

Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Thursday, 7/2/2020



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Agenda

- Reminders
- COVID-19 Cases are increasing
- Renewals/Expiration
- Questions

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Reminders

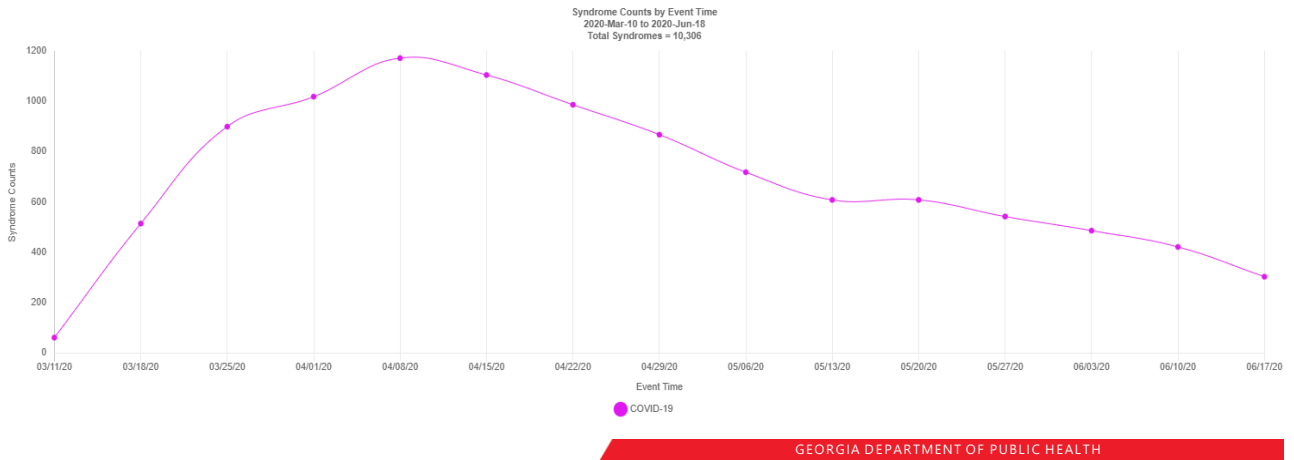
- OEMS Updates on our website – www.ems.ga.gov
 - Not all updates are emailed out – some are posted on the OEMS COVID-19 page
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/oems-covid-19>
- EMS Personnel → Put your email in LMS; Agencies, remind medics to login to LMS
- EMS Agencies → Update rosters and Key Personnel

Don't Let your Guard Down

- We have heard of incidents where medics have tested positive from community transmission.
- Beach/Bar trips → positive
- Partner is positive → now the other partner is
- Don't let your guard down:
 - On Duty
 - Off Duty
 - ANY TIME
- Record numbers of testing
- Record numbers of cases

COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10-June 18)

- It is still here...

