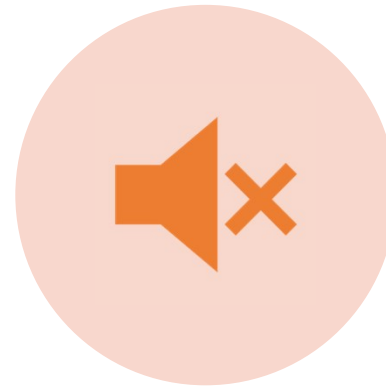


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State Epidemiologist Cherie L. Drenzek, DVM, MS

Georgia OEMST Update – Epidemiology Update

February 9, 2024

Health Alert: Measles (Rubela)



Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner / Brian Kemp, Governor

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 15th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3142

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Health Alert: Measles (Rubeola)

Georgia Department of Public Health Requests Reports of Suspect Measles Cases

Action Steps:

Local health departments: *Please forward to hospitals and clinics in your jurisdiction.*

Hospitals and clinics: *Please distribute to infectious disease doctors, infection preventionists, emergency department physicians, intensive care physicians, neurologists, radiologists, primary care providers, and pediatricians.*

Summary

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed a case of measles in a resident of the metro Atlanta area. DPH is working with identified locations that this individual visited while infectious (Jan. 7-15, 2024), to identify any persons that may have been exposed. The index patient acquired the virus while traveling abroad and historically, January through May is the peak time for importation of measles infections to the United States. Therefore, DPH urges healthcare providers to maintain heightened awareness for patients with symptoms compatible with measles.

Clinical Presentation

Measles is a highly contagious illness and is spread primarily person-to-person via aerosolized droplets. The incubation period is typically 10 to 12 days but can range from 4 to 21 days. Measles typically begins with a prodrome of stepwise increasing fever (often as high as 104-105° F) accompanied by cough, coryza, and/or conjunctivitis. Koplik spots (tiny red spots with bluish-white centers on the buccal mucosa), which are diagnostic for measles, may appear 2-3 days before the rash and fade 1-2 days later. As fever peaks on day 4-5, a maculopapular rash typically appears on the face along the hairline and behind the ears, and then progresses downward to the chest, back, and extremities. Within 4-5 days, the rash fades in the same order that it appeared.

Actions Requested of Healthcare Providers:

- Consider measles in persons with febrile rash illness and clinically compatible symptoms (cough, coryza, and/or conjunctivitis) and a history of recent international or domestic travel, exposure to international travelers, or exposure to a possible measles case.
- Isolate persons with suspected measles **IMMEDIATELY** (negative pressure room, if available). Patients should be managed in a manner that prevents disease spread in the healthcare setting
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/isolation-guidelines-H.pdf>
- Obtain appropriate clinical specimens. Laboratory testing for measles is required for confirmation. This includes throat swabs and urine for measles PCR and culture, and blood for serology testing (see Laboratory Testing section above)
- Report suspected cases of measles **IMMEDIATELY** by calling your local District Health Office or the DPH Acute Disease Epidemiology Section at 404-657-2588 during business hours Monday through Friday, or 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584) after-hours on evenings and weekends.
- Ensure patients are up to date on their vaccinations according to CDC's recommended schedules for children and adults.

Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

February 9, 2024

OEMST Staff Changes

Region 3 Training Coordinator

- Shannon Masic
Shannon.masic@dph.ga.gov
470-737-8025

Region 3 Assistant Regional Director

- Melody Hardwick
Melody.Hardwick@dph.ga.gov
470-806-5017

Region 10 EMS Director

- Position in hiring process
- Lanier Swafford – Interim Regional Director
Lanier.Swafford@dph.ga.gov
404-859-9489

