

## EMT STUDENT RIDERS

### VERSIONS:

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July 24, 2020: Revised

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As the COVID-19 epidemic continues to evolve, healthcare organizations are implementing progressively stricter criteria to decrease the potential spread of the Novel Coronavirus. As such, suspending EMT student riders as part to minimize contact, has created a hardship for some operations. GMR leadership is willing to allow EMT student riders with the following conditions:

- Students are enrolled in a program where the accrediting entity does not allow simulation in lieu of patient contact
- Education program has executed our template agreement without edits (attached)
- Workforce pipeline has been impacted by programs unable to graduate EMTs
- Students are employees of a community partner
- Education content on Emerging Infectious Disease: Protecting the Healthcare Provider is covered in the EMT program and verified by local CES to be current and relevant
- Content should be supplemented as needed by local operations

This decision was not made lightly and is with the utmost concern for the safety and wellbeing of our caregivers, patients, community partners and their families.

***All riders must complete the FAST screening tool and be symptom free. If at anytime the student removes their mask other than for eating or drinking, they will be removed from the ride along program.***

EMT students must present without signs and symptoms associated with COVID19 such as fever, cough or shortness of breath with their own PPE to include a N95 mask. The crew is expected to review donning and doffing procedures with the student at the start of the shift and refer them to the website for additional resources as needed: <https://www.globalmedicalresponse.com/coronavirus>. As per standard practice, the attached student agreement and release (Appendix A of the template agreement) must be in place prior to the start of the student's clinical experience.

EMT students who are employed by AMR and enrolled in an Earn to Learn program are also eligible to complete the clinical component of their course as a third rider. As an employee they will have been fit tested with an N95 mask and provided with the knowledge and practice of donning and doffing.

Thanks to all of you who are FTOs and preceptors for our student riders. We appreciate your efforts to share your knowledge and skills with future EMS professionals. It is possible that state or local authorities may sanction restrictions that exceed these guidelines. Please reach out to your local Clinical leadership if you have additional questions or concerns.

We continue to monitor the current situation and will communicate any changes in approach as the circumstances evolve. Thanks for your understanding in these challenging times.