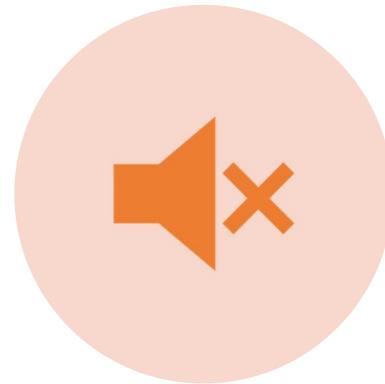


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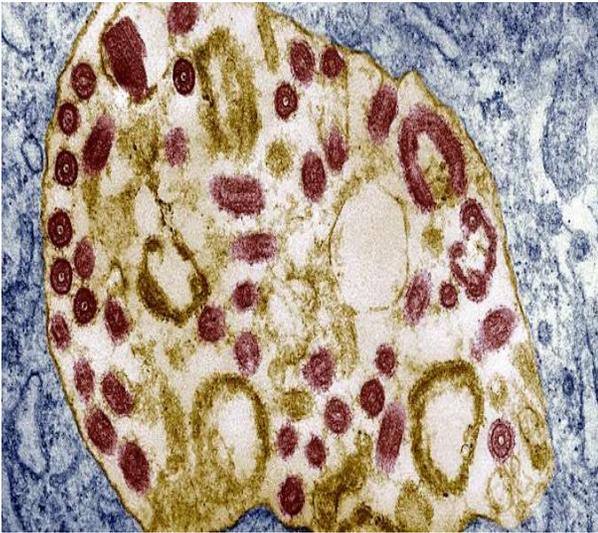


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Epidemiology Update, 4/21/2023

Cherie L. Drenzek DVM, MS/State Epidemiologist

Marburg Virus Disease Outbreaks



- [Marburg virus disease](#) is a rare but highly fatal viral hemorrhagic fever caused by 2 filoviruses closely related to Ebola viruses.
- The animal reservoir for Marburg virus is the Egyptian fruit bat.
- Discovered in 1967, outbreaks have occurred among lab workers, cave explorers, mostly in Africa.
- Symptoms and transmission of Marburg virus disease is similar to Ebola (blood, body fluids, contaminated bedding, funerals, etc.)
- Marburg has a very high case fatality rate—from 24-88%
- Case identification and isolation, contact tracing/quarantine, and infection prevention are critical.

Marburg Virus Disease



- In February and March 2023, [two distinct outbreaks of Marburg virus](#) were reported in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania (first time ever). No links between the two.
- In Tanzania, so far there have been 8 confirmed cases (5 fatal) and 1 probable case. All were linked epidemiologically, appears controlled.
- In Equatorial Guinea, so far there have been 16 confirmed cases (11 fatal) and 23 probable cases, many among healthcare workers
- This outbreak is of high concern to WHO because it is not well controlled, there is limited surveillance and many chains of transmission.

Marburg Virus Outbreak, Equatorial Guinea, 2023

- The outbreak began in rural districts, but the most recent cases have been reported from the country's commercial capital, Bata.
- The presence of confirmed cases in Bata increases the risk of disease spread, as it is the most populated city and economic hub of Equatorial Guinea, with an international airport and port.
- The risk of travel-associated spread to other countries (including the US) was initially thought to be very low but may be increasing now.



Marburg Virus Outbreak, Equatorial Guinea: US/Georgia Response

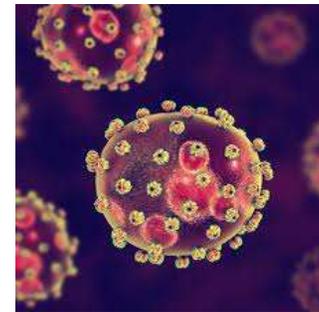
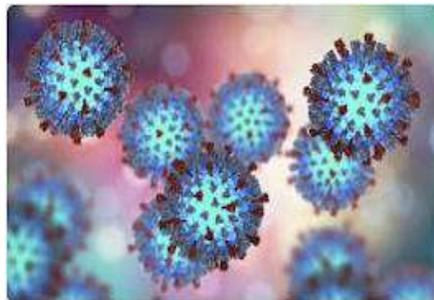
- The number of travelers from Equatorial Guinea to the US is very low
- No airport funneling as with Ebola outbreaks
- CDC is not recommending active monitoring of travelers from Equatorial Guinea as of now, but rather passive outreach/self monitoring.
- Georgia DPH receives contact information for any travelers that have arrived here (CDC responders too).
- We send them information about Marburg and tell them to call 1-866-PUB-HLTH if ill (~65 so far).
- Leverage strong infrastructure and partnerships built during Ebola—the Georgia IDN!





