



MEMORANDUM

To: School of EMS Students and Staff
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RE: School of EMS COVID-19 Safety Procedure
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School of EMS Students and Staff:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the School of EMS has released a new set of safety procedures for all students in regard to live EMS training.

Pre-Screening Process

- To be completed prior to the day of training.
- As part of routine practice, Students and Instructors shall be asked to regularly monitor themselves for fever and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Students and Instructors should be reminded to stay home when they are ill.
 - If Students and/or Instructors develop fever ($T \geq 100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$) or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while at school they should keep their SOE issued surgical facemask on, inform their instructor, and leave the school immediately.
 - Students and Instructors should be pre-screened prior to arriving at the live education site. A questionnaire link will be placed in Canvas (and deployed via email) for each student to complete 12-36 hours prior to the live session beginning. This questionnaire link should not replace the onsite screening and should be completed prior to the start of every live session.
 - Students and Instructors must complete the infection control module and student/employee wellness in canvas before reporting to their first live sessions.

Day of Training Process

- Assigned instructors will screen all students and instructors at the beginning of class, prior to entering the facility, for fever and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (Evaluation and assessment should be completed by staff and not students utilizing the approved link)
 - Actively take the student and instructors temperature and document absence of symptoms consistent with COVID-19. If they are ill, have them keep their SOE issued surgical facemask on and leave the school immediately.
 - Fever is either measured temperature $\geq 100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ or subjective fever. Note that fever may be intermittent or may not be present in some individuals, such as those who are elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications (e.g., NSAIDs). Clinical judgement should be used to guide testing of individuals in such situations. Respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are cough, shortness of breath, and sore throat.

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- Medical evaluation may be warranted for lower temperatures (<100.0°F) or other symptoms (e.g., muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain headache, runny nose, fatigue) based on assessment by staff. If other potential symptoms are present the instructor shall dismiss the student.
- No visitors will be allowed at the training facility.
- Opportunities to clean and sanitize your hands will be available to students and instructors alike.
- Students and Instructors will be required to wear a surgical mask at all times.
- Students will wear gloves during simulations and dispose of them properly after each simulation.

Implement Environmental Infection Control

- Dedicated medical equipment shall be used when instructing students.
 - All dedicated medical equipment used for instruction should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions and facility policies between each student interaction.
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., using cleaners and water to pre-clean surfaces prior to applying an EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant to frequently touched surfaces or objects for appropriate contact times as indicated on the product's label) are appropriate for SARS-CoV-2 in education settings, including those student areas in which aerosol generating procedures are taught.

Return to Class Policy Following Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

- *Test-based strategy.* Exclude from class until
 - Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **and**
 - Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized molecular assay for SARS-CoV-2 RNA from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected ≥24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
 - Instructor or student must show documented negative testing.

If the *Test-based strategy* cannot be used, the *Symptom-based strategy* may be used for determining when HCP may return to work in healthcare settings:

- Non-test-based strategy. Exclude from class until
 - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
 - At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*.