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Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday 11/06/2020

Agenda

- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Questions

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Epidemiology Report

Dr. Cherie Drenzek

Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 11/05/2020


368,368 8,126 32,217 6,058

31,257 452

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Cases Over Time (By date of onset)

Reported cases per 100,000 people last 14 days – as of 11/06/2020

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County Indicator Reports (Scroll to the bottom)

Epidemiology Questions for Dr. Drenzek?
Opioid Syndrome (2019 vs 2020) +41.2%

July 2019 – October 2020

MVCs – comparing 2020 to 2019

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<th>Category (911 Calls Only)</th>
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<td>All MVCs</td>
<td>-0.7% (n = 7,358)</td>
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<td>Severe, Fatal, Likely Fatal</td>
<td>+0.8% (n = 133)</td>
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EMS Operational Updates

Reminders

- As of 11/05/2020:
  - 3,292 (~361 in last 2 weeks) Medics without email addresses!

- Renewal season is here!
- 15,813 still to renew
- 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- There is NO excuse for having out-of-date rosters and NO excuse for saying "I didn't know that medic had expired"

CLIA and BinaxNOW

- CLIA
  - All EMS Agencies are required to have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver
  - "Waived" tests REQUIRE 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
Update on CMS Testing Requirements


- CMS meeting with State EMS Directors yesterday

  - Remember the requirement is on the Nursing Homes, NOT on the EMS agency

EMSAC and EMSMDAC – Open Meetings!

- **EMSMDAC:**
  - Next collaboration session Tue, 11/10/2020 @ 2pm

- **EMSAC:**
  - Next quarterly meeting Tue, 11/17/2020 @ 10am

- [www.ems.ga.gov](http://www.ems.ga.gov)

Next OEMS Updates – Switching to Monthly

- **Epidemiology and Operational Updates**
  - Friday, 12/4/2020 @ 1:30pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE) – time change due to Governor’s Public Safety Awards
  - Q1 CY2021 updates will be shared on 12/4/2020

- **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)
  - Q1 CY2021 updates will be shared on 12/11/2020