Identify, Isolate, Inform

1-866-PUB-HLTH



Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

April 21, 2023

OEMST Position Updates

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OEMST Position Updates

GEMIS System Administrator

- Position posted application accepted until April 23rd
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/georgiadph/jobs/3985600/gemis-system-administrator>

Trauma System Coordinator

- Position in selection process

Stroke System Coordinator

- Position in selection process

Region 5 Training Coordinator

- Position in selection process

Part time – Region 3 Safety and Compliance Specialist

- Position will be posted in coming weeks

Workforce Numbers

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Number of Licensees as of 04/21/2023

Level	As of 01/01/2023	As of 04/01/2023	As of 4/21/2023
EMT-Responder	311	357	363
EMT	6,391	5,819	5,925
EMT-Intermediate	4,804	4,126	4,160
Advanced EMT	5,221	4,997	5,114
Cardiac Technician	27	23	23
Paramedic	9,102	8,502	8,574
TOTAL	25,856	23,824	24,158

EMS Personnel License Renewal

Kelly Joiner

Personnel License Renewal

Lapsed-Failed to Renew that are eligible to late renew – **2,417** (As of 4/21/2023)

Late Georgia Medic Renewal application available until **September 30, 2023**.

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- Late fee and license renewal fee, \$150.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

EMS Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator Late Renewal

Late renewal period is now open until **June 30th, 2023**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from 1/1/2020 – 6/30/2023

Late fee and license renewal fee, \$50.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Capnography for AEMTs

Richard Rhodes

National Scope of Practice - Capnography

- GA Scope of Practice is being updated to include utilization of Capnography at the AEMT level.
- All AEMTs will be required to complete Capnography training that has been posted to TRAINGA before their next license renewal.
- Any EMS agency that will allow AEMTs to utilize Capnography within the Agency's protocols must ensure that all AEMT personnel have completed the required training.



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TRAIN Georgia

Richard Rhodes

TRAIN Georgia Email

Good Afternoon,

If you have a TRAIN.org account you may have received the following email:

You have been assigned to a Training Plan

Dear **[FirstName] [LastName]**,

You have been assigned to a Training Plan in the TRAIN Learning Network.

['Georgia EMS CE'](#) has been added to your Learning Record.

To start your training plan, click on the title of the first course.

[Sample of Comments]

TRAIN Team

Georgia TRAIN

TRAIN Georgia Training Plan

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Announcements

TRAIN Courses Approved by Georgia OEMS

To find TRAIN courses approved by the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma, please go to [LMS](#) and on the left, click on Education. At the top of the page, where it says "Select Course Type", select "Continuing Education – TRAIN", and then click GO. You will find a list of courses on [TRAIN.org](#) that have already been reviewed by the Office of EMS and Trauma and approved for CEU. Click on the course of interest, and in the description, you will find the link on [TRAIN.org](#) for where to register for the course.

Courses completed on [TRAIN.org](#) that have been approved by the Office of

1 of 3

Notifications

- You have not yet **rated** [Challenges in Pediatric Trauma](#)
- It has been 48 hours since your email [confirmation was sent](#)

2 Notifications

Your Training Status

Hot Topics

- [GA EMS CE Training](#)
- [Opioid Issues](#)
- [Monkeypox](#)

Search

- [Courses](#)
- [Training Plans](#)
- [Events](#)

1 COURSE TO COMPLETE

1 TRAINING PLAN IN PROGRESS

No Certificates Obtained

A red arrow points to the "1 TRAINING PLAN IN PROGRESS" card in the "Your Training Status" section.