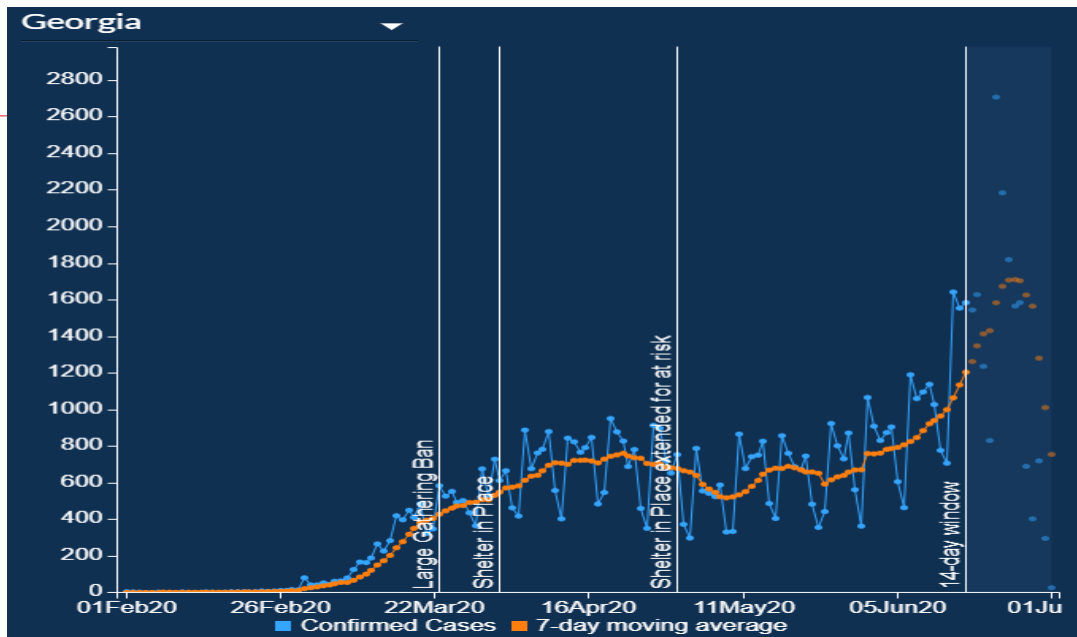


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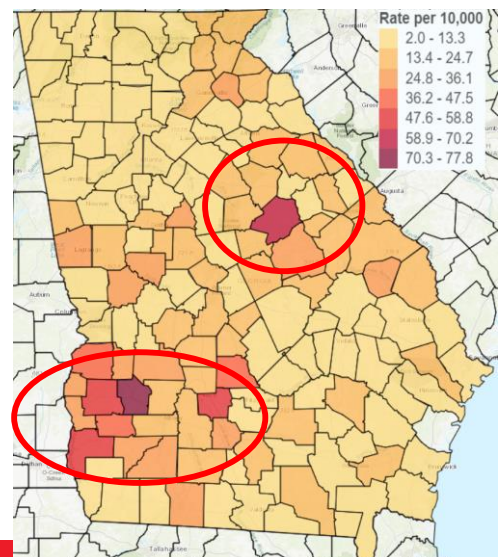
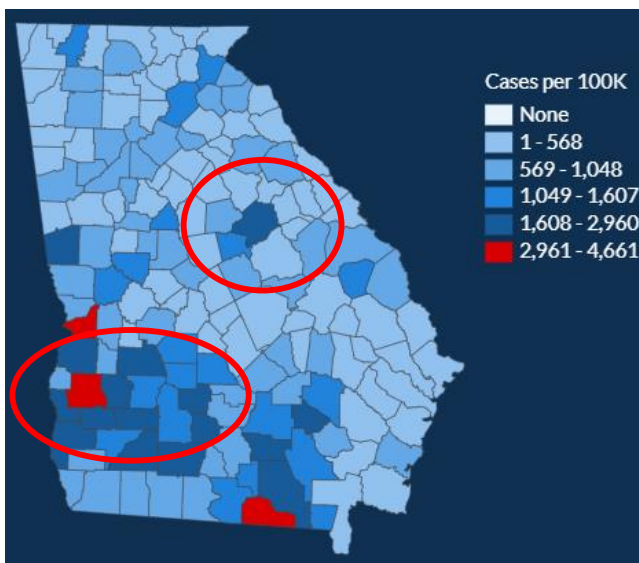
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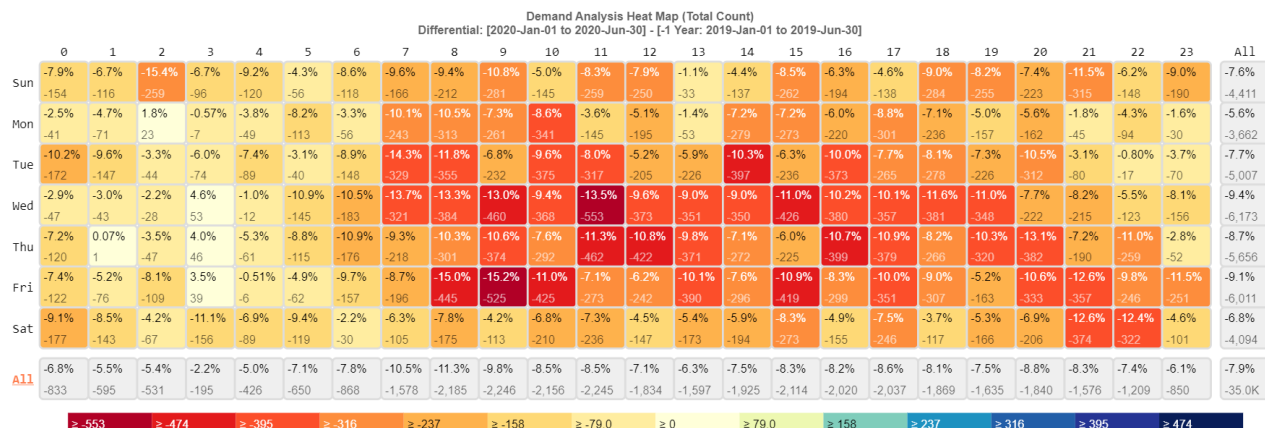
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EMS Data Works!



