

# Attention

Dear Students,

The COVID-19 Virus (Novel Coronavirus) that is currently affecting the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community is a very serious issue. If you are considering if this is the right time to enter this field or complete your education because of the increased risk, please try to keep in perspective that EMS plays a major role in the emergency care of these issues. Early detection and management of these recent and current infectious diseases and outbreaks including, AIDS/HIV, Swine Flu, H1N1 Flu, Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, Measles, and now COVID-19 have only been managed due to the efforts and heroic actions of the EMS system. If EMS is in your blood, you cannot avoid these realities, now is the time to earn your Star of Life and join the rest of us as we run toward these emergencies in a safe and protected manor to help and protect those in need during this critical moment.

Here at Bay Area Training Academy we will take every precaution necessary to keep you safe both inside the classroom and during field training. The following standards went into effect on 03/16/2020 and will be part of the school practices indefinitely. Please take a moment and review them to better protect yourself, your coworkers, and your family at home.

- As usual the classroom will be disinfected every morning.
- Instructors will be required to direct and assist the students in disinfecting the classroom and equipment during each class session
- Hand Washing policy - Wash hands immediately upon entering the building and every time you reenter the classroom with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- A coffee machine and microwave has been set up in the classroom for BATA students only to isolate you from others who we share the building with.
- Items such as coffee and water will still be available, but students and staff will be required to sanitize all hydration and coffee areas after each use.
- If you don't already have one, you will be given a mask to wear at all times in the Academy.
- Gloves must be worn during skills
- BATA will be requiring all employees and students to undergo a temperature check with a thermometer starting Wednesday March 18th. If you are found to be having a fever, we will ask you to go home and shelter in place with proper isolation.
- Classroom has been reconfigured to maximize space between students and to meet social distance guidelines.
- No congregation of students will be allowed and social distance per CDC and County recommendations will be maximized, please practice "Social distancing" of six feet as recommended by the CDC.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for any questions, concerns. In addition, we would welcome any suggestions on how we can create a safe and comfortable environment for your training experience.

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