TRAIN Georgia Classes

TRAIN Georgia



HOME COURSE CATALOG YOUR LEARNING CALENDAR RESOURCES DISCUSSIONS ADMIN HELP



Georgia EMS CE Training

< Back

Not Completed ID 6391

Components

Name	Completed Date	Score	Hours	Status
Required EMS CE <small>Courses marked with asterisk are required</small>				
: * Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia			0.5h	Not Started
: * An Explanation of EtCO2 Monitoring and Clinical Application			1h	Not Started
Approved Georgia EMS CE <small>ALL courses out of this section are required</small>				
: 10X Student Learning Using Leadership Skills			1h	Not Started
: Transvenous Pacing			0.5h	Not Started
: Identifying and Responding to Abuse of the Elderly and Disabled: An Officer's Role			0.5h	Not Started
: Pressure Volume Loops			0.5h	Not Started
: Pediatric Basic Airway Management			0.5h	Not Started
: Wellstar Stroke Education with Dr. Zussman			1h	Not Started

Expiration Date Dec 31, 2024 11:59 PM EST

- 40 courses approved for EMS CE
- 27.45 CE hours
- Additional Courses being added weekly

To Correct TRAIN OEMS ID Number

Sign into your TRAIN Account:

1. Go to Your Profile (top right)
2. Click on your Georgia OEMS ID Number (left side)
3. Enter correct ID number
4. Click Save (top right)

The screenshot shows the TRAIN Georgia website interface. At the top right, the 'Your Profile' link is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '1.' pointing to it. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for 'Announcements' and 'Notifications'. The 'Your Profile' section is highlighted with a green header. On the left side of the profile page, the 'Georgia OEMS ID Number' field is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '2.' pointing to it. The input field for the ID number is also circled in red with a red arrow labeled '3.' pointing to it. At the top right of the profile page, the 'Save' button is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '4.' pointing to it. The page contains instructions for entering the Georgia OEMS ID Number, including links for license lookup and confirmation.

Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Reports

Kelly Joiner

GBI Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS)

GAPS is changing their fingerprint processing from Gemalto to Fieldprint.

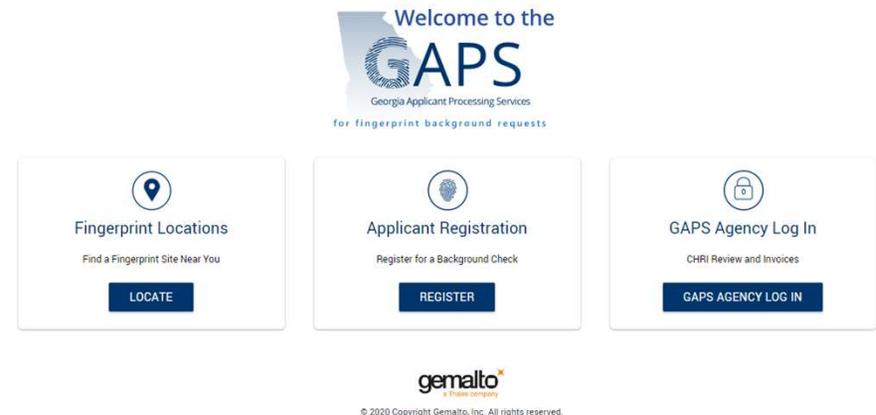
The transition will begin on April 26 – 28th

- The last day to register and pay for a Criminal Background Check utilizing the current vendor, is **April 25th by 3:00pm**
- The last day to complete and submit fingerprints once you have received approval from GAPS is **April 28th by 7:00pm**

The last day for licensing agencies to approve registrations for Thales fingerprint capture is April 27, 2023.
The last day for fingerprint capture under the Thales registration is April 28, 2023.
All open Thales registrations after April 28, 2023, will be issued a refund.

**Becoming a Requesting Agency

Effective April 29, 2023, Thales will no longer be the vendor for Georgia. Therefore, we are no longer accepting new agency request applications.
Effective May 1, 2023, the new vendor will be Fieldprint. Please visit the GCIC NCJ Blog for additional information at <http://gcicweb.gbi.state.ga.us/ncja/index.php>.



