

Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday, 11/06/2020



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Agenda

- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Questions

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Epidemiology Report

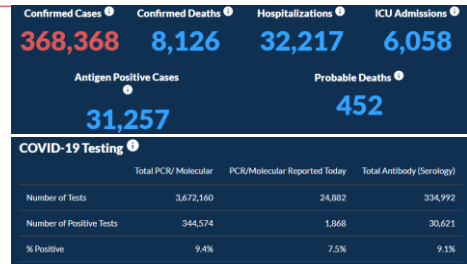
Dr. Drenzek



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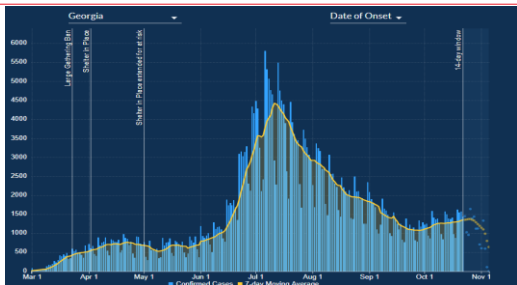
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Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 11/05/2020
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>



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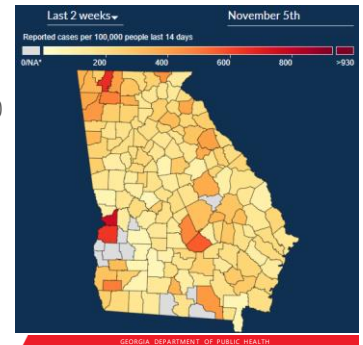
Cases Over Time (By date of onset)



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

Georgia - November 05
 Cases (last 2 weeks): 23,575
 Cases per 100k (last 2 weeks): 218
 Cases (total): 368,368
 Cases per 100k (total): 3400
 Population: 10,833,472

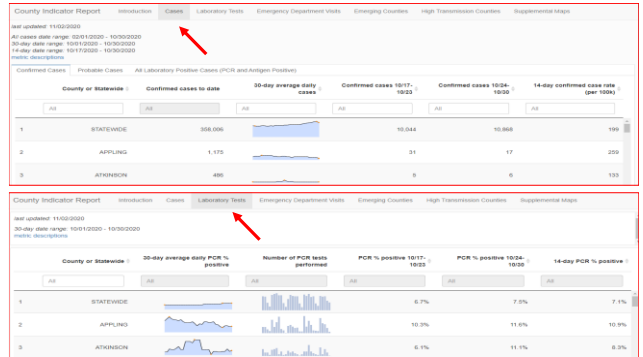


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County Indicator Reports (Scroll to the bottom)
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

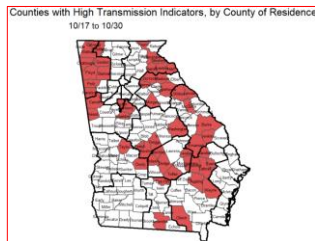
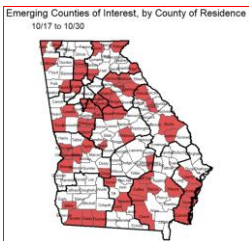


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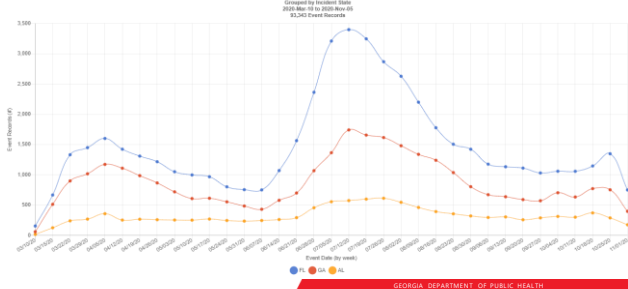
Epidemiology Questions for Dr. Drenzek?



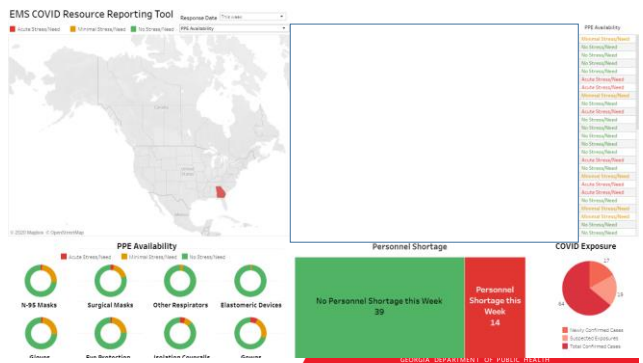
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Calculated COVID-19 Syndrome – 3/10/2020 – 11/05/2020, AL, FL, GA

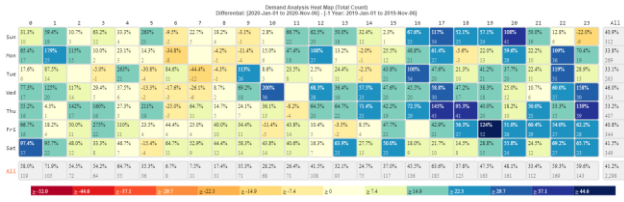


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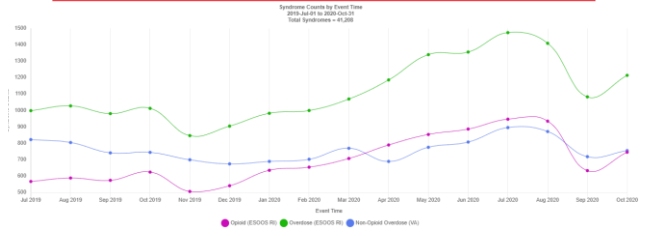
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Opioid Syndrome (2019 vs 2020) +41.2%



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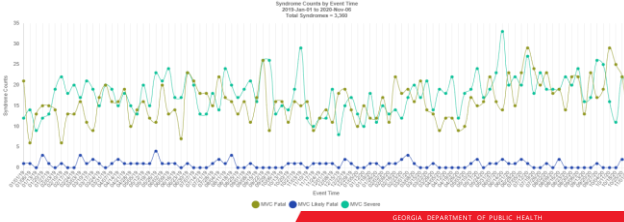
July 2019 – October 2020



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MVCs – comparing 2020 to 2019

Category (911 Calls Only)	2019 - 2020
All MVCs	-9.7% (n = 7,358)
Severe, Fatal, Likely-Fatal	+8.9% (n = 133)



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EMS Operational Updates



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Reminders

- As of 11/05/2020:
 - 3,212 (-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"

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CLIA and BinaxNOW

- CLIA
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-licensure-verification-agency-personnel-instructor/ems-agency-licensure/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

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Update on CMS Testing Requirements

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>
- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>
- CMS meeting with State EMS Directors yesterday
- **Remember, the requirement is on the Nursing Homes**, NOT on the EMS agency

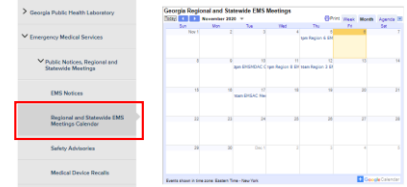
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EMSAC and EMSMDAC – Open Meetings!

- **EMSMDAC:**
 - Next collaboration session Tue, 11/10/2020 @ 2pm
- **EMSAC:**
 - Next quarterly meeting Tue, 11/17/2020 @ 10am

- www.ems.ga.gov



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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)
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