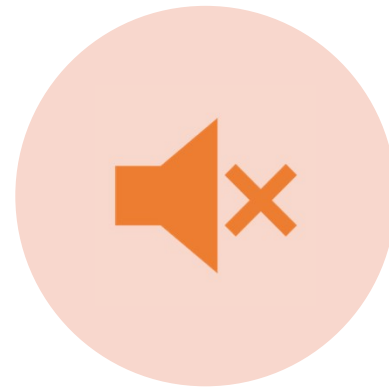


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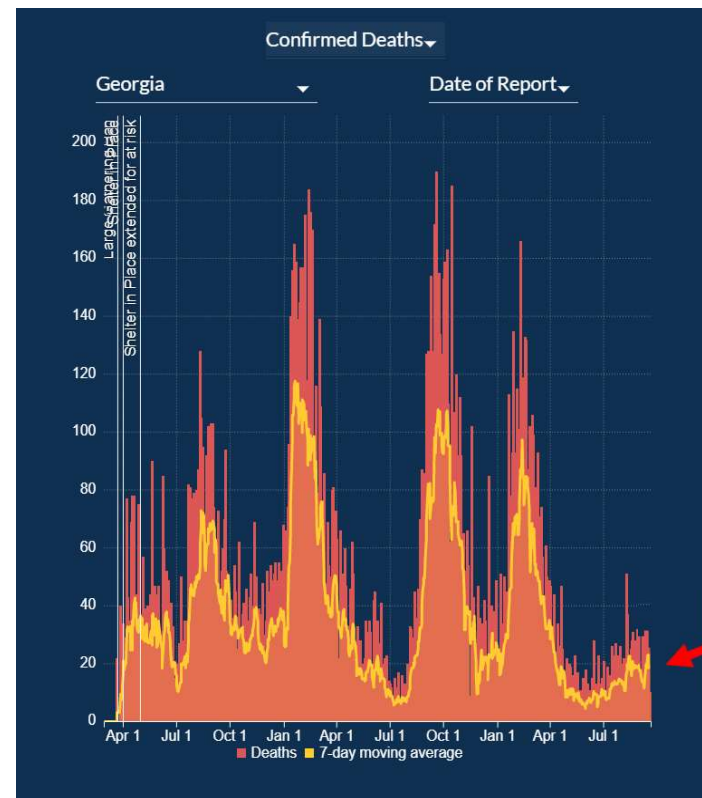
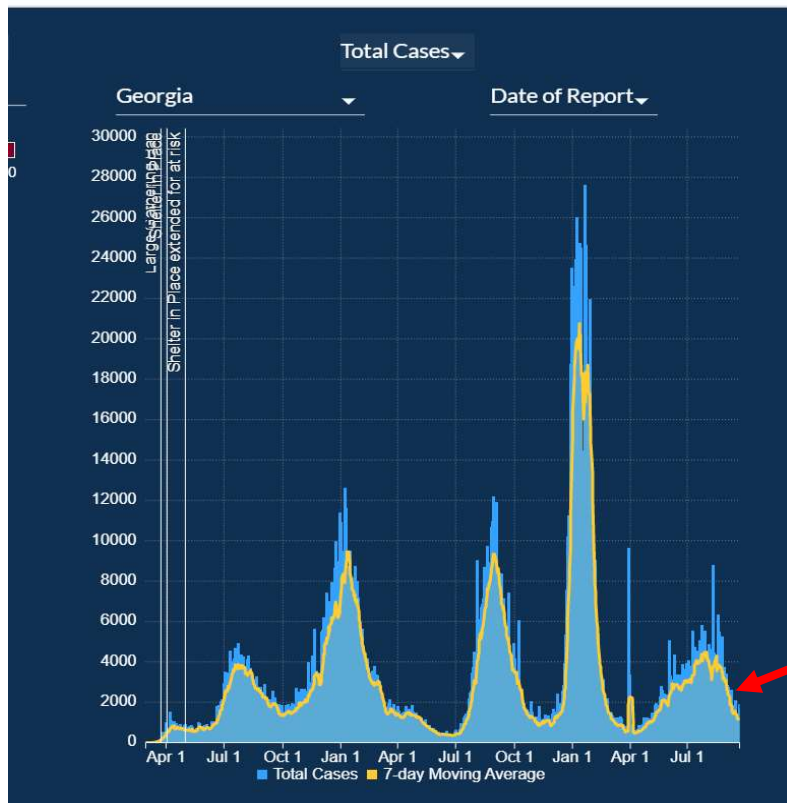
Georgia OEMST Update – Epidemiology and Operations

