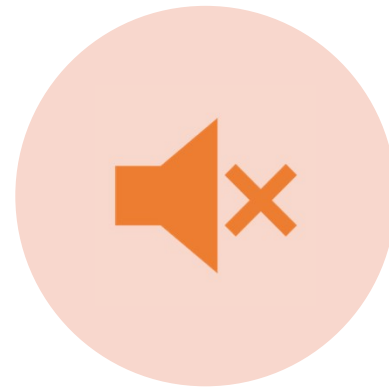


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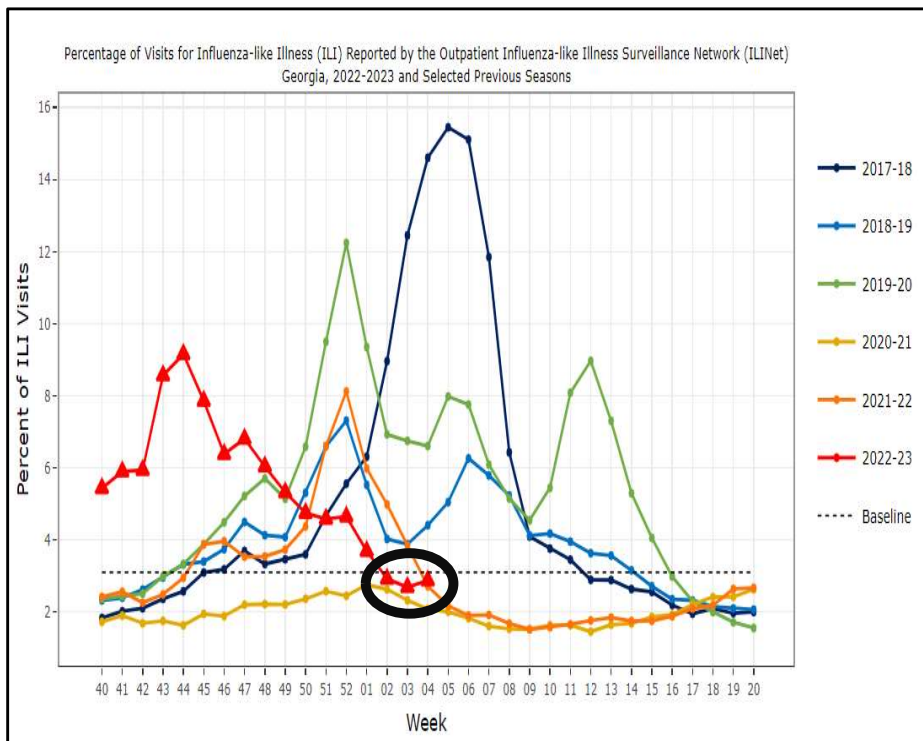
Georgia OEMST Update – Epidemiology and Operations

February 10, 2023

EMS Epi Update, 2/10/2023

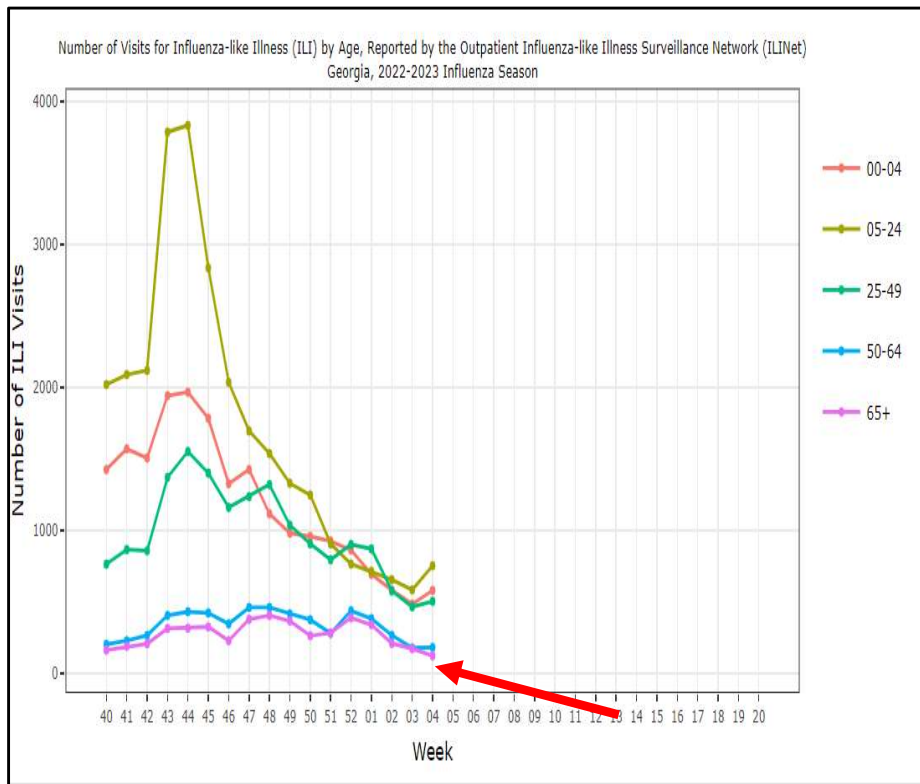
Cherie L. Drenzek DVM, MS/State Epidemiologist