Welcome to the
GAPS
Georgia Applicant Processing Services
for fingerprint background requests

Fingerprint Locations
Find a Fingerprint Site Near You
LOCATE

Applicant Registration
Register for a Background Check
REGISTER

GAPS Agency Log In
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GAPS AGENCY LOG IN

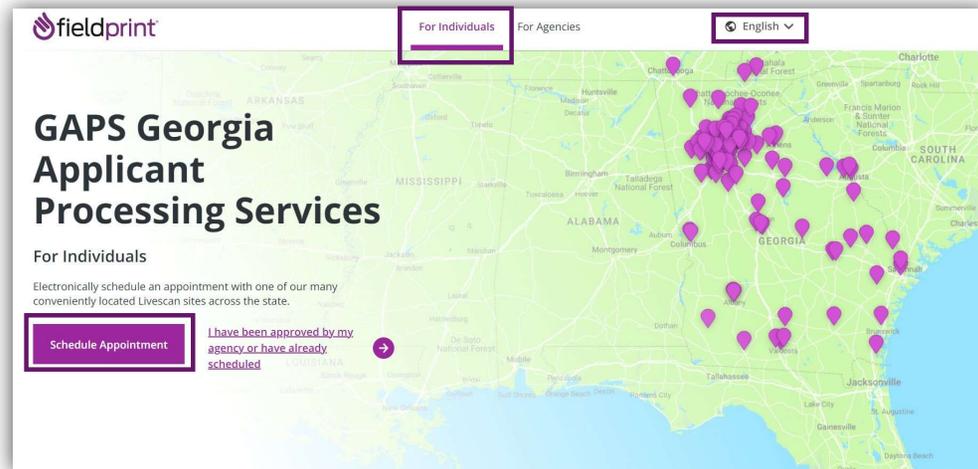
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GAPS - Fieldprint

GAPS-Fieldprint Registration site will be **available** starting April 29th

<https://www.fieldprintgeorgia.com>

Information, registration instructions and YouTube video link has been posted to the home page of the OEMST website



Naloxone for EMS Agencies

Kelly Joiner

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2023-Q3 EMS Naloxone Request Application
 - Q3: July - September
 - Application will open May 17th – 31st

Ambulance Offload Times

Kelly Joiner

Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)

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).

Biospatial: **Transport Dashboard** – Scroll down to 4th widget (filter box on left will let you adjust data filters)

Notes:

- etimes.11-**Patient Arrived at Destination** = The date/time the responding unit arrived with the patient at the destination or transfer point.
- etimes.12 – **Time of Patient Transfer of Care** = The date/time that patient care was transferred to the destination healthcare staff.
- Etimes.13 - Unit Back in Service Date/Time = The date/time the unit back was back in service and available for response (finished with call, but not necessarily back in home location).
- If arrival at destination (etimes.11) or time of patient transfer of care (etimes.12) is missing from the record, then APOT can't be computed, and the record will be counted in the "Not Reported" count