Michael Johnson/Kelly Joiner/Richard Rhodes

Epidemiology Update

Cherie L. Drenzek DVM, MS / State Epidemiologist

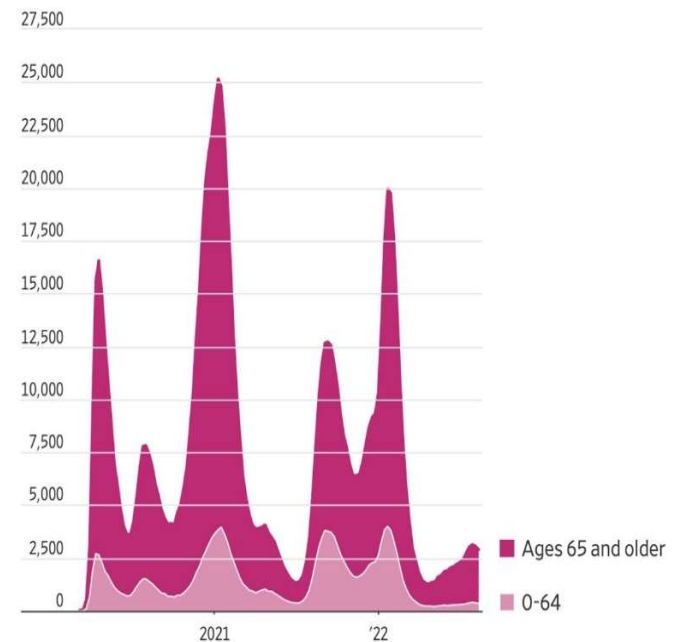
Total COVID Cases and Deaths



COVID Summary

- Still no complacency: SARS-CoV-2 is still with us, has proven very adept at changing, and still kills about 375 Americans per day. We should expect additional waves.
- Vaccination, **boosters**, surveillance, testing, and traditional mitigation are critical WHEN we face other variants that emerge and result in surges over the next several years.
- Get your bivalent booster!