Georgia Flu Snapshot (“Low” Activity)



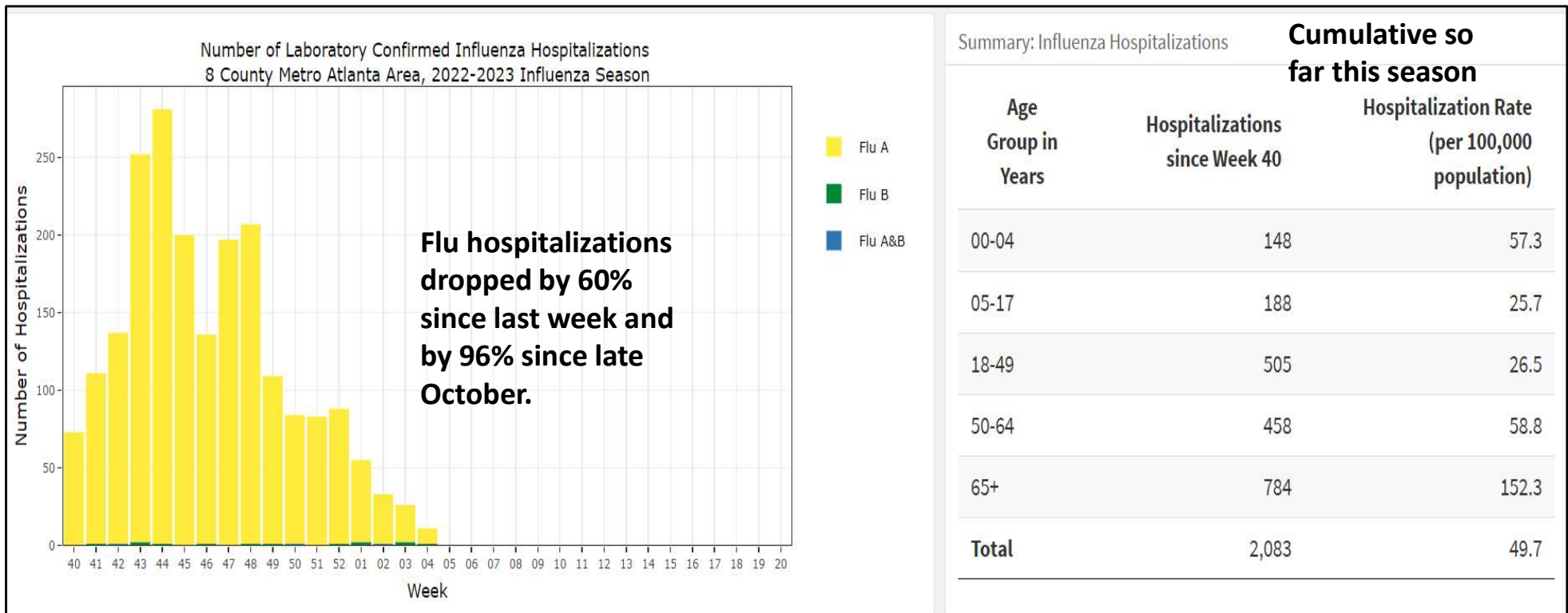
- Flu activity rose in Georgia very early and had “winter” peak levels in October.
- Flu activity declined steadily over the last two months and has been “LOW” for the last 3 weeks (4 on a scale of 1-13)
- The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in GA was 2.9% (see red line on graph), below baseline levels. This is unusual for February (and the opposite of most recent seasons).
- 92% of viruses are Flu A, most (65%) are H3N2; Flu B (8%) higher in GA than nationally, where A H1N1 is rising (but not here).

