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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 20-11

Date: July 24, 2020

To: EMS Instructors
Sponsor Hospital EMS Coordinator
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From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, Paramedic 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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EMS Education Coordinator

Re: Suspension of EMT Clinical Experience

This supersedes OEMS Communication Statement 20-04 Dated March 22, 2020

EMT programs may reinstate clinical experiences including ambulance ride time and emergency department observation as each host site sees appropriate. The determination to reinstate clinical experiences should be based on hospital and EMS agency visitor and intern policies, availability of PPE and support of management. EMT students shall continue to follow current CDC guidelines for personal protective equipment use.

Programs are not required to reinstate this experience and may continue to provide virtual and simulated clinical experiences. After the current outbreak is considered under control, such students, even once certified, may be allowed a deferred ED or ambulance clinical experience, subject to program policies.



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