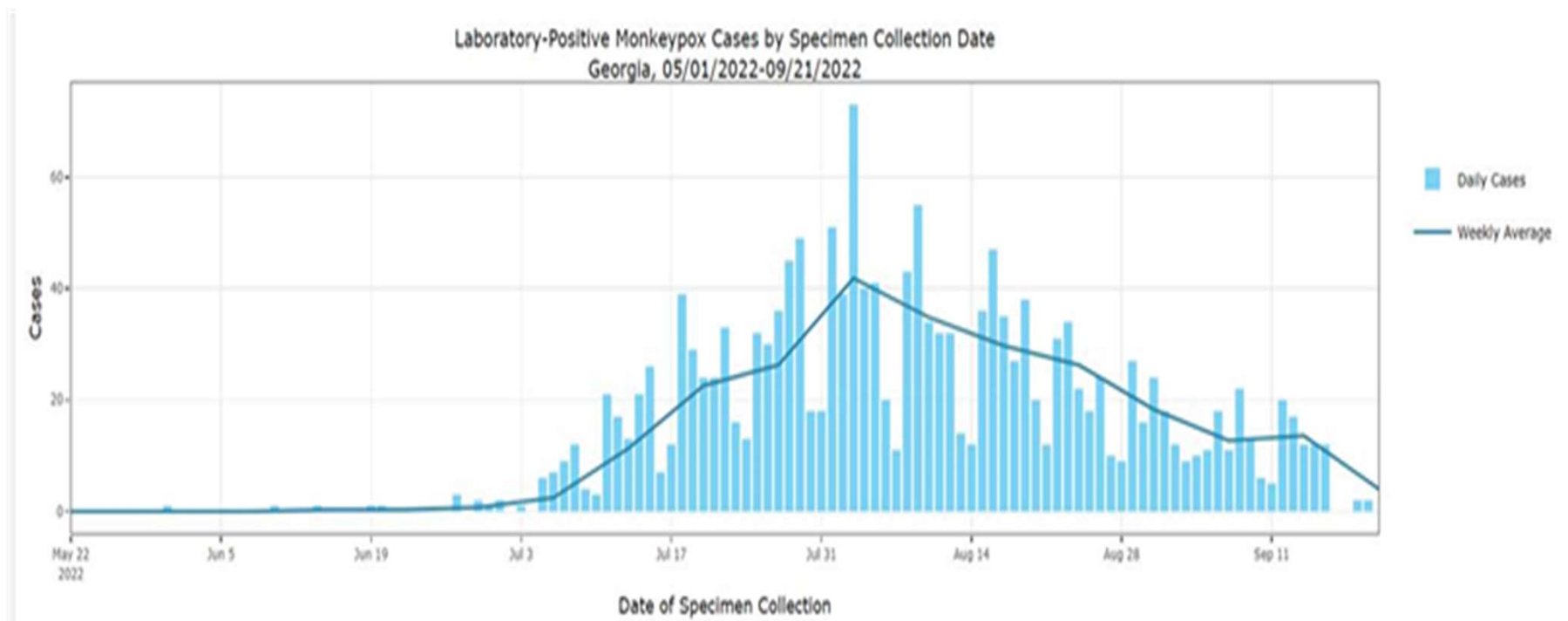
Covid-19 deaths, weekly, by age group



Monkeypox Outbreak: Epidemiology

- Globally, since May, there have been 64K monkeypox cases with 24K in the US alone
- Georgia has 1723 cases in 62 counties, but 86% of cases are in the metro Atlanta area.
- Case rates have been consistently slowing over the last few weeks nationally and in Georgia (“cautiously optimistic”).

Monkeypox Epi Curve, Georgia



Monkeypox in Georgia: Epidemiology (cont'd)

- Gender of cases: 98% are male; 2% are female
- Vast majority of cases identify as MSM
- Age range of cases: 4-68 years, median: 34 years; 3 pediatric cases
- Race/Ethnicity (known for 98% cases): Vast majority **Black (80%) and Non-Hispanic (92%)**
- Main risk factor reported was close, sustained physical or sexual contact with someone who had monkeypox
- 5% of cases were hospitalized
- **60% of cases are HIV-positive and 50% had an STI in the past year**
- Important data to inform interventions, vaccinations, and equity decisions (HIV+, STIs, etc)

What is Monkeypox?

Monkeypox is a virus that can cause a rash, bumps, or sores on or near the genitals, or anal area, but also on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. These sores can be very painful.

The monkeypox virus can also cause flu-like symptoms like fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion, sore throat, nasal congestion, and cough.

2022 U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak

[Learn more at CDC](#)



GA Monkeypox Outbreak Cases and Vaccinations

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How does Monkeypox spread?

- person-to-person through direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids.
- respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex.
- Touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids is another way monkeypox spreads but **has not been identified to be a common mode of transmission in this outbreak or for monkeypox in general.**

<https://dph.georgia.gov/monkeypox>

Questions for Dr. Drenzek

- Epidemiology

Georgia OEMST Update

OEMST Position Updates

Michael Johnson

OEMST Position Updates

State EMS Medical Director

- Dr. Patrick McDougal
Patrick.mcdougal@dph.ga.gov

R3 Safety and Compliance

- Brad Shirley
Mark.Shirley@dph.ga.gov

Cardiac Care Director

- Position has been posted

Regional Training Coordinator – R6

- Ryan Hollingsworth is the Region 6 RTC interim Training Coordinator
- Position is in the HR process, start date October 17th

R3 Assistant Regional Director

- In HR hiring process, start date October 1st

NHTSA EMS Reassessment

Trauma Center Descriptions

Michael Johnson

Trauma Center Descriptions Document



EXPLANATION OF GEORGIA DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTER LEVELS

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma is the regulatory agency for the designation of Trauma Centers. Recognition as a trauma center is a voluntary process for hospitals that wish to participate. Georgia follows trauma center guidelines set forth by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and is outlined in the publication "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured patient". Facilities can be state designated or can apply for verification directly with the ACS.