Georgia Flu Snapshot, by Age Group



- The number of outpatient visits for ILI was highest (35% of total) among children and young adults 5-24 years old, as has been true most of the flu season.
- Even though most visits were still among children, the number has dropped by 80% in the last 3 months.
- We see only 6% of outpatient visits among those >65, but we do see most hospitalizations (38%) and deaths (69%) here (31/45).

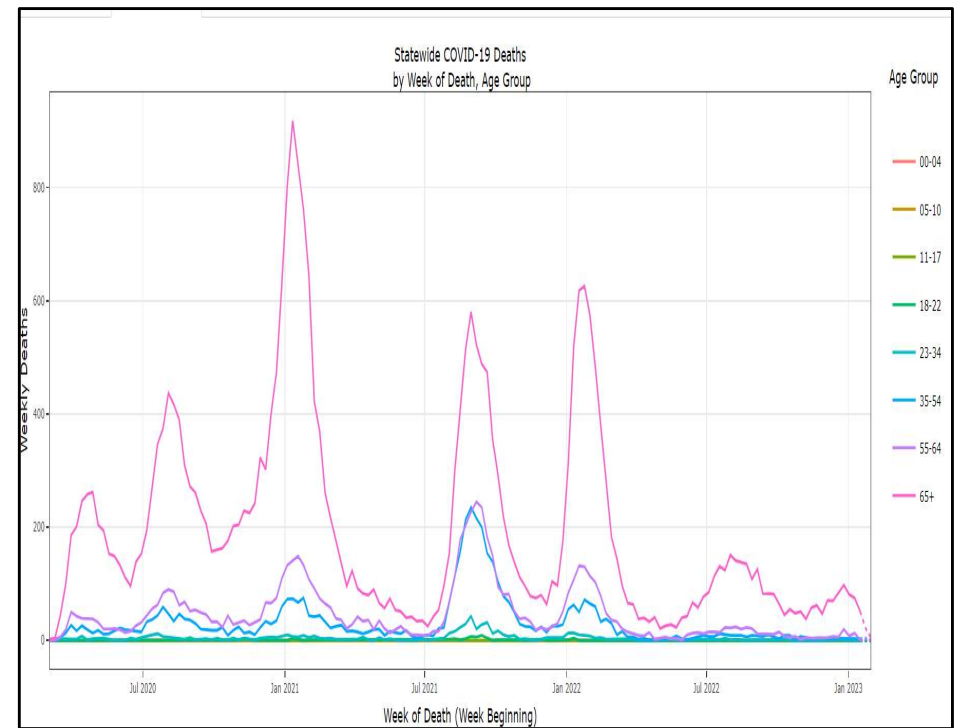
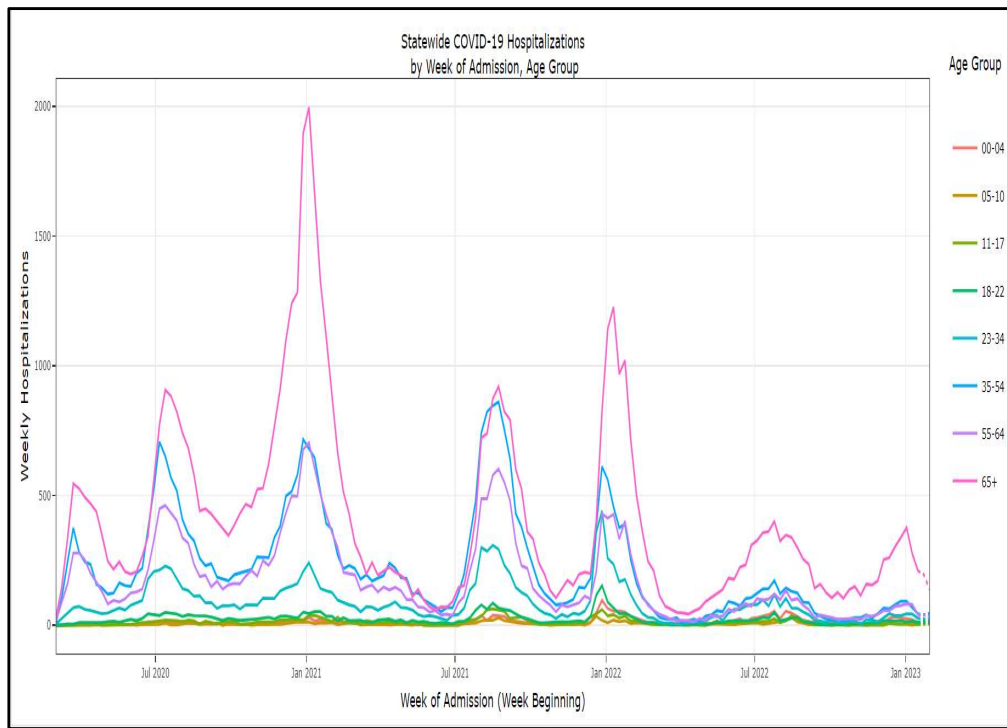
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations (Metro Atlanta)