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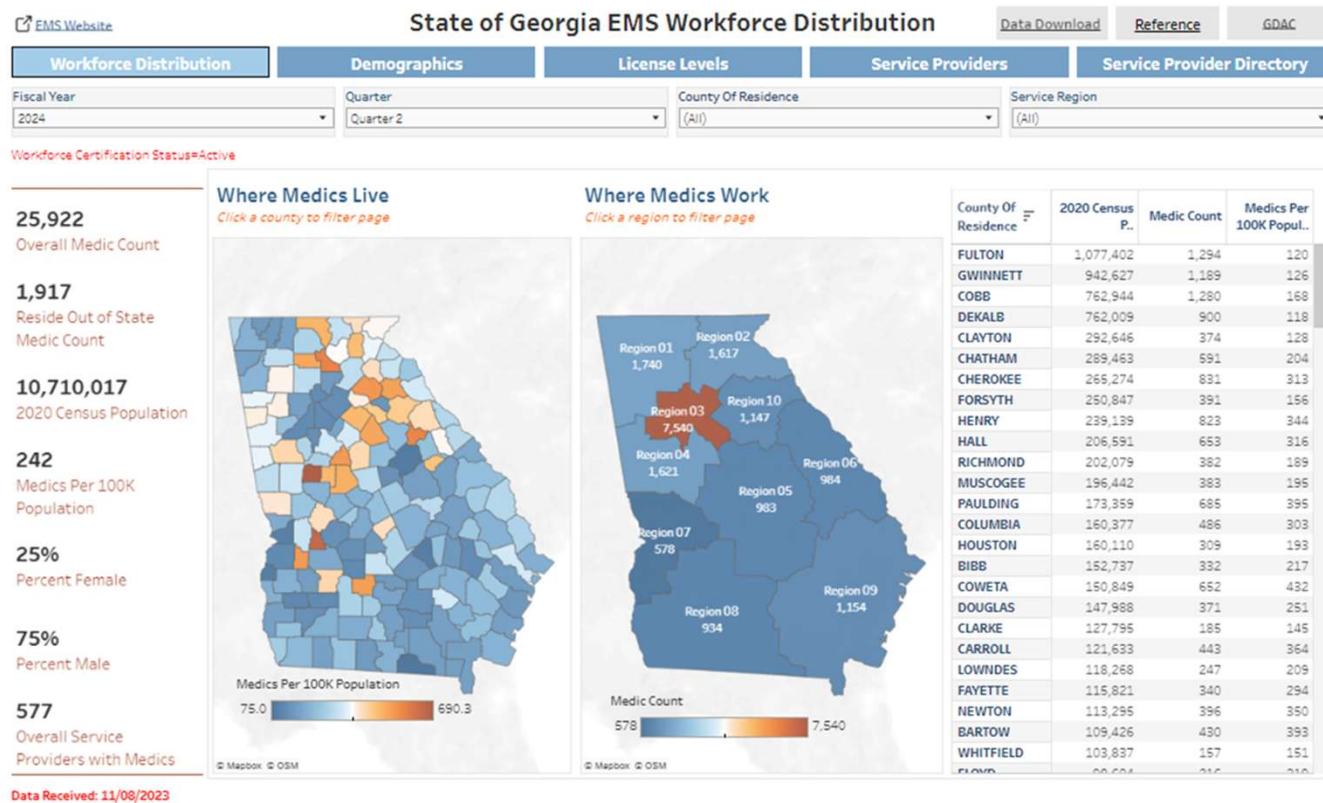
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MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES

MISSION

The mission of the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma is to reduce death and disability by providing regulation, guidance, and leadership to enable the assessment, planning, development, and promotion of statewide Emergency Medical Services and time-sensitive systems of care.

VISION

A Safe and Healthy Georgia- exceptional patient outcomes through comprehensive, statewide, integrated, data-driven, equitable, and people-centered Emergency Medical Services and time-sensitive systems of care.

CORE VALUES

People – We value our employees as professional colleagues. We treat our customers, clients, partners, and those we serve with respect by listening, understanding, and responding to needs.

Excellence – Commitment, accountability, and transparency for optimal efficient, effective, and responsive performance.

Partnership – Internal and external teamwork to solve problems, make decisions, and achieve common goals.

Innovation – New approaches and progressive solutions to problems. Embracing change and accepting reasonable risk.

Science – The application of the best available research, data and analysis leading to improved outcomes.