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911 Transports – 1st half of 2020 – 1st half of 2019

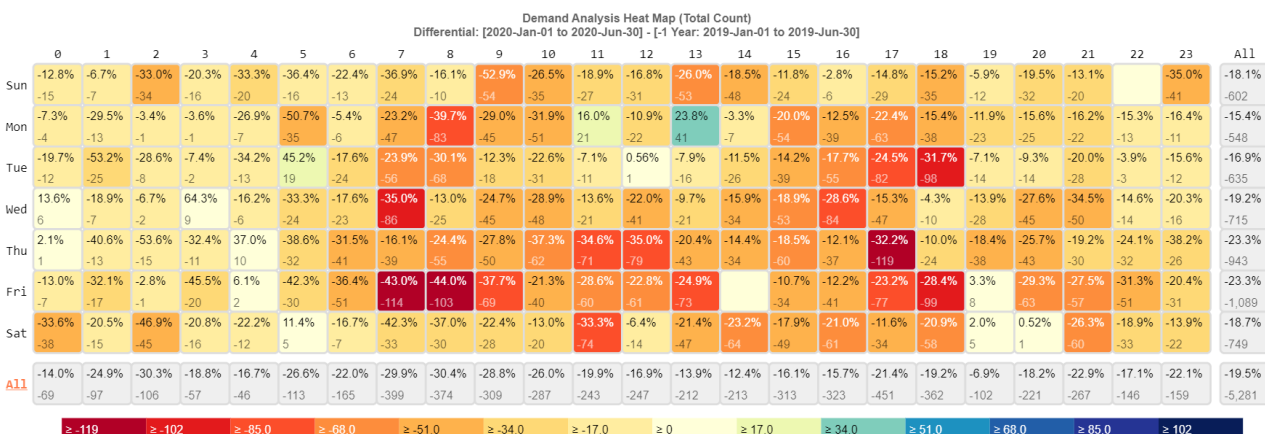


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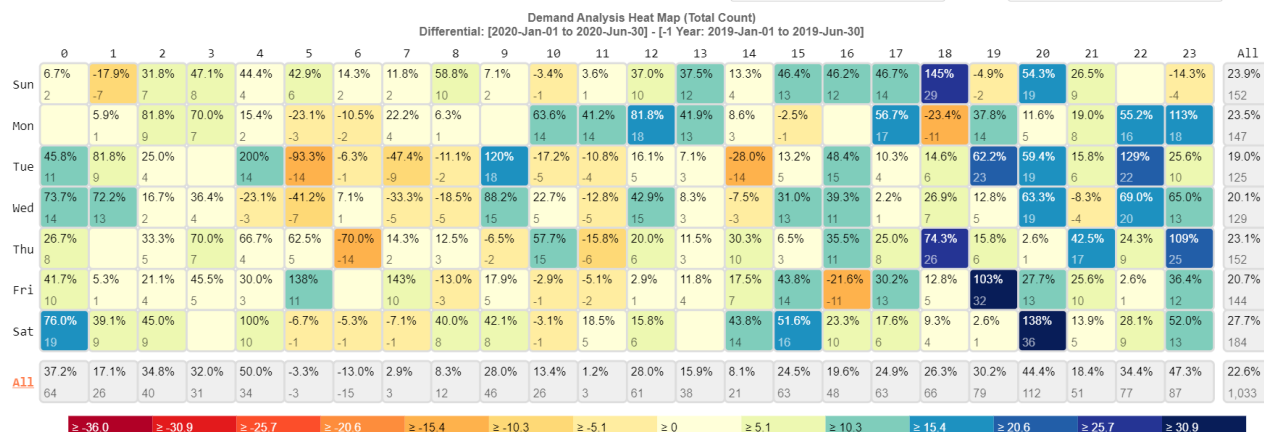
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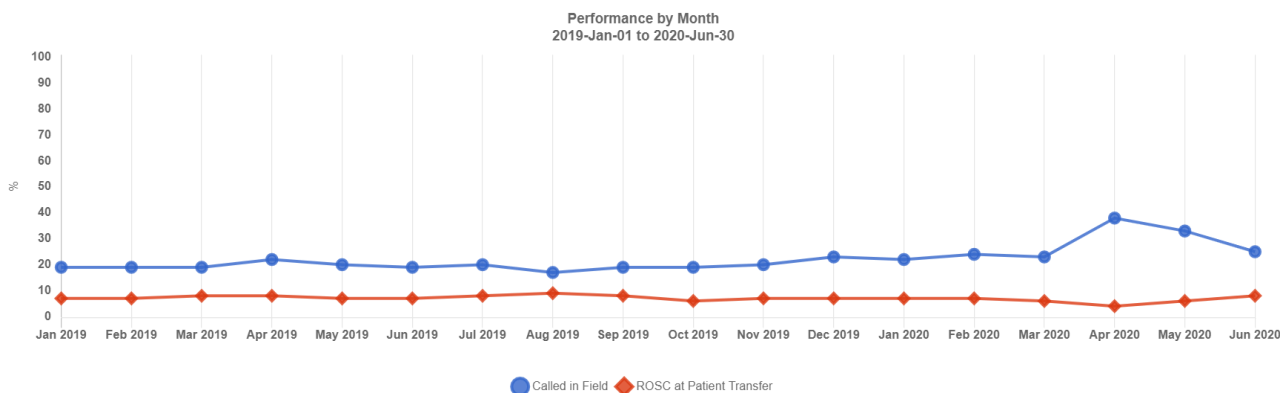
911 Transports – 1st half of 2020 – 1st half of 2019 Overdoses



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Cardiac Arrest (Cardiac Etiology) 2019/2020 – 911 Calls



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Outbreaks

- Congregant settings, workplaces, etc.

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PPE

- PPE → Conserve it, Reuse it (appropriately), Decontaminate (Battelle), Have a plan
 - Supply chains are coming back online – may not be your normal vendor, but there are vendors out there you can order from
- Order it
- Don't "stockpile", but be prepared for this current wave we are in and for flu season

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Public Health Emergency Renewed

- Extended to August

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Testing Positive

If a Patient Tests Positive

- We will notify you (if you have given us the name/DOB)
- Work to determine exposure risk with your infection control office and Medical Director – if exposure for a Medic – follow CDC/DPH guidance on return to work

If a Medic Test Positive

- Agency needs to work with local/district health department, agency infection control officer and medical director to determine exposure risk to patients and other crew members – notify patients as appropriate
- Medic needs to inform all EMS agencies and follow DPH isolation order
- Medic needs to work with contact tracers