COVID Snapshot

- Overall **COVID case numbers in Georgia decreased by 14% this week**, COVID hospitalizations dropped by 10% and deaths decreased by 23%. National patterns similar—all dropping by about 20%.
- Caution is warranted because not all cases are reported, reporting patterns vary, immunity wanes, and new variants continue to gain ground.
- For example, nationally, XBB.1.5 is now up to 66% of all cases and 61% in Georgia (3 weeks ago was 30%)
- **Overall, the immunity “wall” appears to be protecting against surges, and especially severe outcomes, so boosting is still critical (effective against XBB.1.5).**

COVID Hospitalizations and Deaths



Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

January 20, 2023

OEMST Position Updates

Michael Johnson

OEMST Position Updates

Trauma System Coordinator

- Position Open for Applications until February 26, 2023

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/georgiadph/jobs/3908264/state-trauma-system-coordinator>

Stroke System Coordinator

- Position Open for Applications until February 12, 2023

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/3886234-0/stroke-program-coordinator?keyword=Stroke&location=Georgia&pagetype=searchPage>

EMS Data Manager

- Applicant selected, start date February 16th

Workforce Numbers

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Number of Licensees as of 02/09/2023

Level	As of 01/01/2023	As of 04/01/2022	As of 2/09/2023	Δ YTD	Δ since 4/01
EMT-Responder	311	203	331	+20	+128
EMT	6,391	5,431	6,480	+89	+1,049
EMT-Intermediate	4,804	4,805	4,800	-4	-5
Advanced EMT	5,221	4,716	5,345	+358	+629
Cardiac Technician	27	27	27	NC	NC
Paramedic	9,102	8,562	9,166	+64	+604
TOTAL	25,856	23,744	26,149	+526	+2,405

EMS Personnel License Renewal

Personnel License Renewal for 3/31/2023

Number of Licensees that expire on 3/31/2023 – 12,005 (As of 2/9/2023)

Georgia Medic Renewal application available until March 31, 2023.

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards
- \$75.00
- \$2.75 credit card charge

Agency-Indicate Medics for Renewal Payments application will close on February 15th

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 of \$25 will apply

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

Kelly Joiner

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- EMS Naloxone Request Application:
 - Will open February 14th
 - Will close February 28th
 - Application available to Authorized Agent
- Naloxone supplies are to supplement current EMS agency inventory and will be allocated based on supply on hand and previous Narcan usage.

OEMST v3.5 Transition

Kelly Joiner / Dipti Patel

NEMESIS v3.5 Transition

NEMESIS has started compliance testing with ePCR software vendors.