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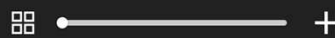
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EMS Personnel License Renewal

Personnel License Renewal

EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic

Georgia Medic Renewal application available until **March 31, 2024.**

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- License renewal fee, \$75.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

| Applications | Action |
|---|---------------------------|
| Georgia Medic Renewal This is the medic renewal license for all medics (EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic) in Georgia. The renewal period opens six (6) months prior to the expiration date of medic license. Georgia Medic Renewal License application will close on March 31, 2024. | Apply Now |

Instructions for Entering CE hours into Education Report

How to Submit Continuing Education Hours During the Renewal Cycle

Please note - If you attend an OEMS course - before you add training yourself, please check to see if the instructor has already added you to the course.

If you have

1. Go to <https://www.mygemsis.org/lms/public/> and log in (click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to obtain access)
2. Click on **Education** on the left
3. Click on **My Report** under the Education link
4. On this tab, you will see any courses that you have already added (or have been added by you attending an OEMS approved course)
 - a. Click on the (>) next to each topic to see the list of courses that have been already put on your training record and verify that is not already been added.
5. For each training course/date that you are wanting to add, do the following:
 - a. Click on the green (+) button to the right of one of the topics that the training you are adding is included
 - b. Enter the **Course Name** of the training (you do not need to enter the course number)
 - c. Enter the **Completed Date** of the course (if the course was multiple dates, enter the last date of the course)
 - d. You do not need to enter the Location
 - e. Upload a scanned copy of your course certificate by clicking the **Choose File** button, and selecting the file on your computer for your certificate.
 - f. Based on which green (+) button you click, the first topic has been selected for you - (enter the number of hours)
 - g. To add additional topics, Click **Add Topic**, Select the Topic, and Enter the number of hours of credit (remember that you must have 40 hours - with at least 4 in Trauma, 4 in Cardiac, and 8 in Pediatrics)
 - To enter additional topics covered for this training course/day, click **Add Topic**
 - When you are done adding topics, click the blue **Add** button
6. Your hours have been added!

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-education/continuing-education>

EMT-Responder License Renewal

Expiration date: September 30th of a year (Renewal Application will open on **April 1st** for those that expire **2024**)

Renewal Requirements:

- Sixteen (16) hours CE (Dept approved/Dept recognized)
 - Modules & hour requirements specified in current EMR National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) specified by NREMT
 - Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Current CPR/BCLS certification
- Current EMR certification through NREMT
 - Prior to renewal of EMT-R license, the licensee's certification through the NREMT shall be renewed.
- License renewal fee, \$75.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Renewal Application: Georgia EMT-R Renewal

Rule 511-9-2-.13 Licensure Renewal for EMS Personnel

EMS Instructor Late License Renewal

EMS Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator LATE Renewal

Instructors or Instructor/Coordinators with 12/31/2023 expiration date

Late Renewal period is now open until **June 30th, 2024**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from day after license issue date – 06/30/2024

License late renewal fee, \$50.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Voucher Codes

New Voucher Codes

- New voucher codes can be used in LMS on:
 - **Medic Renewal application**
 - **Initial/Renewal Instructor License application**
- Current voucher amounts: \$75.00 and \$25.00
- Purchased voucher codes:
 - Should be treated like a credit card/cash
 - Can be used for partial payment of license fee.
 - Can be applied for a license fee, any balance left on the voucher is not transferable. (The voucher code can only be used once).
 - No expiration date
 - Non-refundable
 - Can be used on any personnel (Medic/Instructor) license application
 - Non-transferrable by OEMST

Order Voucher Codes Application

- Application to use for Medic License Renewal/Instructor Renewal/Initial Instructor voucher codes:
 - **Order Voucher Codes application – will close on February 16th at 5:00pm**
 - EMS Agencies and/or Education Programs will not be able to request any voucher codes until April 1st.
 - The Department will be working on implementing Phase 3 and reopening on April 1st.
- Voucher Code Process
 1. Agency submits application to order voucher codes
 2. Invoice will be emailed to Agency
 3. Once payment by check is received in the Department
 4. Voucher codes will be emailed to Agency
 5. Agency will distribute voucher code to personnel
 6. Medic will complete **Georgia Medic Renewal** application

Agency Pay – Voucher Codes

During February 19th – March 31st:

Working to transition the old voucher codes issued for Initial Medic License applications to the new voucher code process.

- For agencies that have voucher codes previously issued for Initial License applications, continue the current process until you receive communication from our Office. Contact Dipti Patel if you need more information regarding your voucher codes.