Level I and II Trauma Facilities – are the highest levels of trauma center designations and offer the greatest level of comprehensive trauma care, from prevention through rehabilitation. They must have continuous 24/7 coverage of specialties such as:

- Emergency Medicine
- General & Orthopedic surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Anesthesia
- Plastics and facial surgery
- Cardiac and chest surgeons
- Urology
- Obstetrics
- Laboratory services
- Radiology
- Respiratory therapy

Level I and II trauma facilities have the ability to treat complex injuries such as:

- Head injuries
- Brain and spinal cord injuries
- Complex bone fractures
- Severe bleeding due to internal injuries.
- Replantation of amputated limbs
- Repair of injuries including heart, lung, liver, kidneys and other vital organs

In addition to the above, Level I Trauma Centers are required to conduct research and offer surgical and emergency medicine resident programs. Some patients with very complex injuries, such as reimplantation, may require transfer to a Level I Center due to the resources in that specialty.

LEVEL I TRAUMA CENTERS (5)

Augusta University Medical Center
Grady Memorial Hospital
Atrium Health Navicent
Memorial Health Univ. Med Ctr
*CHOA at Egleston

CITY

Augusta
Atlanta
Macon
Savannah
Atlanta

LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTERS(10)

Atrium Health Floyd
Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Northeast GA Medical Center
Piedmont Athens Regional
Piedmont Columbus Regional
Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
* Children's Hospital of GA @ AU
* CHOA at Scottish Rite

CITY

Rome
Augusta
Lawrenceville
Gainesville
Athens
Columbus
Marietta
Roswell
Augusta
Atlanta

* Pediatric Trauma Centers

DESIGNATED BURN CENTERS (2)

Joseph M. Still Burn Center
Grady Burn Center

CITY

Augusta
Atlanta

Trauma Center Descriptions Document

Level III Trauma Facilities – provides trauma assessment, resuscitation, emergency surgery, stabilization and if needed, transfer of patients requiring more definitive care to Level I or II centers. Level III centers are required to have 24/7 coverage for:

- Emergency Medicine
- General and Orthopedic surgery
- Anesthesia
- Respiratory therapy
- Laboratory services
- Radiology

Note: Other services such as Neurology and plastic surgery may be available but not required to be present for 24/7 and can be on call with a strict response time.

Level IV Trauma Facility – Provides advanced trauma life support and stabilization of patients received in their facility. Emergency rooms must be open 24/7. The Emergency Department may be staffed by Emergency Physicians or by well-trained mid-level providers (Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners) that assess, stabilize, and expedite the transfer of patients requiring more definitive care to Level I or II centers. Level IV centers may be a clinic or hospital in a remote or rural area and may or may not have a physician available 24 hours a day.

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We encourage agency Directors and Medical Directors to work closely with their local hospitals to understand the capabilities available and to develop and/or update Destination of Prehospital Patients transport protocols, policies, or guidelines for trauma patients

LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTERS (8)

Advent Health Redmond
Crisp Regional
Fairview Park Hospital
Hamilton Medical Center
John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital
Piedmont Cartersville
Piedmont Walton
Wellstar Cobb Hospital

CITY

Rome
Cordele
Dublin
Dalton
Thomasville
Cartersville
Monroe
Austell

LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTERS (9)

