



**CPS & OP Healthcare Project
EMS for Children Program @ MIEMSS**

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The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

Just prior to the statewide Stay-at-Home Orders due to COVID-19, the project coordinator conducted a two-day display for emergency nurses attending a certification study class as part of the Miltenberger EMS conference. All other displays at conferences this spring have been cancelled or postponed.

Car seat check-up events and CPS certification classes for the spring have been cancelled; however Maryland Kids in Safety Seats and other CPS Technicians are offering online/video car seat assistance. For help through MD KISS, go to <https://tinyurl.com/VidAppt20>.

As temperatures increase and children are potentially playing in and around their homes with inadequate supervision, MIEMSS posted several Facebook messages to remind parents and caregivers to always lock their cars. About a quarter of heatstroke deaths to children in hot cars occurs when children get into a car and cannot get out. A recent death in Texas to a 4 year old illustrates this. Safe Kids World Wide has also released several new social messages on other home safety topics that can be used and shared. Go to www.safekids.org

The project was asked to give two online presentations for the partners of Maryland Highway Safety Office:

May 1: Drowsy Driving Awareness & Prevention

May 5: Between Riding & Driving—a pre-driver safety program

The filming of the car seat tolerance screen test to help with training MCH/NICU nurses has been postponed due to COVID-19 hospital restrictions.

The project coordinator is seeking teens and their parents to be in “do it yourself” photo shoots simulating a distracted or drowsy driver. No actual driving is needed, as it can be filmed in your own driveway and sent electronically to MIEMSS to be used for social media and training. If you know a teen/parent interested, have them contact sogaitisjones@miemss.org .

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