

Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday, 7/17/2020



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- Reminders
- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Educational Updates
- 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 & Check the expiration date of your medics

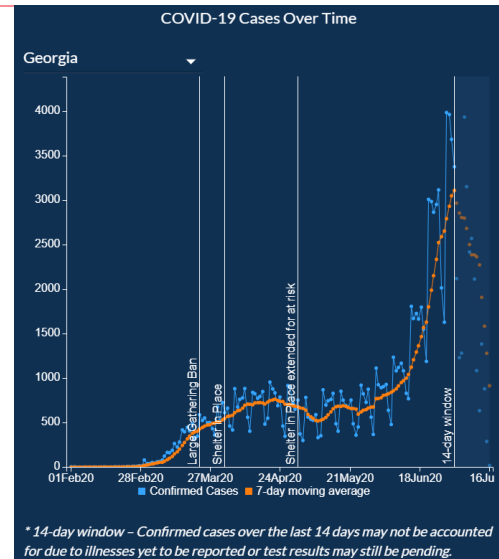
Service Directors, we need your help!

- Please let your medics know that they need to have their email in the system
- As of 7/16/2020 – 4,985 medics do not have an email in the system
 - Most expire next year (3/31/2021)
 - We can't send reminders of expirations and medics can't enter their CEUs (or sign up for classes on LMS) until they enter their email address into LMS!
 - Waiting till March 30, 2021 at 11:00pm is not a good idea

Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek

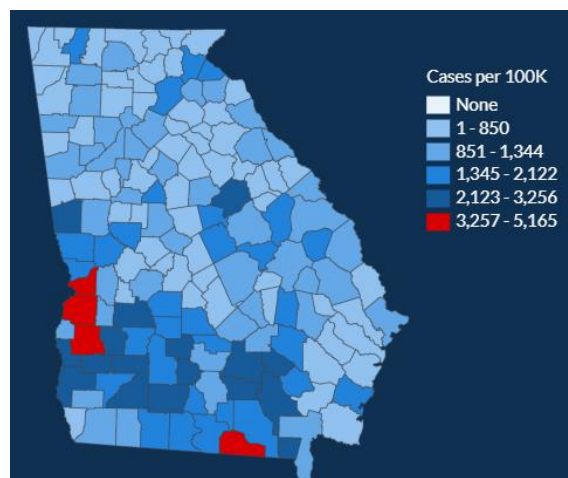
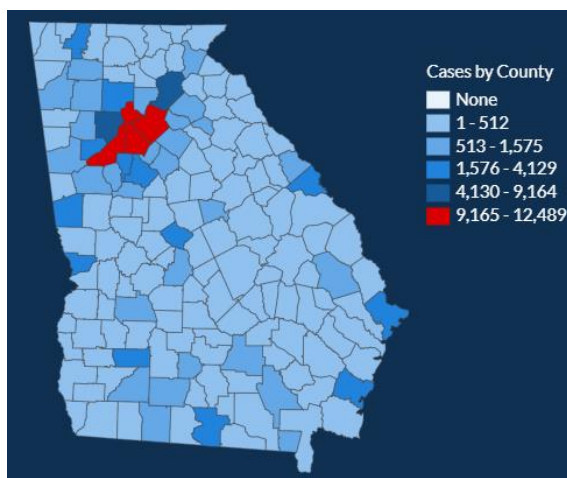
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report> (as of 7/16 @ 14:50)

- Confirmed Cases: 131,275
- Deaths: 3,104
- Hospitalizations: 14,346
- ICU Admissions: 2,736
- COVID-19 Testing:
 - *Cumulative as of 7/16/2020:*
 - ▣ Total PCR: 1,178,222
 - ▣ % Positive = 10.2%
 - *Reported on 7/16/2020:*
 - ▣ PCR: 23,239
 - ▣ % Positive: 14.9%



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As of 7/16/2020



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Questions for Dr. Drenzek?

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Don't Let your Guard Down

- Don't let your guard down:
 - On Duty
 - Off Duty
 - ANY TIME
- Record numbers of testing
- Record numbers of cases

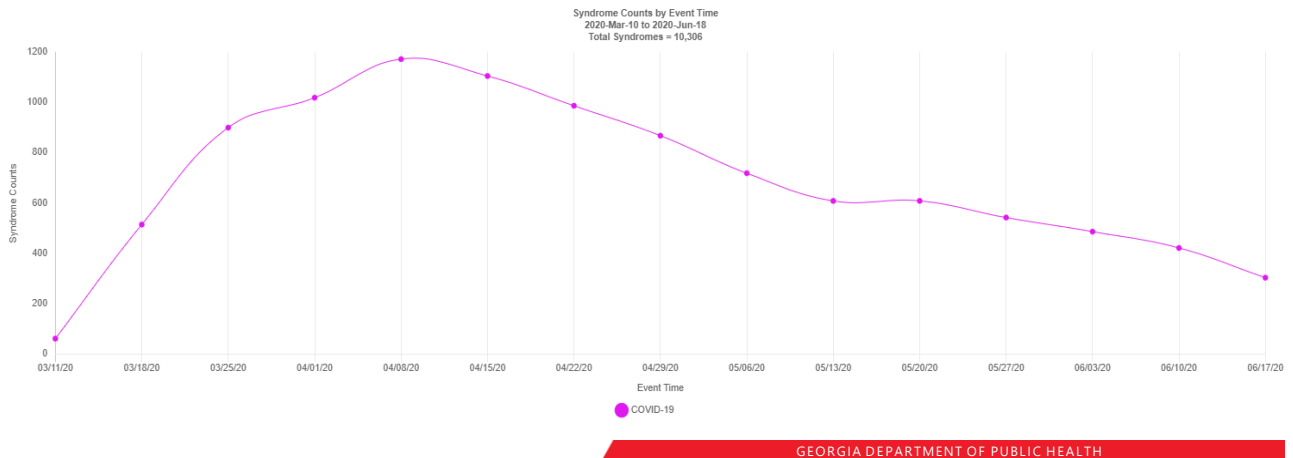
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COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10-June 18)