- Currently 18 ePCR software systems are v3.5 compliant
- <https://nemesis.org/technical-resources/version-3/v3-compliant-software-and-compliance-testing-status/>

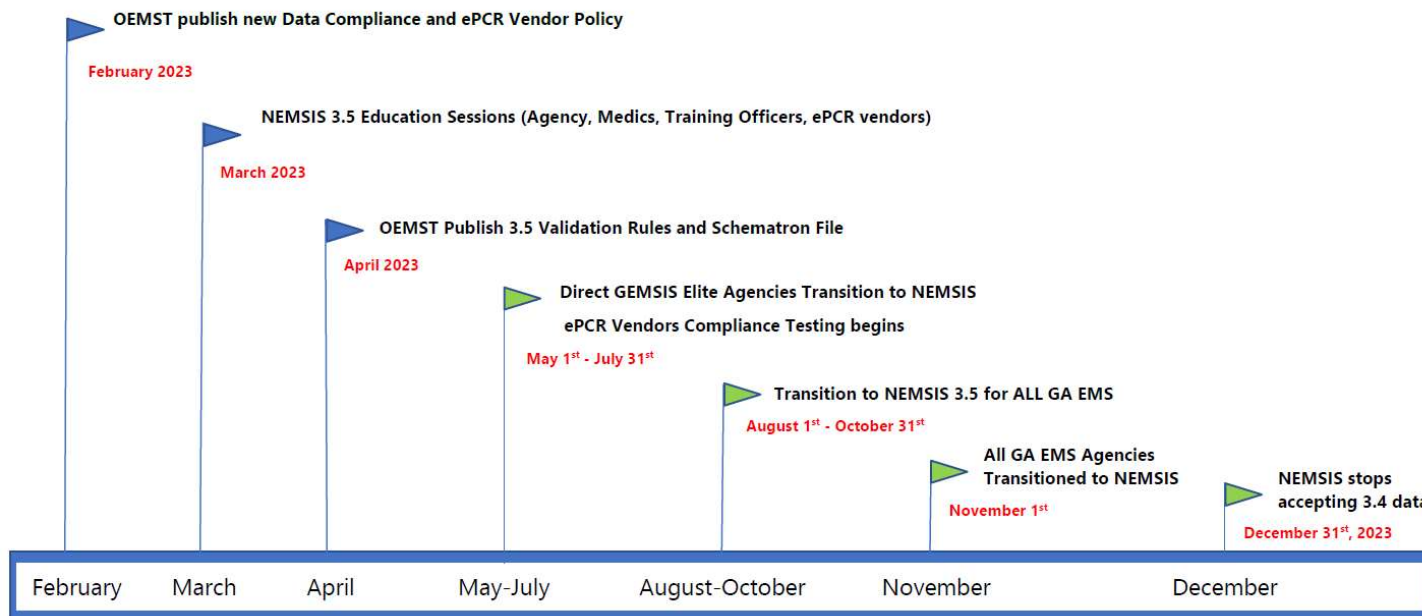
Georgia will be implementing an ePCR Software Vendor compliance testing process.

All states must be fully transitioned to v3.5 before 2024

OEMST NEMSIS v3.5 Transition



Georgia Timeline for NEMSIS 3.5 Data Transition



OEMST NEMESIS v3.5 Transition

WHY TRANSITION TO v3.5.0?

- Regular revisions and updates are necessary to reflect the evolving needs of the broader EMS industry
- Better Incident flow and increased clarity

WHAT WILL v3.5.0 OFFER?

- More options to accurately describe dispositions
- Less opportunity for data entry errors
- Increase data accuracy

