Agenda

- Reminders
- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Educational Updates
- Questions
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
- 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%

As of 7/16/2020

[Map showing COVID-19 cases by county in Georgia]

[Map showing COVID-19 cases per 100K in Georgia]

* 14-day window – Confirmed cases over the last 14 days may not be accounted for due to illnesses yet to be reported or test results may still be pending.
Questions for Dr. Drenzek?

Don’t Let your Guard Down

• Don’t let your guard down:
  o On Duty
  o Off Duty
  o ANY TIME
• Record numbers of testing
• Record numbers of cases
COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10-June 18)  
N = 10,306

- It is still here...

COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10 – July 01)  
N = 11,688
COVID-19 Calculated Syndrome (March 10 – July 16)
N = 14,688

Florida, Georgia, Alabama
*Be careful how you look at the data!*
This is why!

*Absolute Count ≠ Per Capita Count*

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**Biospatial COVID-19 Syndrome (911 Calls Only)**

**Week of 7/5/2020 - 7/11/2020**

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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

Return to Work Guidance

- General:

- Healthcare Workers:
Wall Times

July 1 – July 15, 911 Calls, Transports to ERs, N = 37,736
One city

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July 1 – July 15, 911 Calls, Transports to ER, N = 37,736
### One Agency

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| Sun | 7.3 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 9.5 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 9.2 | 11.5 | 16.2 | 27.1 | 6.8 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 13.7 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 5.6 | 7.9 | 5.1 |
| Mon | 0.1 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 14.9 | 14.5 | 1.2 | 13.3 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 5.6 | 9.5 | 11.2 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 5.3 |
| Tue | 12.1 | 12.6 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 2.3 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 15.5 | 18.5 | 9.0 | 7.7 | 4.7 | 10.2 | 13.9 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 7.7 | 9.1 |
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| Thu | 0.0 | 12.1 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 13.8 | 5.5 | 17.6 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 14.6 | 16.3 | 15.5 | 10.3 | 24.4 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 9.2 | 13.6 | 9.7 | 17.6 | 8.5 |
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| Sat | 0.9 | 17.9 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 15.7 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 8.9 | 22.0 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 9.5 |

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| Mon | 18.3 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 15.8 | 12.4 | 131 | 21.0 | 6.9 | 17.0 | 299 | 4.8 | 50.8 | 43.5 |
| Tue | 1.1 | 2.9 | 36.4 | 12.3 | 6.2 | 24.6 | 31.1 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 12.0 | 26.7 | 32.1 |
| Wed | 8.6 | 28.8 | 9.3 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 32.4 | 37.1 | 22.6 | 28.0 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 19.6 | 22.8 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 31.6 | 21.2 |
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| Sat | 8.2 | 3.9 | 17.0 | 10.3 | 8.3 | 19.7 | 10.3 | 13.9 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 17.7 | 30.4 | 12.9 |

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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

7/31/2020
Key Point? Look at your data in Biospatial!

**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.**
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.
“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!!

...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
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)

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
Simulations

- Must be approved FIRST, and must follow minimums on the NEW file review forms
- No simulation hours for state minimums for EMT or AEMT
Initial Licensure – still some confusion over new process

- [https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure](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](https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure).

Click [HERE](https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure) 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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Initial License Application Check-List

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

• READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
• Have Documents and $$ READY
• CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND READ THEM
• Applicants must complete this process themselves – agencies are NOT permitted to apply for a student/applicant.
• You must have current NREMT (provisional or full) or current ATP BEFORE you start this process!

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

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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!

Provisional Certifications

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

- Downloadable/Printable Certificate
  - Provisional Level
  - National Registry Number
  - Expiration Date

Provisional Certifications

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

Provisional Certifications

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

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

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
Questions?

Thanks for all that you do!

- Be safe
- Be prepared
- Watch your emails