The Department will make contact with any Agency that has been previously given voucher codes to work through a transition plan.

New voucher code process implemented on all Personnel License applications by April 1st.

Georgia Medic Renewal application

Medic will complete **Georgia Medic Renewal** application

- Payment tab: Select Voucher Code
- Once application submitted, Medic will enter voucher code in payment screen

Form 4 - Renewal Information Preview

InstructionsDemographicsApplication LevelCPROther EMS LicenseOther HCP LicenseScope of PracticePaymentRules and RegulationsSign and Submit

▼ Payment

***How are you paying for your license application? (application fees are non-refundable)**

☐ Credit/Debit Card

☐ Money Order/Cashier's Check

☒ Voucher Code

Your application will NOT be processed until you complete the payment.

Once you submit this renewal application, you will need to proceed to the **Checkout button** under Applications on the left side of the screen to pay for your application using the voucher code assigned by your EMS Agency.

Once a completed application AND payment is received, your EMS license Renewal will be processed.

Georgia Medic Renewal application

- Once application submitted, Medic will enter voucher code in payment screen

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Checkout

Select the license(s) you want to pay fees for and click *Pay Now* to continue to checkout.

| License | Agencies | Application Date | Total Amount | Balance Due |
|---|----------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgia Medic Renewal | | 10/13/2023 | \$75.00 | \$75.00 |

| Voucher Code | Agencies | Date Assigned | Amount | Balance |
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| No Records | | | | |

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| Totals: | | | \$75.00 | \$75.00 |
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Voucher Code: 2023-EMS2019006-75-qoi1xAQW7L

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Apply Code

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Pay Now

The voucher code you entered is not valid. Please review the number and try again.

Other Updates/Information

Georgia EMS Patch



Two (2) locations in Georgia currently stock the patch:

Red Dog Public Safety Outfitters

1020 Indian Springs Dr.

Forsyth, GA 31029

<https://reddogus.com/>

478-994-1862

Uniforms Unlimited

850 Prince Avenue

Athens, GA 30606

<https://www.uniformsunlimited.com/>

706-546-1829

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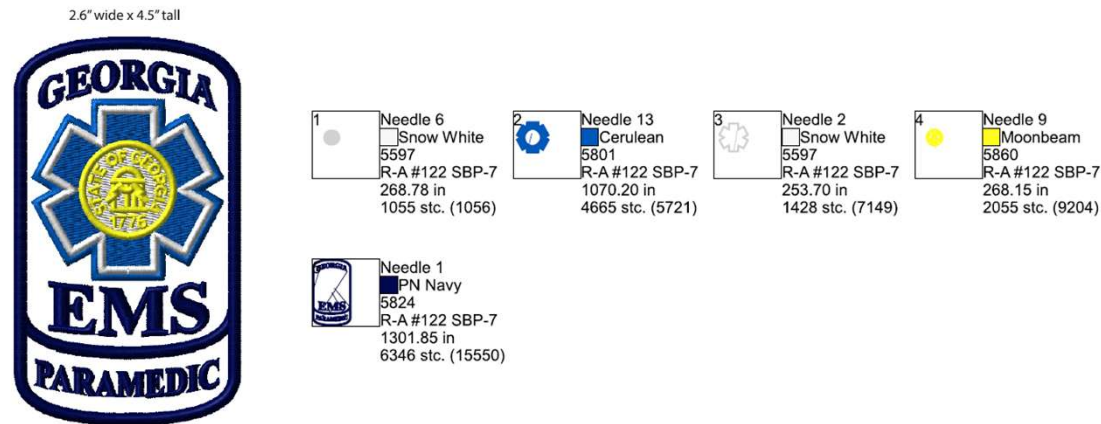
Georgia EMS Patch

Branding guide (pdf) will be placed on the OEMST website.

