1. **OEMS Updates on the website** ([www.ems.ga.gov](http://www.ems.ga.gov)) – link to OEMS COVID-19 Page is on the top of the page  
   a. COVID-19 info updated daily  
   b. for all first responders

2. **Make sure all providers have an up to date email address in LMS!**  

3. **PPE**  
   a. Requests from agencies  
      i. everyone should have received email (from EMA or regional coalition) with link to form to put in PPE requests  
   b. filled from state warehouse  
   c. regional office will notify you when it’s ready to be picked up in your zone/region  
   d. 2 shipments/wk going out from warehouse  

4. **Extension of expiration dates**  

5. **Modification of response modes for multi-unit responses**  
   a. if normal response to 911 calls was multi-unit previously, state supports it being tiered or reduced now  
      i. work with medical director to establish local guidelines  
      ii. this also reduces usage of PPE b/c less responders making pt contact and/or entering the scene

6. **Continuity Plan**  
   a. state wants agencies to have staffing continuity plans in place  
   b. whether it’s overtime or otherwise

7. **EMS Educational Pipeline**  
   a. NREMT extended expiration dates for this year: 3/31 ---> 6/30  
   b. NREMT waived the limit on distance learning hours  
   c. GA does not have limit on distance learning hours  
   d. Pearson Vue sites shut down  
      i. NREMT evaluating how to proceed  
   e. NREMT has stopped all practical exams for initial certifying (but not CBT requirement)  
   f. NR is not “waiving” it but creating a provisional certification  
   g. GA is working to create a provisional licensure  
      i. just can’t renew it later  
      ii. state website will say “certified – provisional”

8. **Questions/Answers (next page)**
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| Can skills also be completed thru simulation?                           | • up to 50% of skills can be completed thru simulation  
• with approval from 1) EMS Program Director, 2) EMS Program Medical Director, 3) EMS Advisory Committee  
and let Regional Training Coordinator  
• clinical sites: contact regional program dir to discuss (clinical are still required)  
• state is fine with students still doing clinicals  
who’s responsibility is it to provide PPE to student?  
Can we change the delivery method of our educ (go online/virtual)?  
Can we change the length of the course (earlier or later end date, compressed material, etc.)?  
Will clinical hour requirements be reduced?  
Can EMT courses meet for labs?  
Can new classes start?  
Can licensed MFR agencies refuse to run calls?  
Regarding Exposures:  
How are agencies being notified of possible positive exposures?  
Have any EMS workers tested positive for COVID-19? | review contract/MOU with site for that answer  
With approval from 1) EMS Program Director, 2) EMS Program Medical Director, 3) EMS Advisory Committee and let Regional Training Coordinator  
NO, especially not if they are requested. But work with transport agency to come up with a plan.  
• On OEMS website, go to link “Risk assessment for HCP with potential exposure to COVID-19”  
• Agencies should be working with medical director and on a case by case basis for possible exposures, and regarding quarantine v. not, etc.  
• Hospital should be notifying agencies/crews  
  o CREW MUST LEAVE PAPERWORK in order for hospital to know who ran the call!  
  o Transport agency should make sure to include MFRs who ran the call  
• See OEMS website/emails for the “EMS Quick Report” form to use if your agency doesn’t have its own short form  
• GA OEMS NEW REQUIREMENT: ePCRs must be submitted to GEMSIS within 24 hours of call completion  
• software vendors have been notified by OEMS  
• Hospital Hub: Make sure hospitals know they can use this. They apply for access, and are vetted/approved by state.  
• IMPORTANT: Data entry – hospital destinations codes are incorrect with some agencies/vendors. Check this!  
unknown unless agency notifies OEMS (Governor addressed this in press conf as well) |
| Trouble Completing Clinicals: | • DPH: Nurses at SPOCS (specimen point of collection sites) are interested in having students help with assessment and specimen collection! (Clinical Hours)  
• Contact Regional EMS Director if can’t find EMS agency for field internship hours |
| Are there thoughts on letting non-EMS certified personnel drive EMS vehicle? | OEMS is considering this but nothing yet – we are not to the point of needing this yet |
| Question about whether or not GA OEMS has protocol for dispatch centers | No - OEMS doesn’t regulate dispatch centers |
| COVID-19 testing? | DPH sent notices to all physicians in GA with guidance on how to refer pt’s for testing (so medical directors received this email as well) |