N = 10,306

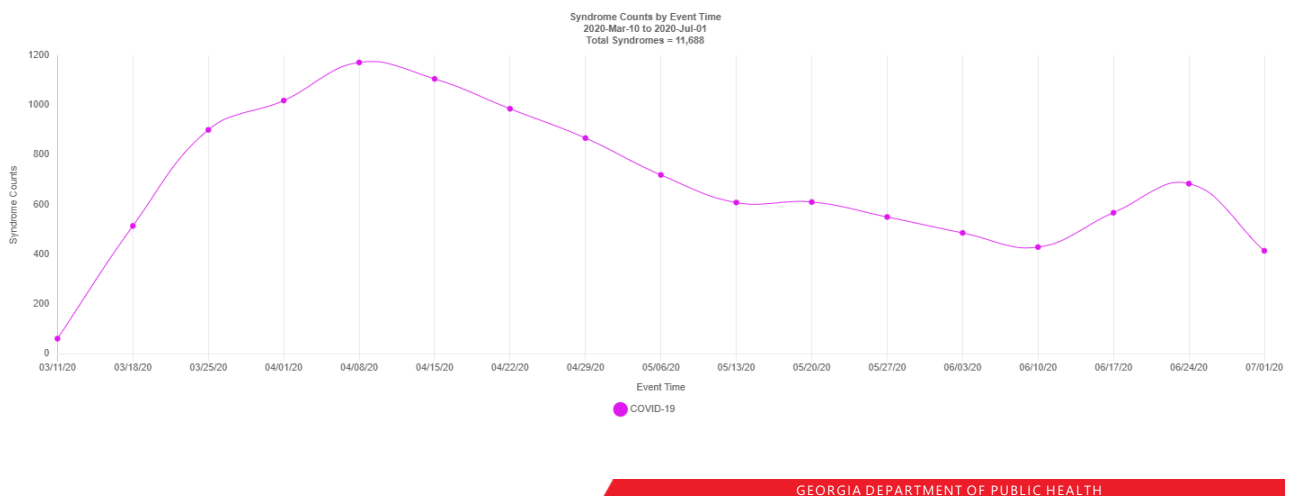
- It is still here...



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COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10 – July 01)