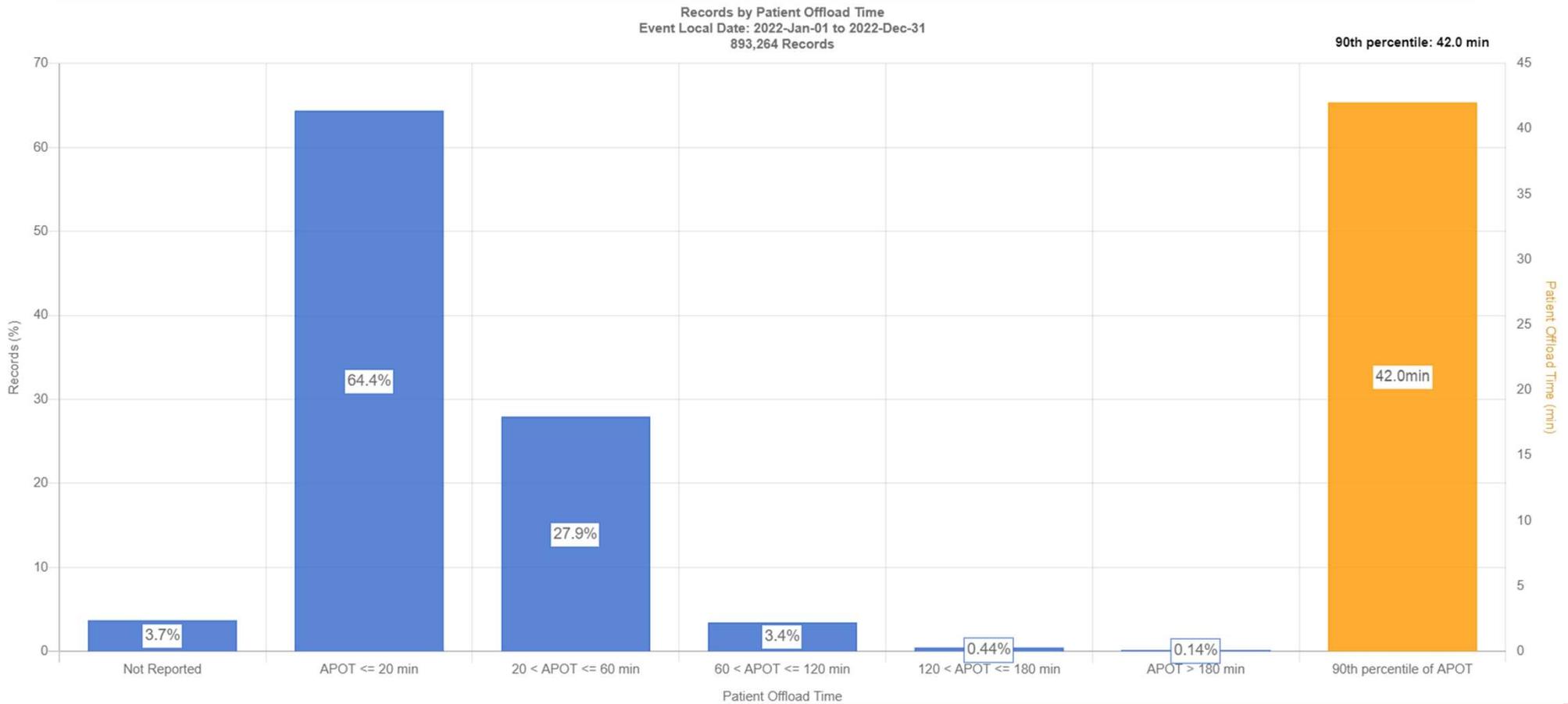
Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time (eTimes.12)

The date/time that patient care was transferred to the destination healthcare staff.

Data Element Comment

This was added to better document delays in ED transfer of care due to ED crowding or other issues beyond EMS control.