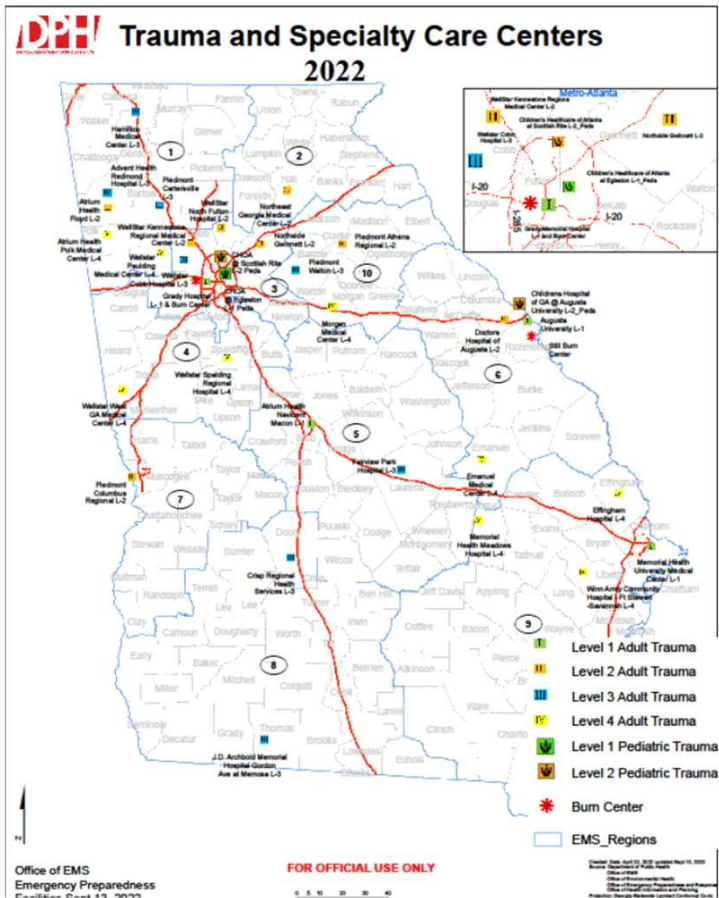
Atrium Health Polk
Effingham Health System
Emanuel Medical Center
Memorial Health Meadows Hosp
Morgan Medical Center
Winn Army Community Hospital
Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital
Wellstar West GA Medical Center

CITY

Cedartown
Springfield
Swainsboro
Vidalia
Madison
Ft. Stewart
Hiram
Griffin
LaGrange

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Specialty Care Centers



All Designated Specialty Care Centers (Cardiac, Trauma, Stroke) are listed on OEMST website:

- Interactive Map
- Printable list with address and contact number

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/specialty-care-centers-cardiac-trauma-stroke>

Workforce Numbers

Kelly Joiner

Number of Licensees as of 9/23/2022

Level	As of 01/01/22	As of 04/01/2022	As of 09/23/2022	Δ YTD	Δ since 4/01
EMT-Responder	99	203	280	+181	+77
EMT	5,805	5,431	6,127	+322	+696
EMT-Intermediate	4,881	4,805	4,809	-72	+4
Advanced EMT	4,931	4,716	5,031	+100	+315
Cardiac Technician	28	27	27	-1	NC
Paramedic	8,770	8,562	8,957	+187	+395
TOTAL	24,514	23,744	25,231	+717	+1,487

EMS Personnel License Renewal

Richard Rhodes

Reminder: Personnel License Renewals

Late Medic Renewal Period

- Late Medic Renewal Period:
4/1/2022 – 9/30/2022
- “Late Georgia Medic Renewal” Application
- After **September 30th**, an Initial EMT/AEMT/Paramedic License application will need to be completed to regain licensure

Instructor Renewal

- Instructor Renewal period:
1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022
- CE/Active Teaching requirements restart as soon as your renewal is issued
- Application fee of \$25
- Late renewal period is 6 months after the license renewal date
 - Late fee will apply

Personnel License Renewal for 3/31/2023

Georgia Medic Renewal application will be available, October 1st .

- 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 will open on October 1st.