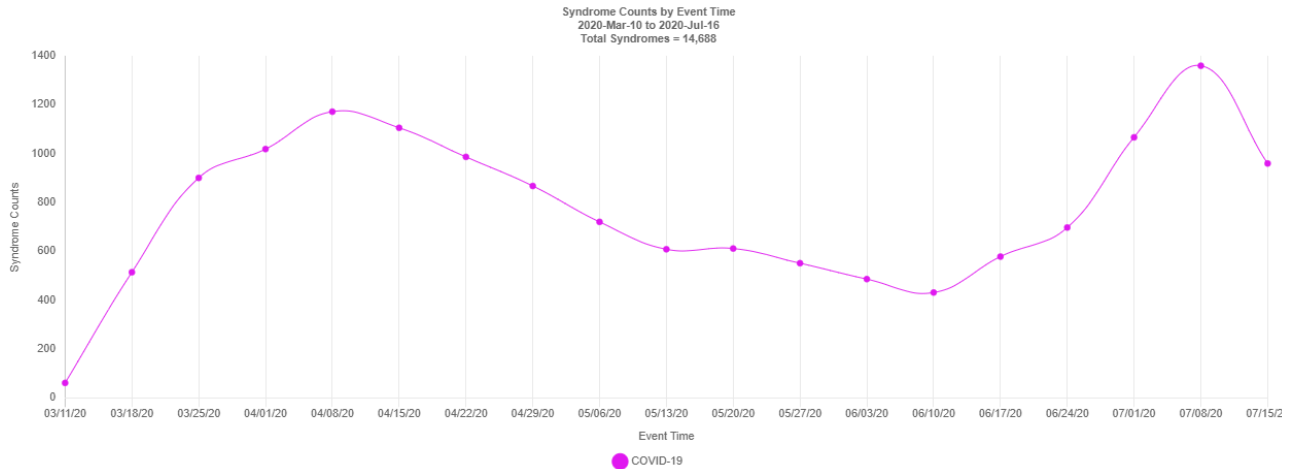
N = 11,688



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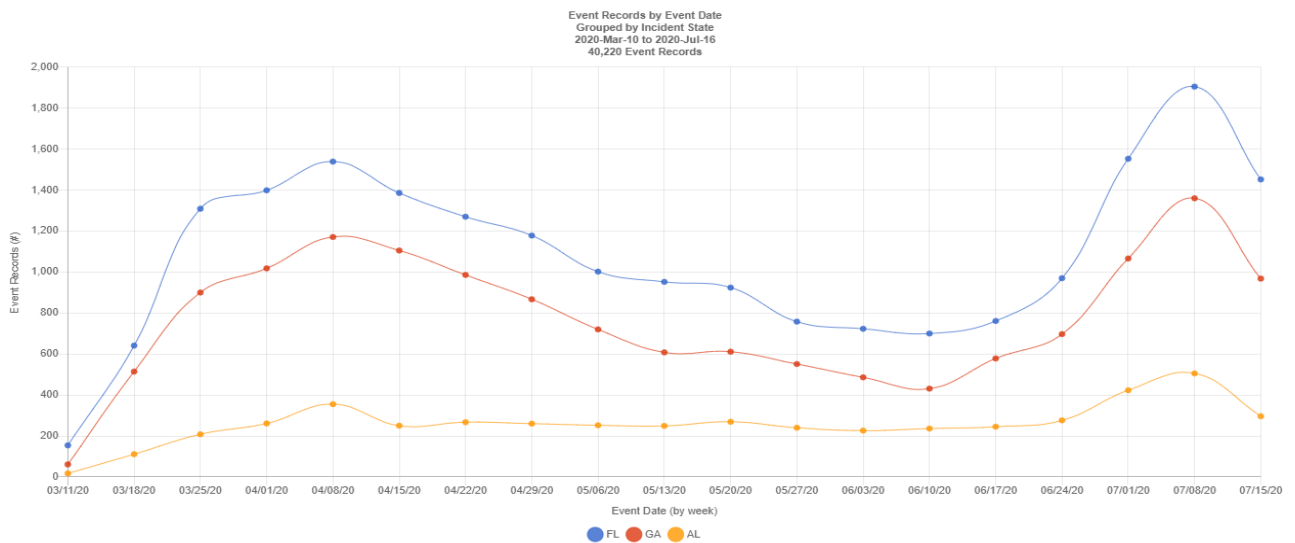


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Florida, Georgia, Alabama

Be careful how you look at the data!



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This is why!
Absolute Count ≠ Per Capita Count

Biospatial COVID-19 Syndrome (911 Calls Only) Week of 7/5/2020 - 7/11/2020					
State	Population (US Census 2019 Estimate)	Absolute Count	Rank by Absolute Count	Per Capita (per 100K)	Rank by Per Capita
Florida	21,477,737	1,773	1	8.26	3
Georgia	10,617,423	1,310	2	12.34	1
Alabama	4,903,185	469	3	9.57	2

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Notifications to EMS Agencies

Region	March	April	May	June	July (1st half)	Grand Total
Region 01	81	174	57	147	129	588
Region 02	52	370	232	203	120	977
Region 03	1261	3206	2114	1776	1610	9967
Region 04	215	801	494	562	254	2326
Region 05	87	579	411	401	346	1824
Region 06	63	250	184	220	240	957
Region 07	18	115	113	261	165	672
Region 08	452	691	204	229	160	1736
Region 09	39	286	277	285	341	1228
Region 10	96	226	303	178	89	892
Grand Total	2364	6698	4389	4262	3454	21167

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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 Tests 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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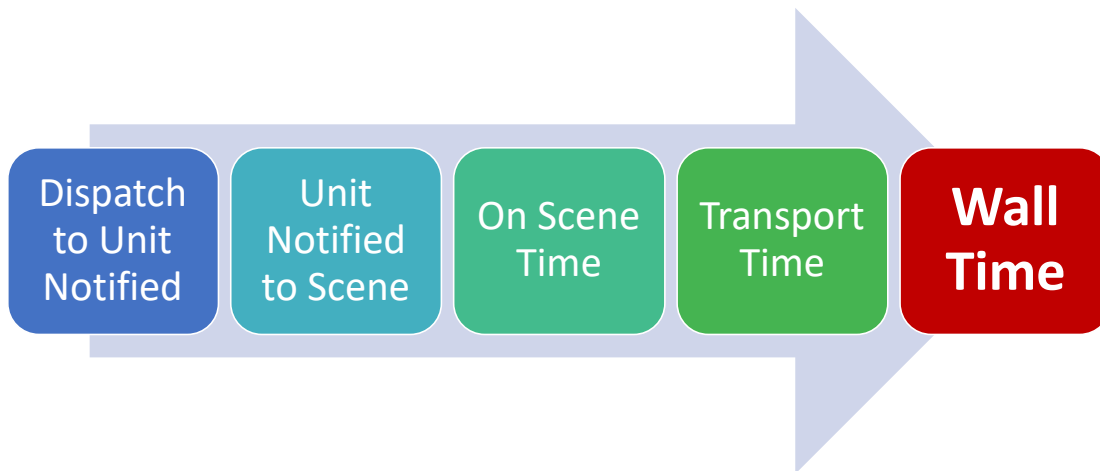
Return to Work Guidance

- General:
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/dph-covid-19-return-work-guidance-after-covid-19-illness-or-exposure-persons-not/download>
- Healthcare Workers:
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/dph-return-work-guidance-03-26-2020/download>