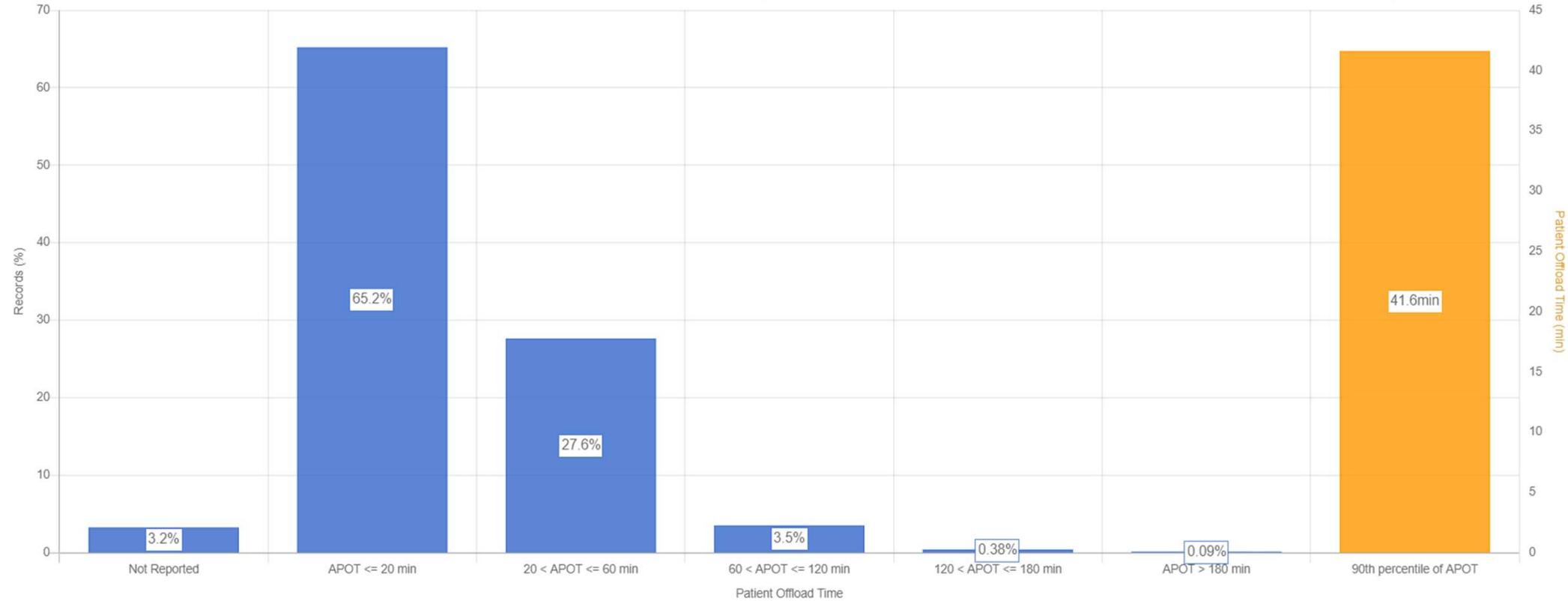
APOT: Calendar Year 2022



APOT: Jan – March 2023

Records by Patient Offload Time
Event Local Date: 2023-Jan-01 to 2023-Mar-31
224,025 Records

90th percentile: 41.6 min



New Data Policies

Dipti Patel

OEMST Data Policies

- OEMS-DM-2023-001:
EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy
- OEMS-VC-2023-002:
EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy

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> EMS Initial/Continuing Education

EMS Policies, Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia
[Official Code of Georgia Title 31, Chapter 11](#)
[Rules and Regulations Chapter 511-9-2](#)

EMS Data Compliance and ePCR Vendor Compliance Policies (Released April 2023)

- [OEMS-DM-2023-001 – EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy](#)
 - The intent of this policy is to specify the requirements for data compliance and reporting for all EMS Agencies currently licensed or seeking licensure by the Department. The new addition made to the policy is specified under sections 5.5-5.7. The policy will be in effect as of Monday, May 8, 2023.
- [OEMS-VC-2023-001 – EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy](#)
 - The intent of this policy is to specify the requirements, compatibility, and compliance of ePCR vendors for EMS responses from EMS Agencies in Georgia and the mandatory reporting requirements for NEMSIS v3.5 and all future NEMSIS versions. The policy will be in effect as of Monday, May 8, 2023.

EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy



Department of Public Health POLICY AND PROCEDURES EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy	Policy No.:	OEMS-DM-2023-001
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Policy No. OEMS-DM-2023-001

APPROVAL:		04/04/2023
	Michael Johnson, EMS Director	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to specify the requirements for data compliance and reporting for EMS Agencies.

What's new?

- All medics must be rostered in the agencies ePCR system properly. (Section 5.5)
- All ePCR systems must be configured & secured so that the medic license number or level may not be altered by anyone other than the EMS Agency System Administrator. (Section 5.6)

EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy



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Policy No. OEMS-VC-2023-001

APPROVAL:		April 10, 2023
	Michael Johnson, EMS Director	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to specify the requirements, compatibility, and compliance of ePCR vendors for EMS responses from EMS agencies in Georgia and the mandatory reporting requirements for NEMSIS v3.5 and all future NEMSIS versions.

What's New?

