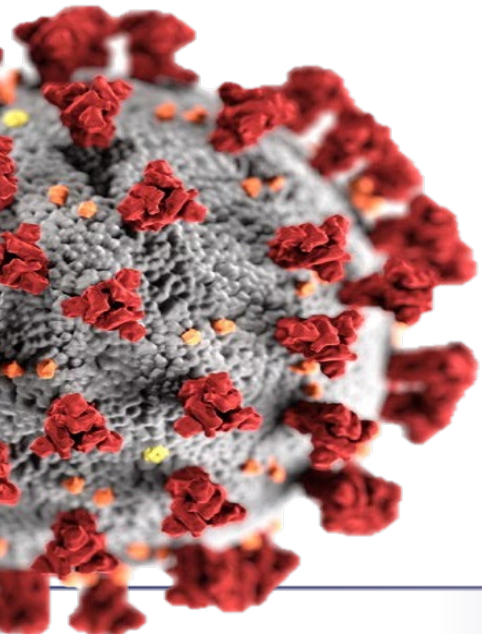


# EMR & EMT Programs in the Post-COVID-19 Age

Office of EMS Recommendations and Requirements



# Primary Goals of OEMS Guidance

1. To protect the student from:
  - Enrolling in a program where national and state certification is not achievable due to changes in content delivery methods which are incongruent with what is required for EMS education.
2. To protect the integrity of EMS educational processes.

# EMS is Hands-On

Hands-on practice of assessment and treatment skills is essential for the initial and ongoing training of EMTs and paramedics.

One cannot educate a student in a 100% virtual environment and expect the end product to be an entry-level competent EMS provider.

# Matrix for Offering EMS Education

EMS Core Components	Local District Return to School Plan		
	Normal Operations - in person classes	Hybrid - Virtual and in person classes	Virtual - Virtual only classes
- Didactic	Yes	Yes - virtual	Yes - virtual
- Skills labs	Yes	Yes - in person	No
- Clinical sites	Yes	Yes - in person	No
- Offer EMS Training?	Yes	Possible	No

# Enrollment is REQUIRED!

## 12VAC5-31-1431. Student course enrollment.

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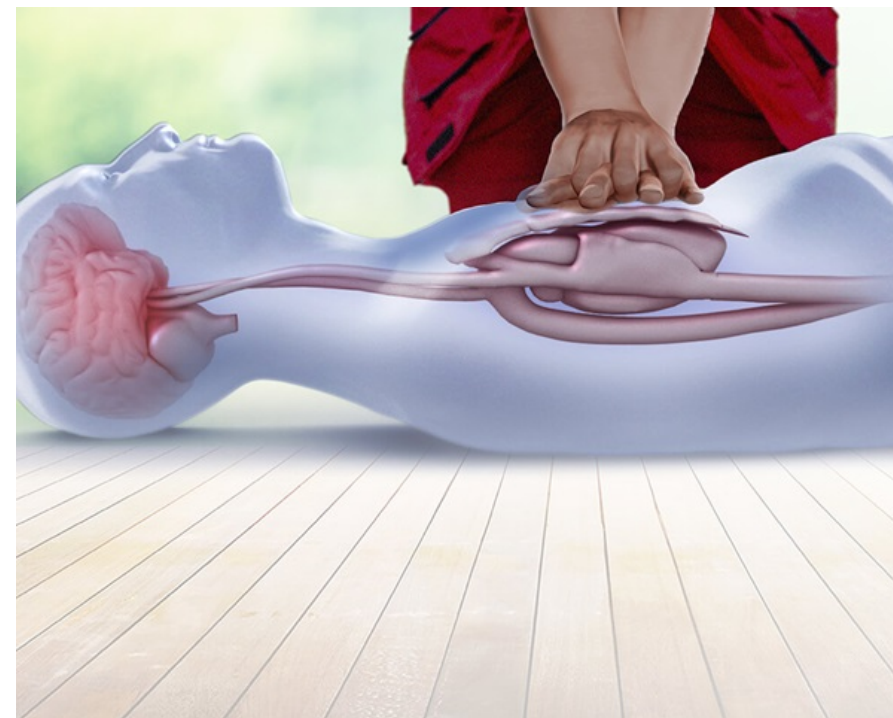
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# Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)

CPR is now a corequisite, not a prerequisite.

Students must have a valid CPR card in hand by the end date for your program.