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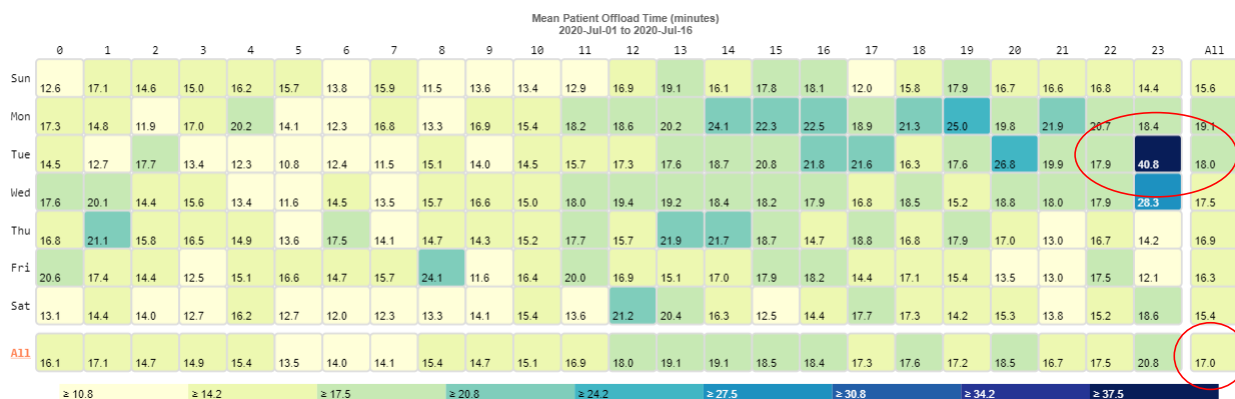
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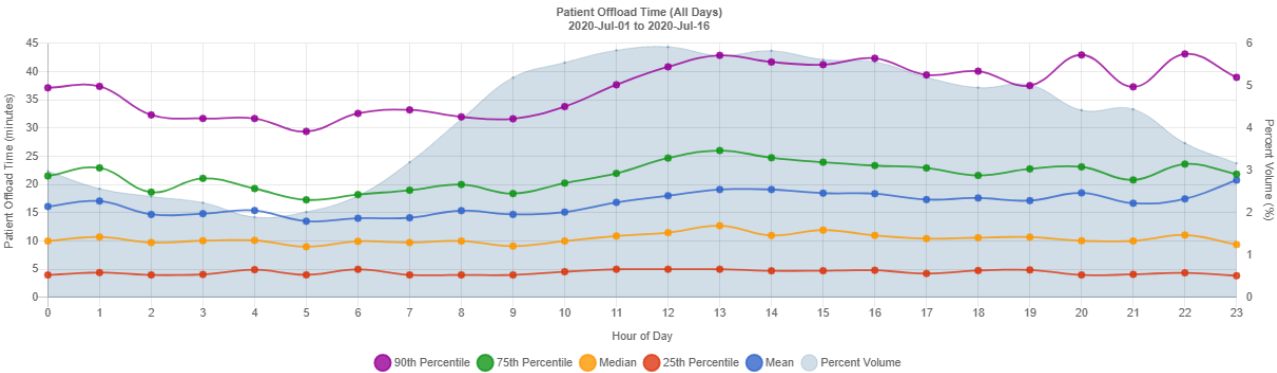
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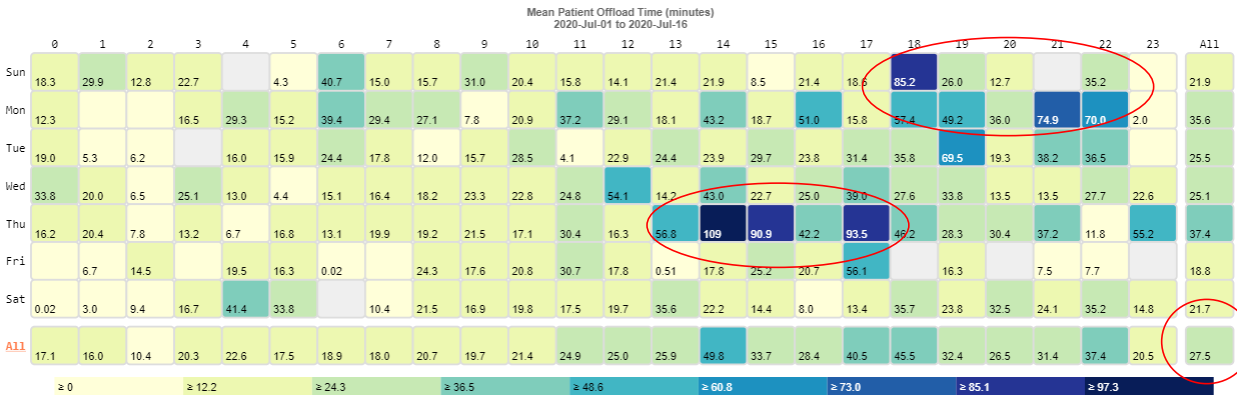
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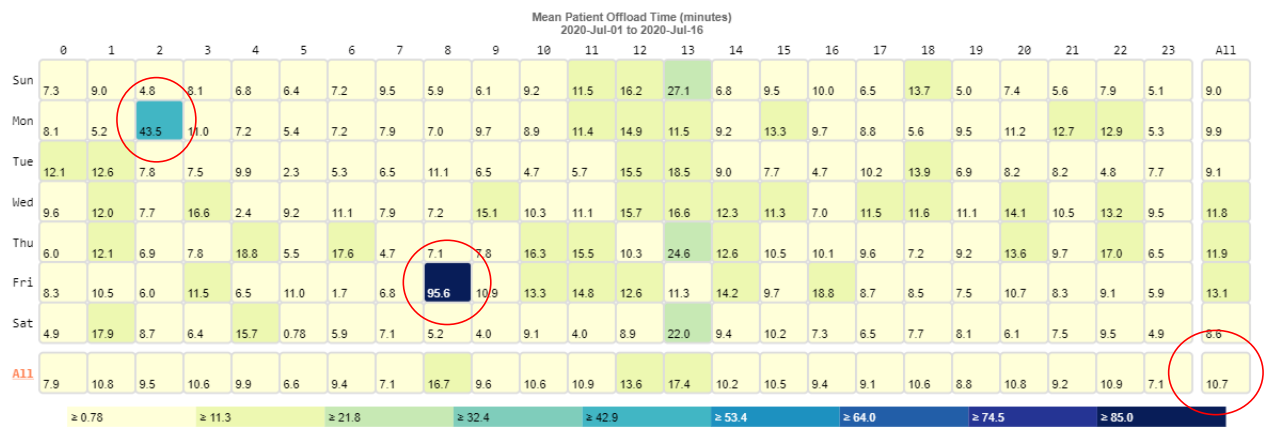
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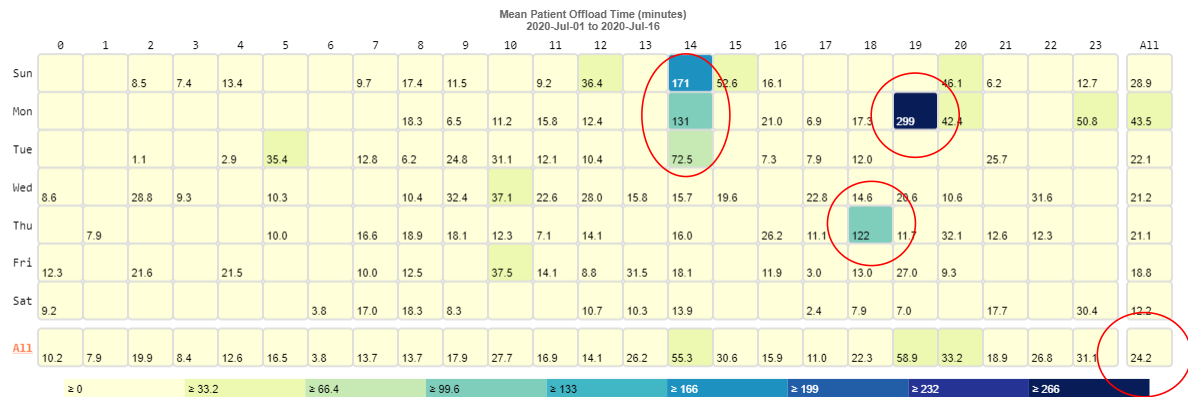
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Another Agency