OUR Promise

- Communicate
- Educate
- Support

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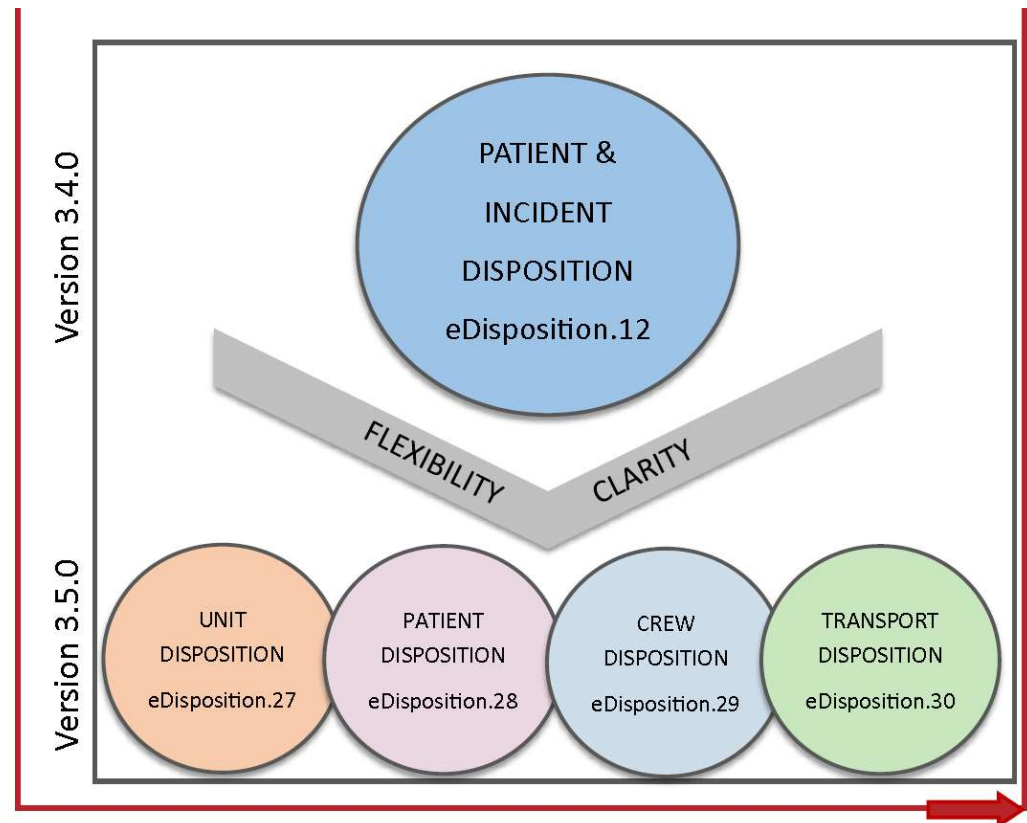
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.DPH.GA.GOV/EMS/GEMISIS](https://www.dph.ga.gov/ems/gemisis)

OEMST Transition to NEMESIS v3.5

Example of one of the changes:

Revised Call Dispositions

The disposition of a call is now organized into 4-5 elements that allows more flexibility for various types of EMS response and increases the accuracy of documentation.



www.nemsis.org

From NEMESIS Home Page > Using EMS Data > V3.5.0 Revision

medications
blood pressure
lab test 52%
vaccination 82%
BMI normal

10-may-14

patient #08001 / John Adams

gender ♂
age 23
HR 95 bpm
120/60

V3.5.0 REVISION

NEMESIS > V3.5.0 Revision

Careful consideration of posted requests for revisions to the NEMESIS 3.4.0 standard began in early October 2018, during the NEMESIS V3 Implementation meeting, and continued through bimonthly V3 Implementation webinars and NASEMSO Data Managers Committee calls. An initial release of v3.5.0 was made available in September 2019, with a critical patch following in November 2019.

List of v3.5 Resources

v3.5 KEY CHANGES FLYER

STATE AND VENDOR TRANSITION PLANS (xlsx)

WHY MOVE TO V3.5.0?

WHEN WILL CHANGES TAKE PLACE?

WHAT IS NEMESIS USING EMS DATA VIEW REPORTS CALLS AND TRAININGS TECHNICAL RESOURCES SUPP

WHY MOVE TO V3.5.0?

NEMESIS > V3.5.0 Revision > Why Move to v

Overview of the move to V3.5.0 (1.5 min) May 18, 2018

V3 Revision Requests Process

And...
reduce the data
collection
burden placed
on EMS
providers.