# Transparency - Testing

## Certification Testing Availability Notification

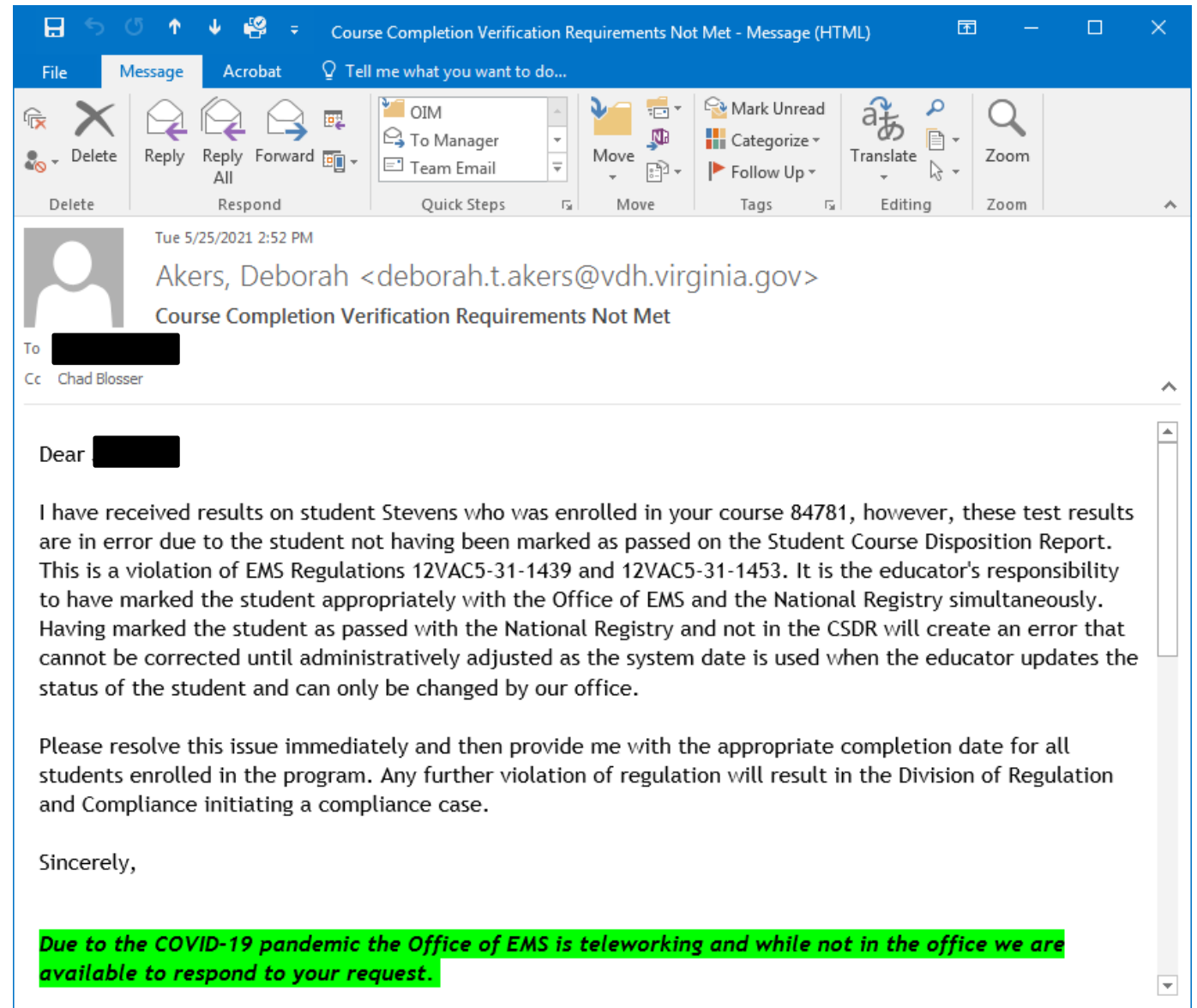
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# National Registry

We are experiencing huge issues with Virginia and National Registry completions.

Failure to comply with policy risks the certification of students with National Registry and Virginia.



# Online Enrollment for Foreign Nationals



Foreign nationals are required to complete:

- Foreign national's must reach out to Debbie Akers with a copy of the foreign national's Visa for further guidance.
- The US State Department may be involved.
- OEMS will assign a fictitious SSN.