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Key Point? Look at your data in Biospatial!



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eTimes	
1 : 1	eTimes.01 - PSAP Call Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.02 - Dispatch Notified Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.03 - Unit Notified by Dispatch Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.04 - Dispatch Acknowledged Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.05 - Unit En Route Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.06 - Unit Arrived on Scene Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.07 - Arrived at Patient Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.08 - Transfer of EMS Patient Care Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.09 - Unit Left Scene Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.10 - Arrival at Destination Landing Area Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.11 - Patient Arrived at Destination Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.12 - Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time
1 : 1	eTimes.13 - Unit Back in Service Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.14 - Unit Canceled Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.15 - Unit Back at Home Location Date/Time
0 : 1	eTimes.16 - EMS Call Completed Date/Time

eTimes.12 - Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time



- **Definition**
 - The date/time that patient care was transferred to the destination healthcare facilities 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.
- **MANDATORY on 9/1/2020**
- *Please start recording this NOW!*
- *Talk to your vendor and make sure it is on your run form.*

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EMS	EMS Quick Report		Transport		EMS Agency: _____						
	Incident Date: ____/____/20		Incident #: _____		Unit #: _____						
	Transport EMS Crew Members: #1 _____ #2 _____										
List all other First Responder Agencies who were present on scene and had contact with the patient: _____											
PT	Patient Last Name: _____		Age: _____		Sex: _____						
	Patient First Name: _____		DOB: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Call <input type="checkbox"/> Scene <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer						
PT's Chief Complaint: _____											
TIMES	<input type="checkbox"/> Incident <input type="checkbox"/> TRAUMA (Alert given? Yes / No) <input type="checkbox"/> STROKE (Alert given? Yes / No) <input type="checkbox"/> Type: <input type="checkbox"/> CARDIA (if STEMI or OHCA, Alert given? Yes / No) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____		Dispatched: _____ Record _____ Date/Time of Injury or Last Known Well: ____/____/20 @ _____ On Scene: _____ Times as _____ Time of FMC: _____ (First Medical Contact) Left Scene: _____ Applicable: _____ Time of ALERT: _____ (TRAUMA/STROKE/STEMI/OHCA Alert) Reoperation: _____ (Alert = Pre-notification to hospital) - circle type of alert								
	Cardiac Arrest		Time of Initial Arrest _____ Time of ROSC: _____ Time CPR Started _____ Initial ECG Rhythm: _____								
	Time	AVPU	GCS	HR	RR	BP	SpO ₂	ETCO ₂	Blood Glucose	Pain Scale	ECG Findings
	:										
	:										
HX	Allergies: _____ Medical Hc: _____ Medications: _____										
	Time	TREATMENT PROVIDED						Patient Response			
NOTES & PHYSICAL EXAM											
PT Received By: _____ (Print Name) Signature of Person _____ Receiving Form: _____		Transfer of Care Time: _____									
This form is to be used by EMS personnel to provide PT care information to the receiving facility upon delivery of the PT, and should be LEFT AT THE RECEIVING FACILITY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF THE CREW . This form DOES NOT REPLACE THE NEED TO SUBMIT an ePCR. Agencies must submit ePCOs to GENIUS (EHR) within 24 hours of call completion, and hospitals may access these patient care reports on hospital hub. To gain access to Hospital Hub, please contact your Regional Director (see interfacility.exchange@nraus.org) and click on Regional EMS System and they will forward your request.							TRANSFER OF CARE				

Quick Reports

- www.ems.ga.gov

UPDATE (7/2/2020) EMS Quick Report Form - click on the version you need ([Excel](#) , [PDF](#))

The Office of EMS and Trauma has established this form to be used by EMS personnel to provide patient care information to the receiving facility upon delivery of the patient until a prehospital care report can be completed and submitted through GEMSIS Elite. This new Quick Report complies with the Emergency Rule listed above.

