

## **NYS – EMS Update: 4/16/20**

- **Certification Reinstatements:**
  - State is almost finished with updating certifications.
  - As of Thursday, there had been 2,500 submissions.
  - Asked everyone to be patient as they are still working on it.
  
- **Practical Skills exams:**
  - State is leaving it up to the Sponsorships to be creative in how they finish courses and conduct the PSE.
  - The Bureau has requested that all Social Distancing guidelines be followed.
  
- **CME's & Zoom:**
  - If a class is held via Zoom or other web conference platforms, it can be documented on the CME credit sheet as a lecture. Even though it is online, it would be looked at as if sitting in a classroom.
  
- **CIC/CLI Certifications:**
  - All are being updated and are given a one-year extension.
  
- **Course Sponsorship Renewals:**
  - All renewals are extended out till at least September, but this date is flexible.
  - Will possibly see a letter from the state within the next few weeks.
  - Could be later also.
  - Those that were scheduled for this June will not be penalized .... Audits will take place at a later time.
  
- **May Exams:**
  - Yes, they are going to happening!
  - Only certain sites are open at this time though.
  - The Bureau is hoping to see more sites opening in the next few weeks.
  
- **CME Recertifications:**
  - Anyone who has received an extension can send their applications in early.
  - Everyone's application will be processed when the Bureau are allowed back in the office.
  - No penalties for late submissions as of right now.

- Written Exams:
  - Psi is in charge of scheduling all exams.
  - Those scheduled for exams will be sent a notice from PSI.
  - They may not necessarily be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays!
  - Final Exam dates on schedules are now placed on schedule as a reminder that all “End of Course” paperwork needs to be in to the state 10 days prior to the test date.
  - This allows the Bureau to send all approved paperwork to PSI for test scheduling.
  
- Written Exam Retests:
  - Email Liz Donnelly with Name, Email address, and Course #.
  - Liz will work with student to get retested.
  
- Course Extensions:
  - All classes can be pushed out to a later date.
  - Any sponsorship wishing to push classes out to a later test date need to email the amended schedules to Jean Taylor for approval.
  
- CIC & CLI Exams:
  - Yes, are still taking place at opened PSI test sites.
  
- Vital Signs Academy:
  - Classes are steadily being uploaded to the site.
  - BLS courses are on Tuesday nights.
  - ALS courses are being held on Thursday nights.
  - The Bureau is working on getting older ones saved and uploaded on the site to be viewed at any time.
  - In order to get the certificate, you MUST complete the survey. Certificates are mailed out within the week.
  - Anyone wishing to take any of the classes:
    - Log into or create an account in Vital Signs Academy.
    - Click on “Calendar of Events”
    - Choose your class.
  
- Courses completed but have not done PSE:
  - The Bureau is working on a set of guidelines for the sponsorships.
    - Can the sponsorship and CIC validate the student’s skills?
    - Form will have to be signed by CIC, Sponsorship and MD.
  - The validation is for “Provisional” status only.
  - Student would eventually need to take the PSE.

- Field Time Replacement / Out-of-Hospital Scenario:
  - Closed to being done with the guidelines and testing instrument.
  - Format was reviewed and approved by the Bureau.
  - Possibly out in the next couple weeks.
  - The Bureau is currently putting together a guidance document for instructors.
  
- CIC & CLI Courses:
  - Courses needed for “Education Credits” will soon be uploaded to Vital Signs Academy.