- Application will close on February 15th

Vehicle Re-inspection Fees

Kelly Joiner

Rule 511-9-2-.11. Inspections of EMS Agencies

(a) EMS Agencies or those applying to be an EMS Agency whose Ground Ambulance(s), Air Ambulance(s) or Neonatal Transport Vehicle(s) is/are unable to fully pass the Department-specified inspection and is/are unable to become compliant before the assigned Department personnel depart(s) the inspection site, shall have the inspection(s) recorded as (a) failed inspection(s) and shall be subject to a re-inspection fee for each re-inspection of that/those ambulance(s)/vehicle(s). A subsequent inspection for that/those Ground Ambulance(s), Air Ambulance(s), or Neonatal Transport Vehicle(s) will not be performed until the re-inspection fee is received by the Department. Re-inspection fees will be as follows:

1. For the first re-inspection of a Ground Ambulance, Air Ambulance, or Neonatal Transport Vehicle, the re-inspection fee will be equal to ten percent (10%) of the Department-specified annual Ground Ambulance/Air Ambulance/Neonatal Transport Vehicle license fee.
2. For the second and subsequent re-inspection(s) of a Ground Ambulance, Air Ambulance, or Neonatal Transport Vehicle, the re-inspection fee will be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Department-specified annual Ground Ambulance/Air Ambulance/Neonatal Transport Vehicle license fee.

Vehicle Re-Inspection Fees

Vehicle Re-inspection Fees: **September 1, 2022.**

If a vehicle fails Inspection:

1st vehicle **re-inspection** fee will be 10% of the vehicle license fee: \$140.00

2nd and subsequent **re-inspection** fee will be 25% of vehicle license fee: \$350.00

Vehicle Inspection Forms

Kelly Joiner

Vehicle Inspection Forms

The Department worked with EMSAC to develop revised/updated Vehicle Inspection Forms for all the vehicles licensed by OEMST.

Modifications made:

- New format
- Now includes the operational items we have always inspected
- Items removed
- Items added
- Items changed in quantity

These forms/criteria will go in effect **January 1, 2023.**

Vehicle Inspection Forms

Current Form



VEHICLE INSPECTION FORM FOR REGISTERED AMBULANCES

SERVICE NAME:				DATE:
UNIT VID NUMBER:			UNIT VIN NUMBER:	
RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT				
QTY	COMPLIANT			ITEM / DESCRIPTION
	Y	N	PRI	
1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Mounted Electric or Manifold Operation Suction Aspirator
1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Portable Suction Aspirator – as approved by the Department
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Sterile Suction Catheters, assorted sizes
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	3	Irrigation Liquids, 1000 ml each or equivalent
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Bag-Valve-Mask Resuscitator, disposable, with transparent adult mask. The valve must operate in cold weather, and the unit must be capable of use with an oxygen supply. The unit must be capable of delivering approximately 100% oxygen.
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Pediatric Bag-Valve-Mask Resuscitator, disposable, with transparent child and infant mask. The valve must operate in cold weather, and the unit must be capable of use with an oxygen supply. The unit must be capable of delivering approximately 100% oxygen.
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Adult Oxygen Mask with Reservoir