Watch on YouTube

OEMST Transition to NEMESIS v3.5

Please keep check on the website and your emails for more information about:

- Steps in the transition for Go Live with v3.5
- Education Webinars
 - Education of the Changes
 - Definitions of data elements/data fields
 - Validation Rule updates and changes
 - Current documentation issues
- Guidance Documents for v3.5 Changes



- About DPH
- > Commissioner's Message
- > Board of Public Health
- > Public Health Regulations
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 - Mpox Resources for EMS
 - License Management System
 - > EMS Licensure & Verification (Agency, Personnel, Instructor)
 - > EMS Initial/Continuing Education
 - OEMST Webinar Updates
 - 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
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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
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Upcoming New Schematron File

- Will be published in the next week or two
 - In this Schematron file only GA facilities list will be updated. No Validation Rules!
 - Ensure all 3rd party ePCR vendor systems are updated with the correct facility codes
 - <https://nemsis.org/state-data-managers/state-map-v3/georgia>

Standard Implementation Tools

 Data Dictionary	 State Data Set	 Schematron Validation Rules for Agency Demographic Data	 Schematron Validation Rules for Patient Care Report Data	 Web Services Configuration File
8/30/2022	7/8/2022 Download		7/8/2022 Download	

Additional Implementation Tools

- Resources
 - [GA_ChangeLog.docx](#) 7/8/2022
 - [GA_Facilities.xlsx](#) 7/8/2022
- Schematron
 - [GA_ValidityRuleExport.xlsx](#) 10/29/2021

Vehicles – Salvage Titles

Purchasing Used Vehicles – Salvage Titles

- There are times when a vehicle is declared a total loss due to a car crash or some other incident. When this happens, it will be considered a “salvage” vehicle.
- A vehicle with a salvage title cannot be driven on the roadways legally in Georgia. (O.C.G.A. 40-3-37)
- Process in Georgia to have a “rebuilt” or “restored” title issued.
- Georgia Department of Revenue – Motor Vehicle Division
- <https://dor.georgia.gov/salvage-titles-0>

Georgia EMS Patch

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Georgia's EMS Education System

Richard Rhodes

Number of EMS Initial Ed Programs 01/23/2023

Level	As of 07/01/2022	As of 1/23/2023	Δ 1/1/22
EMR	161	178	+17
EMT	158	170	+12
AEMT	120	125	+5
Paramedic	35	35	NC
TOTAL	173*	206*	+33

Student Enrollment

	2021	2022	Currently enrolled 2023 (1/26/23)
Students enrolled	6638	6882 (+244 from 21')	2048
EMR Students	773	1034 (+261)	149
EMT Students	3660	3627 (-33)	1,075
AEMT Students	1475	1549 (+74)	239
PMDC Students	507	495 (-12)	436
AEMT/PMDC	223	177 (-46)	149

Georgia's Statistics

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Pass Rates and Testing Numbers

EMR	# Tested	Pass rate (1st)	Pass rate (3)
2018	214	57%	57%
2019	300	51%	53%
2020	29	48%	48%
2021	351	42%	54%
2022	469	54%	59%

Pass Rates and Testing Numbers

EMT	# Tested	Pass rate (1st)	Pass rate (3)
2018	2108	68%	80%
2019	2165	68%	81%
2020	1935	67%	80%
2021	2174	62%	76%
2022	2122	63%	76%

Pass Rates and Testing Numbers

AEMT	# Tested	Pass rate (1st)	Pass rate (3)
2018	1090	52%	68%
2019	1097	56%	74%
2020	958	51%	69%
2021	997	55%	72%
2022	994	48%	65%

Pass Rates and Testing Numbers

Paramedic	# Tested	Pass rate (1st)	Pass rate (3)
2018	469	65%	83%
2019	426	71%	87%
2020	371	69%	82%
2021	428	64%	79%
2022	415	60%	73%

Pass Rate Publication

Program Name	Program Code	Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts
		1	100%	100%
		2	100%	100%
		1	100%	100%
		2	100%	100%
		2	100%	100%
		2	100%	100%
		6	100%	100%
		18	94%	94%
		18	89%	89%
		14	57%	86%
		5	80%	80%
		5	40%	80%
		9	78%	78%
		9	78%	78%
		62	58%	76%
		4	50%	75%
		12	67%	75%
		30	70%	73%
		58	57%	72%
		64	48%	56%
		11	45%	55%
		30	47%	50%
		24	42%	50%
		4	25%	50%
		2	50%	50%
		25	40%	48%
		54	43%	46%
		27	37%	37%

