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

PPE

- Requests (ReadyOp form to complete PPE requests) – check with your Regional EMS Director
- Guidelines – please follow latest CDC, DPH and OEMS Guidelines on PPE use and optimization

WebEOC Survey

- More information to come on this

Extension of Expiration Dates

- As of 3/27/2020
- Just a few days left! Must renew or extend before 4/1/2020

Emergency Rule 511-9-2-0.2-.20 Emergency Medical Services Rules for COVID-19 Response

- EMS Workforce
- Temporary License
- Provisional License
- Reinstatement
- Air Ambulance Staffing
- Ground Ambulance Staffing
- Data Reporting Requirements

Temporary License (will expire on 6/30/2020)

- **Who is eligible?**
  - Currently licensed in *good standing* in another U.S. State or Territory
  - A person previously licensed in GA with a 2017 (2,574), 2018 (808), 2019 (1,773) or 2020 expiration date

- **NOTES:**
  - Must be sponsored by an EMS Agency, hospital, or acute care medical facility
  - No charge for license application
  - “Good Standing” as used in this rule refers to a license that is unrestricted, not on probation or suspension and is not currently under investigation and has had no adverse actions taken against that are still in effect.
  - Will expire on 6/30/2020

Provisional License

- Due to social distancing requirements, NR has cancelled all Psychomotor exam (AEMT, Paramedic), and therefore has instituted a policy to issue provisional certification to those who pass CBT

- **Notes:**
  - Same fee, $75
  - Background check still required
  - Expiration Date will be set to NR provisional cert expiration date
  - Not-renewable → must convert to full license before expiration date
Reinstatement – must be done by 6/30/2020

- **Who is eligible?**
  - Previously licensed in GA in good standing with a 2017 (2,574), 2018 (808), or 2019 (1,773) expiration date

- **NOTES:**
  - Same fee as normal, $75
  - Background check still required
  - Current BLS (all levels) and ACLS (CT or Paramedic)
  - Expiration date will be 3/31/2022
  - Full license = Renewable

**Air Ambulance & Ground Ambulance**

- No more than 1 temporary license on the transport
- **Ground Ambulance**
  - Either 2 medics (only 1 can have temporary license) OR 1 medic and 1 RN/PA/MD/DO (only 1 can have temporary license)
  - During significant staffing shortage, a ground ambulance agency may request to allow a firefighter or peace officer be the driver

**Data Reporting Requirements for EMS Agencies**

- Dispatch Log – with the following data, when applicable
  - Date call received;
  - Time call received;
  - Source of call;
  - Call back telephone number;
  - Location of Pt;
  - Apparent problems;
  - Unit and crew dispatched and time of dispatch;
  - Time arrived at scene;
  - Time left scene;
  - Time arrived at transferring facility;
  - Time left transferring facility;
  - Time arrived at Pt's destination or receiving facility; and
  - Destination of Pt.

**Electronic Pt Care Reports**

- Crews (medics, RN, etc) are required to complete the ePCR themselves before the end of their current work shift
- Agencies must submit to GEMSIS Elite within 24 hours of call completion
- Data must be valid and accurate
- Agencies must correct failed imports (this is not considered a failure of the software)
- Agencies must use the correct destination codes
- Software/Hardware failures must be submitted to OEMS within 12 hours, and kept on a log; once failure is corrected, must submit within 24 hours
- Must have a narrative that describes the “story” – can’t just say “see nurses note” or “see chart”
Abbreviated PCRs

- If agency can get full ePCR (electronic, faxed, printed) to the hospital before the crew leaves, that is perfect
- ...if they can’t, then the crew is required to leave an abbreviated PCR at the hospital before they depart the facility, and it must contain the following elements:
  - Pt first name, last name, gender, and date of birth;
  - EMS Agency name & incident #, crew members that transported
  - Date/Time when the call was received
  - Date/Time when the transporting unit arrived on scene, left the scene and arrived at the destination
  - Date/Time when the Pt was injured, last known to be well, had ROSC
  - Date/Time of FMC
  - List of other first responder agencies;
  - Pt H&PE, C/C, Tx
  - Any other information available to the EMS Agency that is necessary for the continued care of the Pt at the receiving facility.

Quick Report Form

- Posted on www.ems.ga.gov in both Excel and PDF formats
- Meets the minimum abbreviated PCR requirements

Personnel Roster

- EMS Agencies must submit additions to their roster of any driver (excluding helicopter pilots), medic, nurse, physician assistant or physician prior to the person being permitted to staff an ambulance or medical first responder vehicle
- EMS Agencies must submit deletions or modifications to their roster within 96 hours of the employment status change.
- Help us help you!

Emergency Administrative Order

- dph.georgia.gov, and scroll down

EMS Educational/Licensing Pipeline

- NR (see NREMT COVID-19 page)
  - Provisional Certifications
  - Extension of Expiration Dates
  - Removal of Max Distance Learning
- 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

Next call – Friday, April 3, 2020 @ 11am – contact your Regional EMS Director for the login/call-in information.