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Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2024-Q2 EMS Naloxone Distribution
 - Request Application will open on February 12th
 - Application will close on February 23rd
- Naloxone Prefilled 2 mg syringes
 - Auromedics Naloxone HCl Injection
 - Malfunction of the delivery device
 - Agencies that has received this Naloxone was sent an email

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| Trauma | 4.25 |
| Medical | 2.5 |
| Operations | 4 |
| Cardiac/Stroke | 15.25 |
| Pediatric | 16 |
| Airway | 1.25 |
| Instructor | 3.75 |
| Approved for PLS (TVP, ECMO) | 3.75 |

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Continuing Education Start Date

Sep 21, 2023 12:00 AM EDT

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Presented by the Southern Regional Disaster Response System (HHS Region 4)
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presented by Georgia EMS for Children
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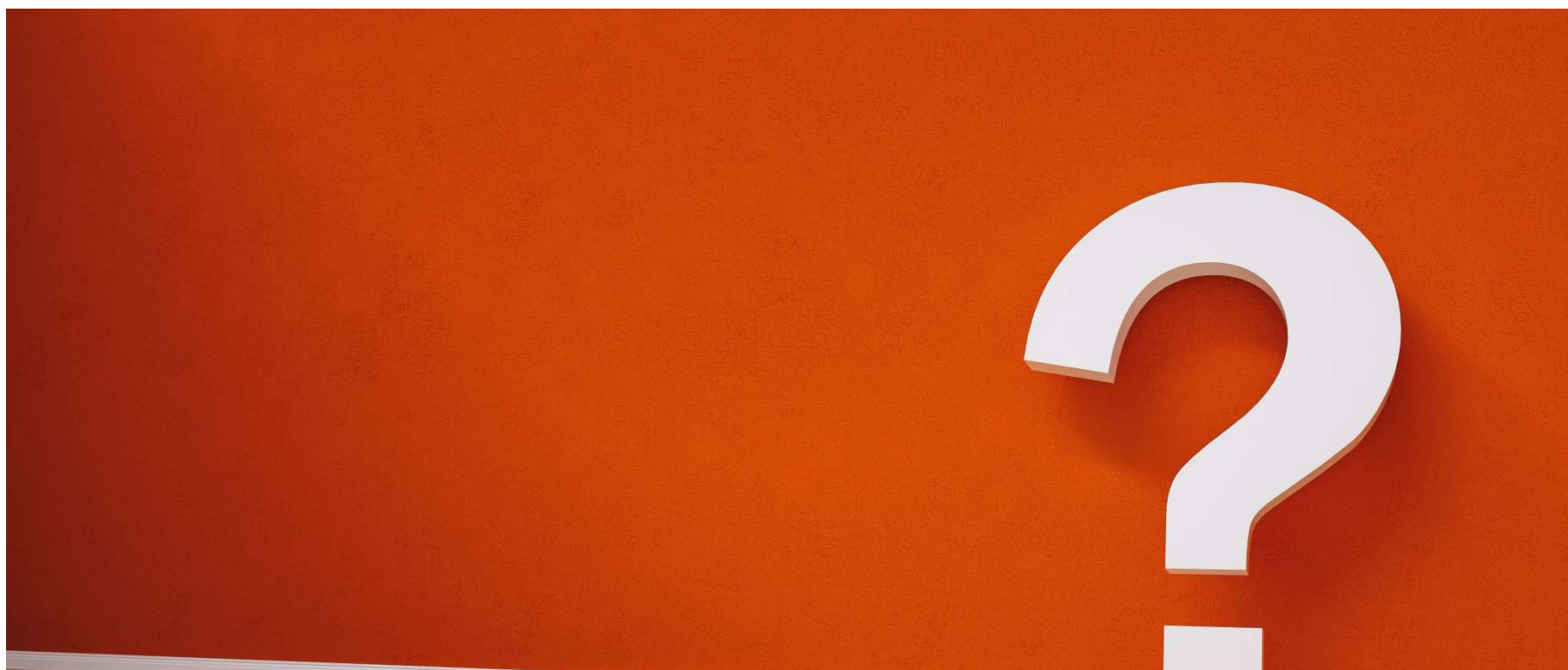
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Upcoming Meetings

- EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – February 20th, at 10:00am
 - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 2nd month of each quarter
- EMS Education Consortium – March 19th at 10:00 AM
 - Virtual & In Person, location TBD
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 3rd month of each quarter
- EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – April 16th at 10:00am
 - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 1st month of each quarter

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Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe

*May you be proud
of the work you do,
the person you are,
and the difference
you make.*

Thank You!