# Transparency - Clinicals

## Clinical Site Availability Notification

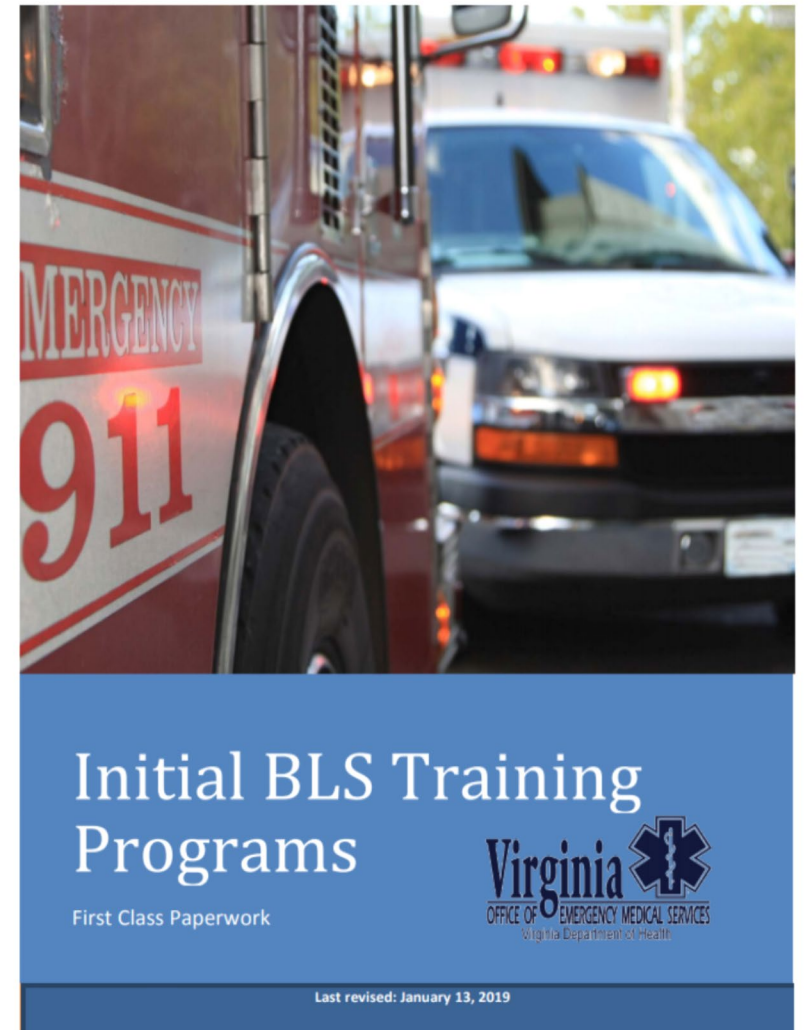
If any limitations that have been placed on the program by their clinical and/or field sites which could potentially hinder the student's ability to successfully complete their clinical and field components of the program, all students shall acknowledge in writing that they understand clinical and field opportunities are presently limited or non-existent due to the declared State of Emergency or Public Health Emergency and that it could prove difficult to secure clinical and/or field rotations.

# First Class Paperwork

First Class Paperwork is required to be covered with your students.

This packet includes important state, National Registry and program specific paperwork that must be completed by each student enrolling in a Virginia EMS Education Standards based initial certification program.

Forms now available for electronic signatures for courses conducted in a virtual setting.



# Requirements for EMS Programs

## Terminal Competency Psychomotor Exam

Program shall schedule a terminal competency psychomotor examination that will allow the Program Director and Medical Director to validate entry level psychomotor competency.

It may be conducted in a fashion similar to testing previously conducted at a Consolidated Test Site or through competency based critical thinking scenarios as approved by the Program Medical Director. Whenever possible, your students should be evaluated by other Education Coordinators that were not part of the program, or had very little involvement, in order to ensure an objective evaluation.



# Competency Verification

## Competency Verification - TR-999

The Program Medical Director and the Education Coordinator/Program Director will sign a form indicating students have met all the required lab/skills competencies for their level of training.

This form shall be e-mailed to Debbie Akers at the completion of the program and a copy shall be maintained with the program's records.

It is the sole responsibility of the Medical Director and Education Coordinator to determine entry level competency and report these results to the Office of EMS.

# Hospital/Field Clinicals

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All hospital and field clinical requirements **MUST** be met.

\* If field/clinical sites are not accepting or allowing EMS students, please see TPAM Policy 1445, updated on August 15, 2020 for more details about how to address this situation.

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