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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 20-06

Date: March 24, 2020

To: All EMS Instructors

From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, EMSI, Paramedic 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Joel Demers, NRP, EMS-I 
EMS Education Coordinator

Re: Initial and Continuing EMS Education during COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Registry of EMT's has eliminated the requirement that one-third of continuing education be conducted in a live classroom or live video setting. This allows for all continuing education to be completed in a distributive or online method. This office supports this model of education and will allow the same standard for the remainder of EMR, EMT and AEMT certified personnel renewing in 2020.

Additionally, all instructors conducting currently approved initial EMS courses or continuing education programs are hereby authorized to convert to distributive or live video-based training without submitting an additional application. If additional time is needed to complete initial courses of training, please notify this office by email, including the approval number and dates of the course.

This office remains available to assist instructors in providing quality education to the EMS community.



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