- Beginning with GEMSIS Elite v3.5 data reporting, all ePCR software vendors must be approved by Department to be utilized within Georgia's EMS system.

GEMISIS v3.5 Transition

Dipti Patel

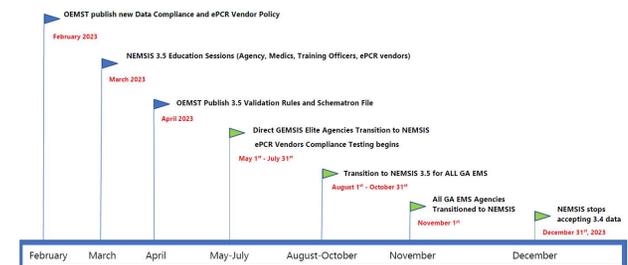
GEMSIS Elite v3.5 Transition

- EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy finalized, communicated and posted
- Currently testing Validation Rules
- Currently determining training dates for EMS Agency Directors and Data Managers. (Will have separate trainings for Medics)
 - GEMSIS Elite users to be switched over first
- ePCR Software Vendor compliance testing will begin once Validation Rules and Schematron File is published

OUR Promise:
Communicate
Educate
Support



Georgia Timeline for NEMESIS 3.5 Data Transition



- About DPH
- > Commissioner's Message
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 - Protocols and Scope of Practice
 - Post-Licensure Skills (PLS) for Paramedics
 - EMS Data (GEMSIS Elite, Biospatia)

Georgia Emergency Medical Services Information System (GEMSIS)

Georgia EMS Agencies

The Georgia Department of Public Health [Mandatory Reporting Requirements for EMS Agencies and Medics Rules and Regulations](#). All Georgia licensed EMS agencies (ground ambulance services, neonatal transport services, air ambulance services, and medical first responder services) must report EMS data using GEMSIS Elite v3.4.0 or any other NEMSIS-approved ePCR vendor software in order to be compliant.

Georgia will begin transitioning all EMS Agencies to NEMSIS version 3.5.0 beginning on **August 1, 2023**. Prior to transition, all ePCR vendors must complete and pass the GEMSIS Elite Validation (Compatibility) Process. Additional information will be provided to all EMS Agencies and ePCR vendors as we move further with the transition.

All licensed EMS Agencies must transition to NEMSIS v3.5 by **November 1, 2023**, at which time v3.4 data will no longer be accepted by Georgia. Please visit the tab below labeled "Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition" for the most up-to-date transition information.

For any questions, please contact us at gemsis@dph.ga.gov.

Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition ^

List of NEMSIS v3.5 resources that are available for our EMS Agencies and Medics. We will update this section on a frequent basis to assist with the transition.

- [Georgia Timeline for NEMSIS 3.5 Data Transition](#)
- [NEMSIS List of v3.5 Resources](#)
- [v3.5 Key Changes Flyer](#)
- [Why Move to v3.5?](#)

Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) Submission Requirements/Frequently Asked Questions v

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – May 16, 2023, at 10:00am

- (Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA)

