Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday, 10/23/2020

Agenda

- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Educational Updates
- Questions
Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 10/22/2020

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**COVID-19 Testing**

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<td>3,367,594</td>
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<td>9.6%</td>
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Cases Over Time (By date of onset)

Reported cases per 100,000 people last 14 days - as of 10/22/2020

**Georgia - October 22**
- Cases (last 2 weeks): 18,586
- Cases per 100k (last 2 weeks): 172
- Cases (total): 345,535
- Cases per 100k (total): 3190
- Population: 10,833,472
Epidemiology Questions for Dr. Drenzek?

EMS Operational Updates
Reminders

- As of 10/22/2020:
  - 3,573 (-95 in last 2 weeks) Medics without email addresses!

- Renewal season is here!
- Agencies MUST have current rosters.

- There is NO excuse for having out-of-date rosters and NO excuse for saying "I didn't know that medic had expired"

Agencies with medics without email addresses

- Contact your Regional EMS Director to get a list of these medics
Renewals

https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-licensure/renewal

- **Must** have training documented before renewal process will go to Form 2.

**Form 1 - Training Hours Verification**

- This form has instructions on how to check your training hours. (Click and HERE for instructions on how to check your training hours, and click HERE for instructions on how to update your training hours)
- When you click Submit, if your hours are done, you will be given Form 2. If not, your application will be retired, and you will need to start a new one.

**Form 2 - Compliance Check**

- If you have completed Form 1 and all hours were correct, then you should be taken back to the "Continue My Applications" page, and under Form, you should see the "Form 2 - Compliance Check" - click Start
- You will be asked about your residency status and any criminal history since your last renewal.
- If you have no compliance issues, you will be given Form 3.

**Form 3 - Renewal Information**

- Complete each tab and click Save and Continue
- All medics are required to upload a copy of their CPR card (front and back) and for CTs and Paramedics, a copy of their ACLS card (front and back) is also required.
- Select your payment type - the fastest payment type is Credit/Debit Card (there is an additional $2.75 charge for Credit/Debit Card processing)
- After completing all tabs and signing the last page, click Submit and then you will be asked if you are sure, click Yes.
- If you elected to pay by Credit/Debit card, you will be taken to the Checkout page - once there, click on Pay now
- Enter your Card and Billing information, and then click Submit Transaction - wait for it to finish processing (do NOT refresh your screen)
- The 'All Transactions' screen is next - if the transaction does not have a status of "Completed", then your payment was not successful, and you need to click on Checkout under Applications on the left to attempt your payment again.
- If the payment was successful, you should receive an email stating your license has been renewed. You can also click on My Account on the left and check your new Expiration Date. You can click on Documents under the My Account section to see your license card.
Renewals Completed so far – 118 down, 15,873 to go!

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- Application = Agency - Indicate Medics for Renewal Payments
  - Must be Authorized Agent or EMS Agency Admin
- Open now till 2/15/2021 – this deadline is FIRM
  - All moneys MUST be received by COB on March 1, 2021 – this deadline is FIRM!
    - This leaves the medic 30 day to renew their license.
- Medics will NOT see the “Georgia Medic Renewal – Agency Paid” application until AFTER the EMS Agency has paid for their application fees
CLIA

- All EMS Agencies are required to have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver

BinaxNOW

- https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/binaxnow-ems
- Data portal for reporting results is up and running
- Request an allocation through LMS
  - 4 EMS agencies so far
“Facility staff” includes employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility, and students in the facility’s nurse aide training programs or from affiliated academic institutions. For the purpose of testing “individuals providing services under arrangement and volunteers,” facilities should prioritize those individuals who are regularly in the facility (e.g., weekly) and have contact with residents or staff. We note that the facility may have a provision under its arrangement with a vendor or volunteer that requires them to be tested from another source (e.g., their employer or on their own). However, the facility is still required to obtain documentation that the required testing was completed during the timeframe that corresponds to the facility’s testing frequency, as described in Table 2 below.
Entry of Health Care Workers and Other Providers of Services

Health care workers who are not employees of the facility but provide direct care to the facility’s residents, such as hospice workers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, telemetry technicians, laboratory technicians, radiology technicians, social workers, clergy etc., must be permitted to come into the facility as long as they are not subject to a work exclusion due to an exposure to COVID-19 or show signs or symptoms of COVID-19 after being screened. We note that EMS personnel do not need to be screened so they can attend to an emergency without delay. We remind facilities that all staff, including individuals providing services under arrangement as well as volunteers, should adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and must comply with COVID-19 testing requirements.
EMSAC and EMSMDAC

- New appointments for both
- **EMSMDAC:**
  - Quarterly meeting this past Tuesday
  - Next collaboration session Tue, 11/10/2020 @ 2pm
- **EMSAC:**
  - Next quarterly meeting Tue, 11/17/2020 @ 10am
Instructor Rules

- Formally adopted by DPH Commissioner
- Effective 11/18/2020

Timeline for transition period – these dates are FIRM

- Current Initial Level I/II/III instructor apps available till 10/31/2020 @ 11:59pm Eastern
- ALL open Level I/II/III instructor apps must be submitted by 11/9/2020 @ 9am
  - Official transcripts for Level III Instructor apps must be *received* BEFORE close of business on Thursday, 11/12/2020
  - All additional requirements for instructor apps MUST be received by COB on Thursday, 11/12/2020
    - NR Assessment exam, BLS/ACLS, etc.
- New Instructor apps available the week of 11/16/2020
- No new licenses will be issued until the earliest 11/18/2020
LMS for Initial Education

- NREMT Site Codes Updates
- Add Instructional Personnel
- Next Steps

Next Meetings

- Epidemiology and Operational Updates
  - Friday, 11/6/2020 @ 11am
  - Friday, 12/4/2020 @ 11am

- Instructor Updates
  - All EMS Initial Education Program Directors should attend
  - Recommended that all Instructor/Coordinators attend as well
  - Friday, 11/20/2020 @ 11am (~1 hour)
  - Friday, 12/11/2020 @ 11am (~1 hour)