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This is a blanket e-mail message to all certified Education Coordinators and ALS Coordinators.

Dear Educator,

On Friday afternoon, November 13, 2020, Governor Northam amended Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency 5 and made the sixth amendment to Executive Order 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency 7 outlining additional measures to combat COVID-19 this fall/winter.

This announcement has caused a number of you to reach out for further guidance and has caused some consternation for others. A full reading of the amendments to Executive Order 67 Section B1 – Other Restrictions explicitly indicates ***“...the presence of more than 25 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.”***

Based upon a full reading of the amendments made to Executive Order 67, the Office has determined that there is no reason to change our current guidance for EMS educational programming during the pandemic. Please make sure that:

- Your classes are socially distanced and that masks are worn at all times.
- Additionally, please consider conducting Health Screenings at the start of your class in order to assist with Contract Tracing, should it be necessary.

Education Coordinator Candidate Eligibility Window

Due to Executive Orders 51, 63 & 67 as amended, the Virginia Office of EMS will be extending the eligibility dates for Education Coordinator Candidates. EC Candidates with an eligibility expiration of December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

Education Coordinator Certification Extension

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January 2021 Education Coordinator Institute & Update

Due to Executive Orders 51, 63 & 67 and after much deliberation and careful consideration of the current public health climate as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Office of EMS has decided to cancel the January 2021 Education Coordinator Institute and Education Coordinator Update scheduled to be held in Toano, Virginia. The health, safety and well-being of all participants is of the utmost importance.

Please continue to monitor the Virginia Office of EMS website and social media channels for updates on system wide changes at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Stay safe, wear a mask and stay socially distant,

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The Office of EMS continues to monitor the ongoing situation regarding the spread of COVID-19. For more information and updates on COVID-19 please visit the link below: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>

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