Notes on the Quick Report Form:

- THIS FORM DOES NOT REPLACE THE NEED TO SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE REPORT (ePCR).
- Agencies should submit ePCRs to GEMSIS Elite within 24 hours of call completion, and hospitals may access those patient care reports on [Hospital Hub](#). To gain access to Hospital Hub, please contact your [Regional EMS Director](#) and they will forward your request.
- EMS Agencies may adapt this form and place their agency name on it, as long as the minimal information is kept on this document.
- By using this form (or one substantially similar to it), hospitals are more quickly able to contact the agency and specifically the crews if a patient that they transported tests positive for or is suspected of having COVID-19.

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"Out of County" Diversion

- There is NO such thing!
- If you get told this:
 - *Don't argue*, but *explain* why you are bringing the patient there
 - Contact your Regional EMS Director immediately!!



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...but...before it becomes an issue...



- Work out a plan with all the ERs you transport to
- Sometimes hospitals do actually go on "diversion" – respect this if you are able to (i.e. CT Scanner down, etc)
- Communicate with your patients
- In the middle of a transport is NOT the time to have this discussion

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Education Programs



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



Submit your spreadsheets

- we are aware of the calculated field error on the clinicals/field tab
- summative review hours – don't include them on the spreadsheet (will be added later in LMS)

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Spreadsheet Questions

- After we review the spreadsheets, we will have a separate meeting with just the Initial Education Program Directors to discuss the new process in LMS
 - Attendance at this will be mandatory

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Simulations

- Must be approved FIRST, and must follow minimums on the NEW file review forms
- <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-forms-and-related-documents>
- No simulation hours for state minimums for EMT or AEMT

CLINICAL/FIELD EXPERIENCE (NON-CAPSTONE) HOURS		OEMS		COMPLETED		THIS FILE REVIEW FORM IS FOR USE DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHRE) ONLY. ONCE THE PHRE IS LESS OF A THREAT, OEMS WILL MODIFY THIS FORM.	PATIENT ASSESSMENTS BY AGE				OEMS		# COMPLETED	
Clinical/Field Area		Trad Min	Min Total	Trad	Sim.		Trad Min	Min Total	Clinical	Field	Sim.	Trad Total	Sim. Total	
Clinical: Emergency Room	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Recovery Room/PACU	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Critical Care Unit	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Operating Room	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Labor/Delivery	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Pediatrics	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Psychiatric	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Urgent Care Clinic	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Nursing Home	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Doctor's Office	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: Other	NSS	NSS												
Field: Med. First Responder	NSS	NSS												
Field: Ambulance	NSS	NSS												
Clinical: TOTAL	NSS	NSS	0	0	0									
Field: TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0									
TOTAL HRS (Clinical + Field)	225	300	0	0	0									
CAPSTONE FIELD INTERNSHIP							OEMS		# COMPLETED					
Requirement (Simulation NOT Permitted for State Minimums)							Trad Min	Min Total	Clinical	Field	Sim.	Trad Total	Sim. Total	
Capstone Field Hours: Ambulance							48							
ALS Team Leads (TL) during Capstone							20							
# of TLs marked successful by the preceptor.							NSS							
							PT ASSESSMENTS BY PATHOLOGY				OEMS		# COMPLETED	
							Trad Min	Min Total	Clinical	Field	Sim.	Trad Total	Sim. Total	
							Pathology							
Obstetrics							3	5						
Trauma							10	20						
Psychiatric							3	5						
Cardiac							NSS	NSS						
Cardiac Arrest							NSS	NSS						
CVA							NSS	NSS						
Medical							NSS	NSS						
Neuro							NSS	NSS						
Respiratory							NSS	NSS						

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Stand-alone skills ≠ Simulation



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Initial Licensure – still some confusion over new process

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

EMS Personnel Licensure

All applicants are required to use the Georgia EMS License Management System (LMS) to apply for licensure as an EMS provider. The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma uses an online platform to process all initial and renewal medic and instructor license applications. Paper applications are NOT accepted. For more information on LMS, including how to create an account or access your existing account, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to download a single-page document that explains the process to get an initial medic license in Georgia (detailed steps below).

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DPH Georgia Department of Public Health

Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma
1680 Phoenix Blvd, Ste 200
Atlanta, GA 30349
770-996-3133
www.ems.ga.gov

Steps to apply for Initial EMS Personnel Licensure in Georgia

Detailed Steps listed on DPH OEMS Licensing Webpage: <https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure>

TOTAL COST FOR Fingerprinting & License Application: \$124.25 - \$135.00 (plus \$2.25 beginning 8/2/2020)