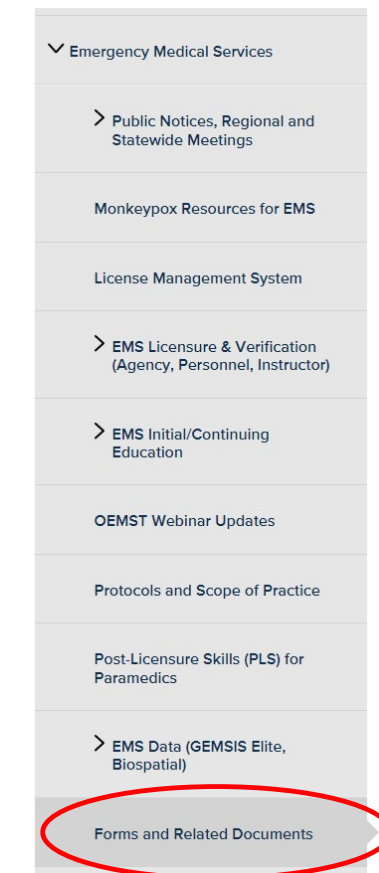
Revised Form

	Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma		
	Vehicle Inspection Form: <i>Ground Ambulance</i>		
Service Name:	Tag#:	Type:	
VIN #	Call Sign:	VID#:	
Inspection Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Anniversary <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Unscheduled			
VID # displayed on <i>Left</i> and <i>Right</i> side of vehicle:(No less than 3")		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Service name displayed on <i>Left</i> and <i>Right</i> side of vehicle:(No less than 3")		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Interior - Cab			
Odometer Reading:	Make:	Model:	
Windshield free of cracks, starbursts, or spider webbing greater than 3" (GA Code § 40-8-73 (2010))		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proof of insurance (GA Code § 40-6-10 (2020)):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Air Conditioner Operational (Front):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Heating Operational (Front):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Doors Operational from the inside and outside:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Door Locks Operational (Front):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Seatbelts Operational (Driver):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Seatbelts Operational (Passenger):		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Vehicle Inspection Forms

These forms can be found on the Department website under **Forms and Related Documents, Vehicle Inspection Forms**:

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-forms-and-related-documents>.



Forms for EMS Personnel

Forms for EMS Agencies

Vehicle Inspection Forms

The following vehicle inspection forms are currently in effect until *December 31, 2022*.

- [PDF R-E-01-A Vehicle Inspection Form - Ground Ambulance](#)
- [PDF R-E-01-B Vehicle Inspection Form - Neonatal Ambulance](#)
- [PDF R-E-01-C Vehicle Inspection Form - Medical First Responder](#)
- [PDF R-E-01-D Vehicle Inspection Form - Air Ambulance](#)

The following vehicle inspection forms will be effective starting *January 1, 2023*.

- [PDF 01.01.2023 Ground Ambulance - Vehicle Inspection Form](#)
- [PDF 01.01.2023 Neonatal Ambulance - Vehicle Inspection Form](#)
- [PDF 01.01.2023 Medical First Responder - Vehicle Inspection Form](#)
- [PDF 01.01.2023 Air Ambulance - Vehicle Inspection Form](#)

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

Kelly Joiner

Naloxone Request for licensed EMS Agencies

A survey has been sent to all licensed EMS Agency's Authorized Agent:

- To identify the concentration and administration method needed for your agency

Licensed EMS Agencies will request on a quarterly basis via Naloxone Request application in LMS.

Naloxone will be shipped to the EMS agency from the warehouse.

Naloxone Request

EMS Agencies current Medication formulary and Protocols must include Naloxone.

- Update EMS Agency Protocols, Pharmacy, Data Management application
- Must be signed by Medical Director

Naloxone will be allocated to agencies based on supply in warehouse.

This Naloxone is to supplement, not replace your supply.

Voucher Codes

Richard Rhodes

Voucher Codes for EMS Educational Programs

Program Directors and Program Admins can now utilize the application to purchase voucher codes for candidates for initial licensure

One-time use code

Non-refundable

Does not expire

Only for Initial Licensure

Voucher Codes for EMS Educational Programs

Activity

- Applications
- Correspondence
- Investigations
- Alerts
- Notes
- Documents
- Duplicates
- Public Portal**
- Sync Log
- History

Preview

My Account

- Applications**
- Continue
- Checkout
- Transaction
- Review **1**

Education

Agencies

Manage

Available Applications

Click "Apply Now" next to one of the licenses to apply to that license for this service.

My Applications | Agencies Applications

Central Georgia Technical College (GA-21)
3300 Macon Tech Dr, Macon, Georgia 31206
EMR Program, EMT Program, AEMT Program, Paramedic Program

Applications	Action
Add or Update Instructional Personnel to EMS Initial Education Program Roster This is the application where an EMS Initial Education Program Director can add Instructional Personnel to the EMS Initial Education Program Roster.	Apply Now
Submit Request to Copy EMS Initial Education Course This is the application that you will use to request that the Office of EMS and Trauma copy one of your previously approved EMS Initial Education Courses.	Apply Now
EMS Agency - Order Voucher Codes This is the application where EMS agencies can purchase voucher codes for new medic licenses. Voucher codes are NOT able to be used on renewal applications.	Apply Now

Records 1-3 of 3

EMS Education Consortium

Richard Rhodes

First Meeting

Over 80 people participated in the first meeting

The Executive Committee has begun work on some important initiatives

- Improving the Internship experience
- Field Preceptor requirements/course
- NREMT Remediation courses

Innovative Progress

Columbus Technical College targeted marketing to Stewart County

The OEMST and Albany Technical College are working on a remediation course for Paramedic candidates

- Thank you, Trish Hotz!!

