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• Immediate:
  • Drop in EMS professionals entering workforce during pandemic
  • Shut-down of EMS educational programs
    • No clinical/field internship experiences

• Long-term:
  • Diminished volume of new EMTs and Paramedics entering workforce
Timeline of Responses from National Registry

- 3/13: Board extends recertification expiration date from 3/31 till 6/30
- 3/16: Pearson VUE shuts down testing network
  - Weekly calls with State EMS officials
- 3/19: Board implements provisional certification; access to testing centers opened to essential healthcare workers (EMTs & nurses)
  - Weekly calls with EMS partners
- 3/30: Psychomotor examination with social distancing
- 4/12: Online proctoring of EMT and AEMT cognitive examinations
Questions?