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – February 21, 2023, at 10:00am

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

EMS Education Consortium – March 3, 2023, 10am – 12pm, Doctors Hospital and Virtual

EMSMDAC SOP Meeting – March 7th, 2023, at 10:00am (Virtual)

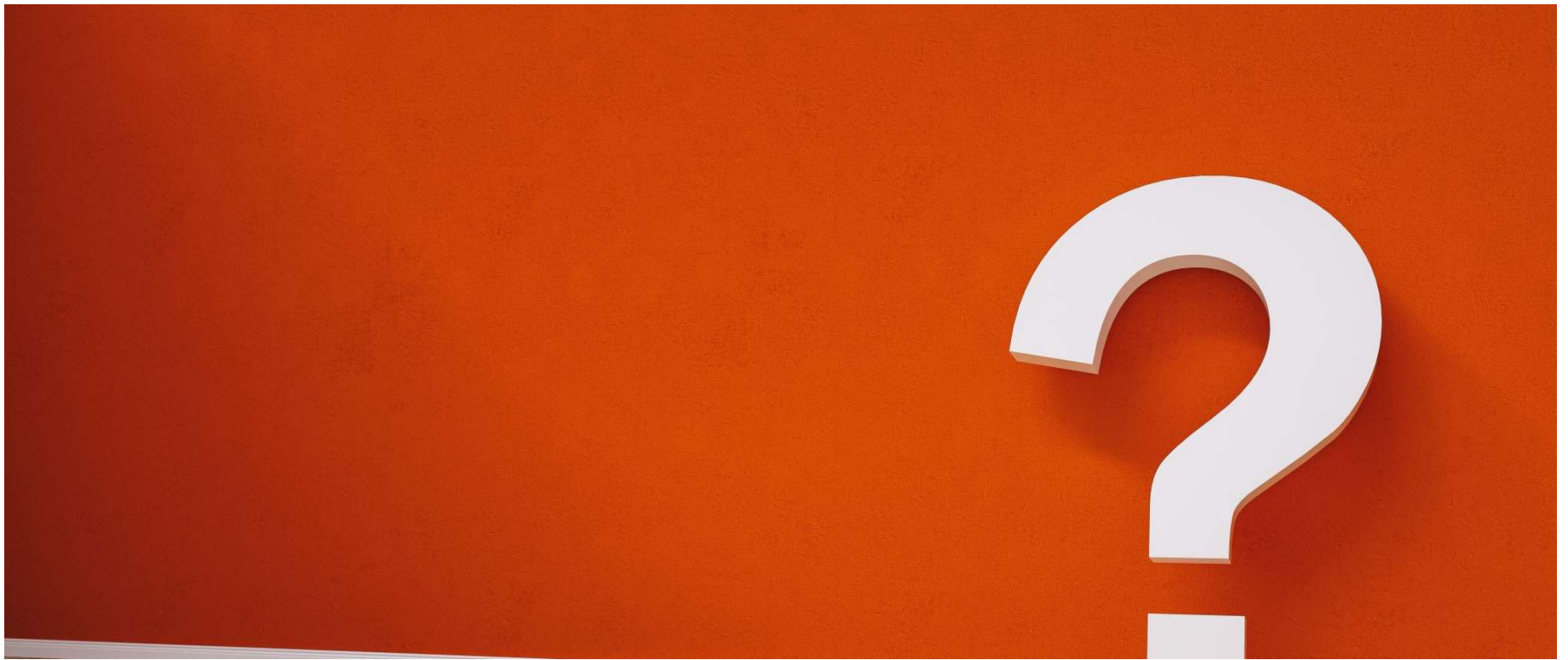
EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – April 11th, 2023, at 10:00am (Virtual)

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

Regional Instructor Symposiums

- February 13th – Southern Crescent Technical College - Griffin
- March 3rd – Doctors Hospital – Augusta
 - The EMS Education Consortium will also be held this day from 10-12

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe
- Watch for emails