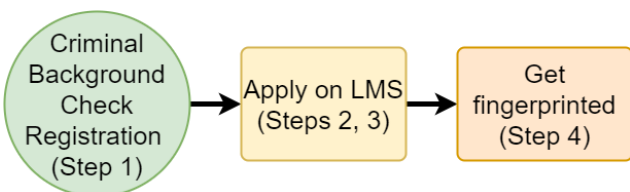
Step (Please read this entire document before you start)	Completed
Step 1: Complete Fingerprint Background Check Applicant Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicants MUST use the Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) for the submission of your fingerprint-based criminal history records check. The department does not accept criminal history reports from the applicant or other sources. Detailed steps on how to register for GAPS on Licensing Webpage COST (Paid to GAPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$40.25 (if fingerprinted in GA) (\$51.50 as of 8/2/2020) \$57.25 (if mailing fingerprint card) (\$59.50 as of 8/2/2020) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 2/3: Apply on LMS for EMS License (www.myoemsis.org/lms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather your documents and have them scanned onto your computer as PDF files (Details of Acceptable documents for each are on Licensing Webpage) – these will be uploaded into the Application on LMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certs: CPR Card & ACLS Card (Paramedics) Verification of Lawful U.S. Residency form (must be notarized) If you are not a U.S. Citizen, additional documents are required Verifiable Document (Driver's License/Passport/etc) Submit and pay for application on LMS (www.myoemsis.org/lms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose and complete/submit correct application (under Applications) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully Nationally Registered (you have passed cognitive & psychomotor exam) or have current ATP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use application entitled Initial EMT License, Initial AEMT License, or Initial Paramedic License Provisionally Nationally Registered (you have passed ONLY cognitive exam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use application entitled Provisional License Application – EMT, Provisional License Application – AEMT, or Provisional License Application – Paramedic Pay Non-Refundable Application Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$75 Application Fee (process is <u>much</u> slower if mailed) \$2.75 Additional Fee for Credit/Debit 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 4: Get Fingerprinted after OEMS clears you in GAPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OEMS will clear you in GAPS to get fingerprinted once we have a correct, completed/submitted and paid for License application in LMS Detailed steps on how to get fingerprinted are emailed to you & are on Licensing Webpage (must be completed within 30 days after OEMS clears you for fingerprinting) 	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

- DPH Website-Licensing Information: <https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure>
- Have ALL of your documents and your available funds READY to go BEFORE you start this process.
- READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully – if the instructions aren't followed carefully, the licensing process is delayed.
- CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND READ THEM** carefully. Emails will come to you from GAPS/LMS/OEMS – this is official communication, so please check your emails, read them, and follow any instructions carefully.
- Applicants must complete this process themselves – agencies are NOT permitted to apply for a student/applicant. Agencies may guide the applicant, but the actual application must be completed by the applicant.
- You must have current NREMT (provisional or full) or current ATP BEFORE you start this process!

We protect lives.

Initial License Application Check-List



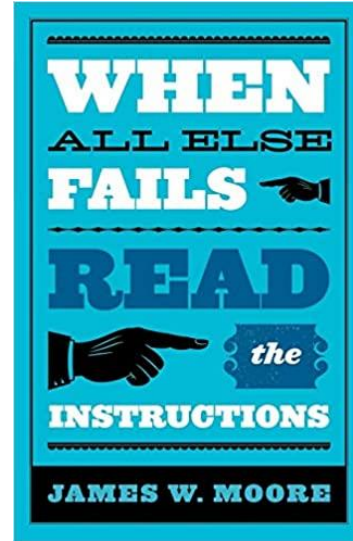
Please NOTE – GAPS Price for Fingerprint Background Checks goes up by \$2.25 on 8/2/2020

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- READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
- Have Documents and \$\$ READY
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NREMT – Traditional vs. Provisional

- Applicants should really know which one they are – this helps them choose which application to fill out
- CHECK THE NREMT Website!!! – Don't apply for the wrong license – it just delays the processing

TRADITIONAL	PROVISIONAL
CBT – Passed	CBT - Passed
PSE – Passed	PSE – Not taken or still with attempts remaining (NOT yet passed)

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If you are a Provisional Licensee, N = 158

- Expiration Date = 12/31/2021
- No restrictions on license
- Must convert to Traditional before 12/31/2021 – no charge
 - Please call us at 770-996-3133 and let us know when the NREMT website indicates that you are FULLY Nationally Registered – we will convert your license manually
- If applying on 1/1/2022 – normal license fee and background check

NOT Renewable!

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Provisional Certifications

- Candidate Dashboard
 - Provisional Level
 - Dates
 - Note on provisional certifications
 - Button to download/print provisional certification

Dashboard

JENN P. EMT

Date of Birth: 6/9/1999
Social Security #: ***-**-1106

Certification Handbook

The certification handbooks contain information on NREMT certification, including the application process, the exams, and certification policies.

Provisional Certification

Level: EMT
Dates: 3/31/2020 - 12/31/2021

National EMS certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive (computer based) and a psychomotor (skills) examination.

Download Certificate

Recent Certification Applications

EMT Initial Application
STATUS: EXAMINATION SCORED
Application Confirmation ID: 2019000913
Application Created: 6/9/2020 10:51 AM (EST)

View All Certification Applications **Create Certification Application**

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Provisional Certifications

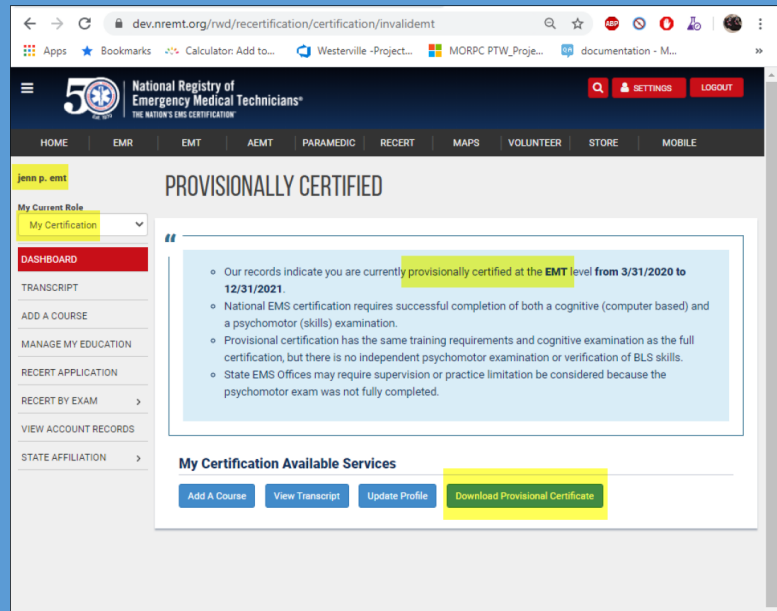
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 - Provisional Level
 - National Registry Number
 - Expiration Date



