Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday, 01/08/2021

Agenda

• Epidemiology Report
• Vaccine Updates
• Operational Updates
• Questions
Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 01/07/2021

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<th>Hospitalizations</th>
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Antigen Positive Cases: 113,762
Probable Deaths: 1,130

COVID-19 Testing:

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<th>PCR/Molecular Reported Today</th>
<th>Total Antibody (Serology)</th>
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<td>5,569,613</td>
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<td>Number of Positive Tests</td>
<td>581,928</td>
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<td>% Positive</td>
<td>10.4%</td>
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Cases Over Time (By date of onset)

Reported cases per 100,000 people last 14 days - as of 01/07/2021

Georgia - January 07
Cases (last 2 weeks): 76,306
Cases per 100k (last 2 weeks): 723
Cases (total): 609,868
Cases per 100k (total): 5629
Population: 10,833,472
Phase 1a Vaccinations of Healthcare Workers

Initial Phase 1a Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as of December 3, 2020:

ACIP recommended that, when a COVID-19 vaccine is authorized by FDA and recommended by ACIP, both 1) health care personnel and 2) residents of long-term care facilities (LTCFs) be offered vaccination in the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program (Phase 1a).

Next Steps:

- EMS, under current ACIP recommendations, is considered part of Phase 1a.
- Fire and Law Enforcement are part of 1a+ as of 1/11/2021
- Please contact your district public health emergency preparedness section for information regarding first responder vaccination planning.
Who can give vaccines?

- EMT-Intermediates (PHE only)
- Advanced EMTs (PHE only)  
  - Includes students
- Cardiac Technicians (PHE only)
- Paramedics  
  - Includes students

Before you give a vaccine, get trained!

EMTs cannot give vaccines

- But they can sure help at a vaccine site!
Executive Order 01.07.21.02

- Permitting Emergency Medical Technicians-Intermediates, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, and Cardiac Technicians to administer vaccinations to support the response to COVID-19

**Ordered:**

That any provision of the laws or regulations of this state, including but not limited to Code Sections 31-11-53 and 31-11-55, that prohibits Emergency Medical Technicians and Cardiac Technicians from administering vaccinations, is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to permit Georgia licensed Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediates, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, and Cardiac Technicians to administer vaccinations under the order of a Georgia licensed physician to support the response to COVID-19. Any such vaccine administration shall be in accordance with the Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines.

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We are interested, now what?

- Contact your health district (EC)
- EMS Agencies
- EMS Educational Programs
  - Can give clinical credit for skills/hours
Health Districts

- https://dph.georgia.gov/about-dph/contact-dph/public-health-districts

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Public Health Districts

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) funds, and collaborates with, 18 separate public health districts throughout the state. Each is comprised of one or more of Georgia's 159 counties and county health departments.

Click on a district below to visit the district's website. Download the most recent District Directory in .pdf format [here].

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Questions

- Epidemiology
- Vaccinations
Calculated COVID-19 Syndrome – 3/10/2020 – 01/08/2021, AL, FL, GA

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EMS Operational Updates

Reminders

- As of 1/08/2020:
  - 2,710 (-232 in last month) Medics without email addresses!

- Renewal season is here!
  - 15,100 still to renew
- Agencies MUST have current rosters.

- There is NO excuse for having out-of-date rosters and NO excuse for saying “I didn’t know that medic had expired”
**CLIA and BinaxNOW**

- **CLIA**
  - All EMS Agencies are required to have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver
  - "Waived" tests REQUIRE a CLIA Certificate of Waiver

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**How to check your CLIA status**

Search for a CLIA Laboratory

This website provides a listing of CLIA laboratories and other facilities that are certified by the United States Government Department of Health and Human Services under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88). 42 U.S.C. 263a(b) to perform laboratory testing as of the Data Source Date listed below. The certificate type listed corresponds to the complexity of the testing that can be performed by the laboratory.

This website provides demographic information about laboratories, including CLIA number, facility name and address, where the laboratory is located, the type of CLIA certificate, and the date the certificate expires. This list is updated monthly and represents the information in the system at the time of update. For additional information about a particular laboratory, contact the appropriate State Agency or Regional Office.

