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 Workforce Options - https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/covid-19-workforce

EMS Educational/Licensing Pipeline

- NR
 - o 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*
 - o Some are open may have to drive further than normal

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
 - o 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:

^{*}Governor's Executive Order may affect this

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