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Provisional Certifications

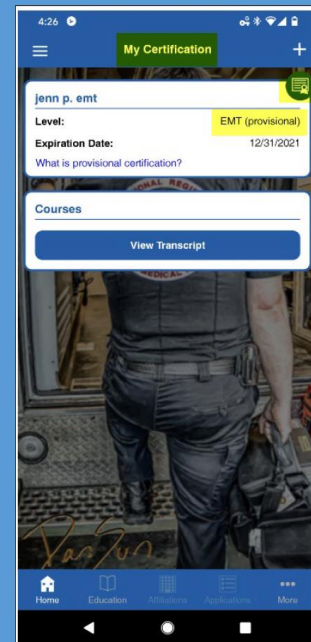
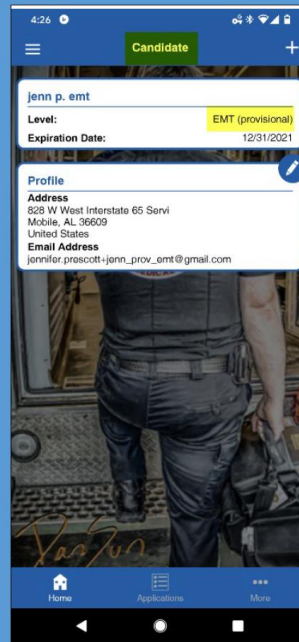
- My Certification
 - Note regarding the candidate being provisionally certified
 - Button to Download Provisional Certificate



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Provisional Certifications

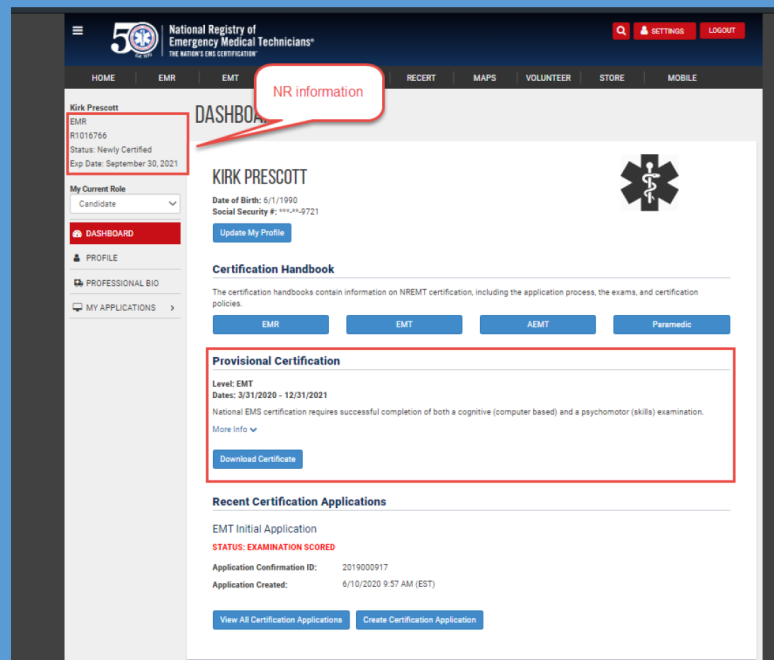
- Mobile app
 - Candidate screen
 - Name
 - Provisional level
 - Expiration date
 - My Certification screen
 - Name
 - Level
 - Expiration Date
 - Note on provisional certifications
 - Click button to view certificate



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Provisional Certifications

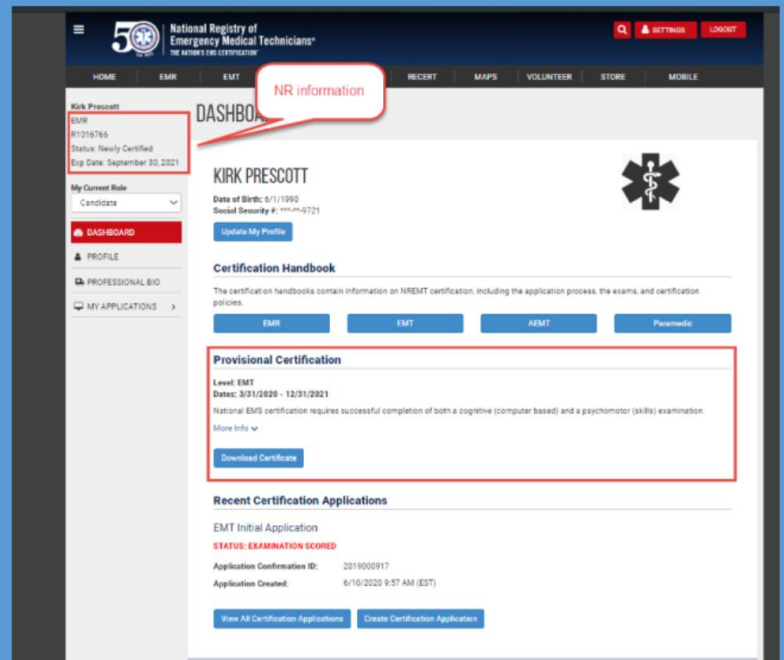
- Provider Dashboard
 - Nationally Registered (EMR)
 - Provisionally Certified (EMT)



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Provisional Certifications

- Provider Dashboard
 - Nationally Registered (EMR)
 - Provisionally Certified (EMT)



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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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Questions?

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Thanks for all that you do!

- Be safe
- Be prepared
- Watch your emails



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