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Hurricane Season Prep

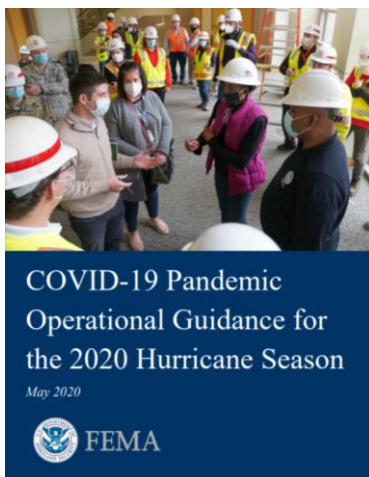
- Readyop survey in case you want to be a contracted provider with GEMA
- <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/covid-19/prepare-for-hurricane.html>
- https://emergency.cdc.gov/epic/learn/2020/webinar_20200527.asp



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Hurricane Prep



https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1589997234798-adb5ce5cb98a7a89e3e1800becf0eb65/2020_Hurricane_Pandemic_Plan.pdf

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Late Renewals

- Late Renewal
 - For those who expired on March 31, 2020
 - Have until September 30, 2020
 - For those who expired on June 30, 2020
 - Have until December 31, 2020
 - Late Fee applies (\$75) in addition to license application fee (\$75)

Licenses

- Provisional Licenses **Still** being issued
- Temporary Licenses are not**
- Reinstatements are not being accepted

Education Programs



ANY modifications to currently approved programs must notify and obtain approval from Regional EMS Training Coordinator PRIOR to the modifications



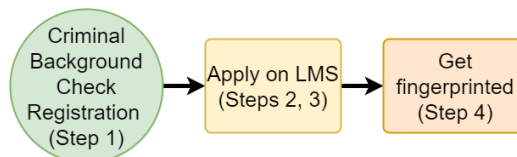
Be working on your spreadsheets

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Criminal Background Check for Initial Licenses Updated Process

- Step 1:
 - Register on GAPS & Pay on GAPS
- Step 2/3:
 - OEMS will approve in GAPS – this is done AFTER OEMS receives completed license application in LMS and it is paid for
 - ▢ Must submit/pay for license application in LMS within 30 days of registering in GAPS
- Step 4:
 - Get fingerprinted – ASAP
 - ▢ Submitted LMS application is valid for 45 days, after that, new application and fee must be submitted



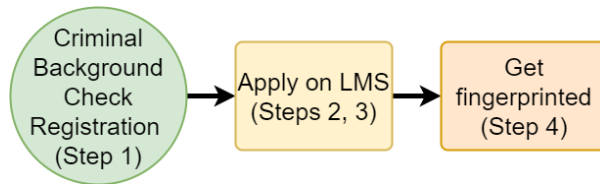
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Licensing Process

<https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure>

Step 1: Complete Fingerprint Background Check Applicant Registration
Step 2: General Requirements for ALL Traditional/Provisional EMS license applications (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic)
EMT Step 3: Additional Requirements for EMT Traditional/Provisional Licensure
AEMT Step 3: Additional Requirements for Advanced EMT Traditional/Provisional Licensure
Paramedic Step 3: Additional Requirements for Paramedic Traditional/Provisional Licensure
Step 4: Get fingerprinted



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Things needed BEFORE Completing LMS Application

- **Fees**
 - License Application Fee = \$75 (additional \$2.75 for Credit/Debit)
 - Background Check (GA) = \$49.25 (GA), \$57.25 (OOS)
- **Certification Cards**
 - CPR for ALL
 - ACLS for Paramedics
- **National Certification**
 - NREMT at the level (traditional or provisional)
 - OR for Paramedic = ATP
- **Residency**
 - Residency Form – MUST be Notarized
 - Verifiable Document
 - If not US Citizen, must have additional documents
- **Background Check**
 - Register with GAPS First
 - Get fingerprinted once we clear you
 - If you have something on your CBC, be prepared with documents related to final disposition

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Office of EMS and Trauma – Phoenix Blvd.

- Make an appointment if you need to come in.
- Most meetings will be conducted online rather than in person.
- In person meetings (rare) – ALL participants must wear masks and must wash hands

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Region 05 Director Position is Posted

- <https://dph.georgia.gov/careers>
- Open NOW
- Closes 7/19/2020

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Weekend

- Be safe
- Be prepared
- Watch your emails



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Questions?

- Stay healthy and stay safe!

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