To search for a facility, please enter a Facility Name (full or partial name) or a CLIA Identification Number. Select a State, or enter a zip code (full or partial zip code with * replacing missing number(s), such as 222**).

Notes: Search is only available for Active CLIA laboratories.

If it is good:

**CLIA Laboratory Details**

Note: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CLIA certifications expiring extended to 31 December 2020.

CLIA Identification Number: [Redacted]
Facility Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]

Phone Number: [Redacted]
Certificate Effective Date: 10/30/2020
Certificate Expiration Date: 10/29/2022
Facility Type: Ambulance
BinaxNOW

- [https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/binaxnow-ems](https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/binaxnow-ems)
- Data portal for reporting results is up and running
- Request an allocation through LMS
- You can test:
  - Your staff (clinical and non-clinical)
  - Other public safety personnel in your area
- You MUST report ALL tests (positive, negative, inconclusive)

Georgia Coordinating Center

- Liaison Position open:
- We will be updating the list of hospitals covered by the GCC
  - Will include more than Region 3
  - You MUST call the GCC if you are transporting to one of these hospitals
  - We will be scheduling trainings for:
    - EMS Agencies who would be using the GCC
    - Hospitals who are served by the GCC
Wall Times ("Patient Offload Times")

- **Patient Offload**: is the difference in minutes between the time of the patient arrival at destination (eTimes.11) and the time of patient transfer of care (eTimes.12).
- **Starts**: Arrival at Destination

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- **Ends**: Time of Patient Transfer

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Turn-around times ("Back in Service")

- **Back in Service**: is the difference in minutes between the time of the patient arrival at destination (eTimes.11) and the time of unit back in service (eTimes.13).
- **Starts**: Arrival at Destination

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- **Ends**: Time of Patient Transfer

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Post Licensure Skills

• EMSMDAC will be discussing on Tuesday, 1/12/2021

EMS Retirement Certificates

Some exciting news...

In 2021...

- EMS Classroom!
- No user # limit
- Agencies can put on their own content:
  - Documents
  - Tests/Quizzes
  - Interactive Courses
Classes we will be creating...

• EMS Education:
  o Instructors (e.g., Annual instructor updates, GA specific modules for new instructors)
  o Initial Education Program Directors (e.g., New Program Director orientation)
  o New EMS Educational Program Medical Director training
  o Initial EMS Education Preceptor Training
  o License Management System use (initial licensure, renewals, course requests, etc)

• Councils (EMSAC/EMSDAC/STAC/REMSACS):
  o Training for new council members
  o Open meetings and open records requirements
  o Conflict of Interest training
  o Zoning 101

• Systems of Care (Trauma/Burn/Stroke/Cardiac/Perinatal/Maternal):
  o New Program Manager, Program Medical Director, Program Registrar Trainings
  o Annual updates to quarterly reports and data dictionaries

Classes we will be creating...

• Emergency Preparedness:
  o Georgia-Specific Infectious Disease Control and Infectious Disease Network training
  o Coastal Evacuation Planning

• Medics:
  o Scope of practice updates
  o Data reporting requirements
  o Clinical and epidemiology education programs (such as COVID-19, MIS-C, Opiate Clusters, etc)
  o License Management System use (initial licensure, renewals, etc.)

• EMS Agencies:
  o Medical Directors (e.g., New EMS Agency Medical Director training)
  o EMS Data Managers (e.g., New EMS Data Manager training, schematron updates)
Next OEMS Meetings/Updates

• EMSMDAC
  o Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 2pm-4pm (next week)

• Epidemiology and Operational Updates
  o Q1 CY2021 updates – 2nd Fridays @ 11am (times may vary)
    ▪ February 12, 2021
    ▪ March 12, 2021

• Instructor Updates
  o All EMS Initial Education Program Directors should attend
  o Recommended that all Instructor/Coordinators attend as well
  o Friday, 12/11/2020 @ 11am (~1 hour)
  o Q1 CY2021 updates – 4th Friday @ 11am (times may vary)
    ▪ January 22, 2021
    ▪ February 26, 2021
    ▪ March 26, 2021

Questions? And Open Discussion