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

Richard Rhodes

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – November 15th, 2022, at 10:00am
(In person & Virtual)

EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – October 11th, 2022 @ 10:00am (Virtual)

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

Note: OEMST Monthly Epi and Ops Update: 2nd Friday of each month

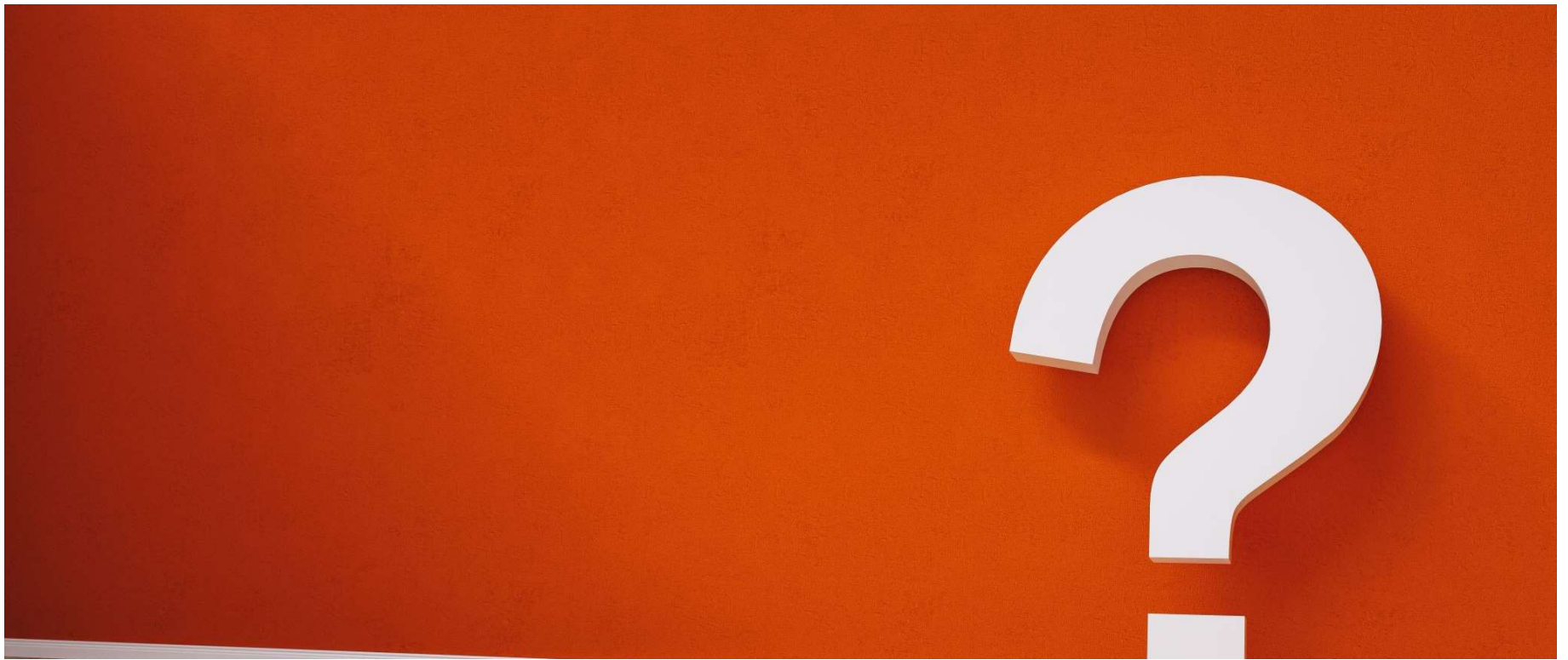
Regional Instructor Symposiums

Region 10 – November 18th, Athens Technical College

- Consortium meeting this day/location at 10AM-12PM

Region 1 – December 1st, Cherokee County Fire

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thanks for all that you do

- Be Safe
- Be prepared
- Watch for emails