- Fingerprints*
  - Some are open – may have to drive further than normal

*Governor’s Executive Order may affect this

Epidemiology
- Moderate to Widespread Community Transmission
- Isolation Sites are up and running in the state
- Testing sites are continuing to swab

Protocols
- Modified response modes
  - Everyone shouldn’t go in at the same time
- 911 Center Protocols
  - Minor S/S – guiding those callers to calling physician’s offices or Urgent Cares
- Refusals
  - Medical Directors and Directors setting guidance on:
- Refusing to respond situations
- Refusing transport situations

- STEMI/Stroke with + COVID patient considerations
- Resuscitation efforts
  - Discussions at every level (local, regional, state, nationally)
- Response to nursing homes, interfacility transfers, and other high population locations
  - Have them bring patient to you