EMS Education Consortium – June 8th, 2023, at 10:00 AM

- Virtual and in-person, Bartow Fire Department

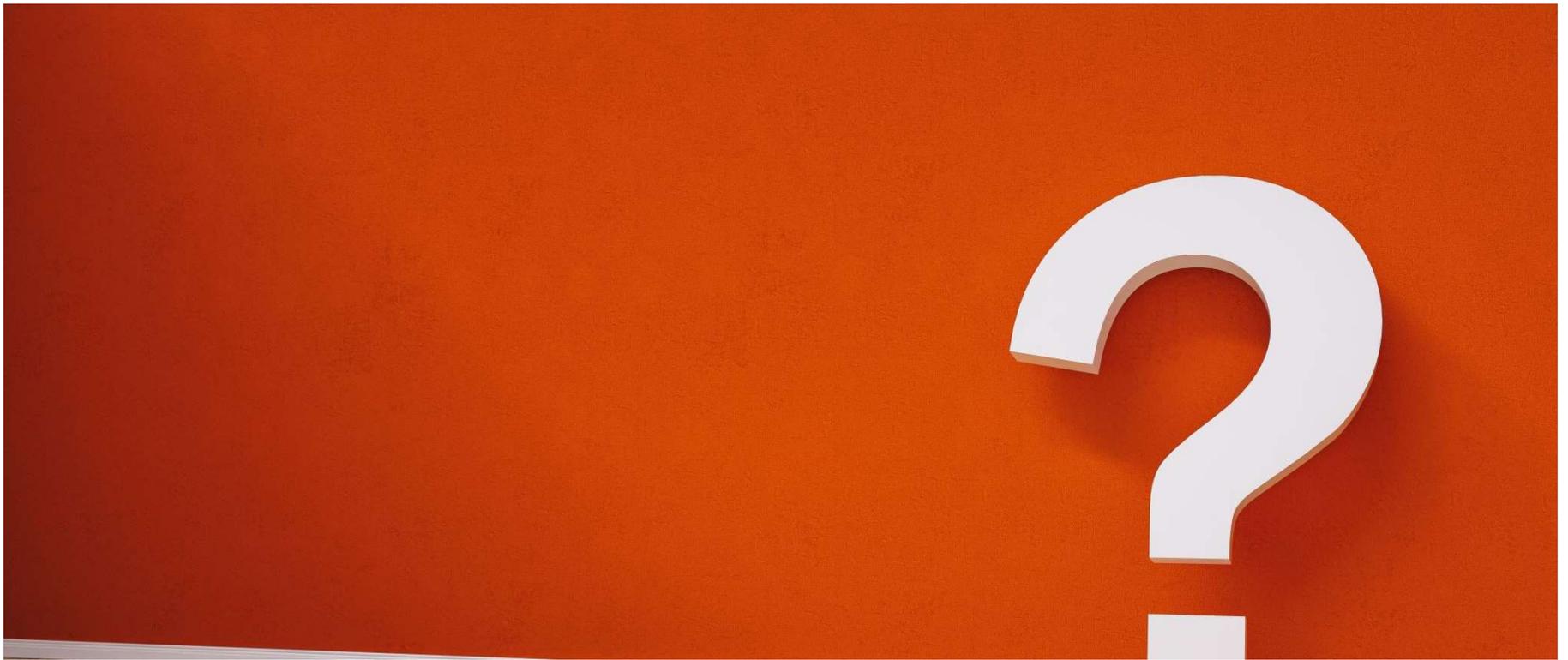
EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – July 2023

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notice-regional-and-statewide-meetings>

Regional Instructor Symposiums

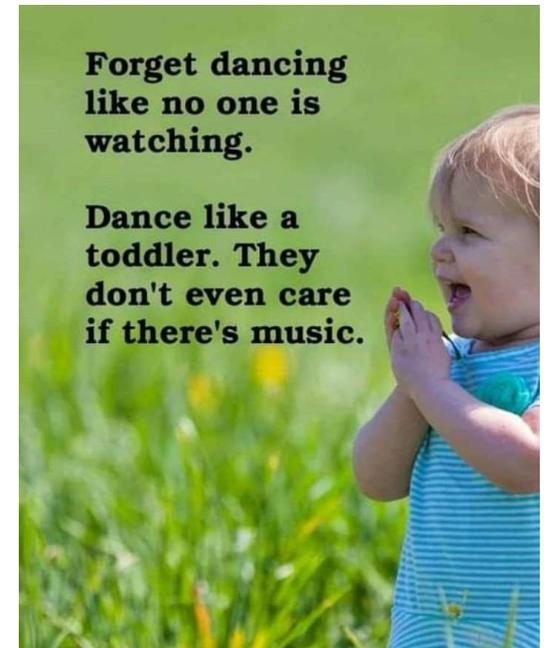
- April 21st – Columbus Technical College- Columbus – Region 07
- May 3rd – MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service – Marietta – Region 03
 - NREMT Representatives will be presenting in person and be available for Q/A at this Symposium
- June 8th – Bartow Fire/EMS – Region 01
- August 18th – Southern Regional Technical College – Moultrie - Region 08

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe
- Watch for emails



Have a **GREAT** Day and an even **GREATER** Weekend