

## **COVID-19 Psychomotor Examination Policy**

In an effort to increase the presence of pre hospital professionals in the state of Alabama, the Office of EMS (OEMS) will authorize the administration of National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) psychomotor examinations under certain conditions. **It is the responsibility of the Exam Coordinator, the education program's medical director, and the National Registry Representative to ensure that any and all state, local, and federal orders regarding social distancing and/or stay in place are adhered to.** This policy does not supersede any such orders.

The following must be done to ensure psychomotor examinations are conducted in a manner that is safe and does not contradict the current Alabama COVID-19 social distancing orders:

1. All examinations must be requested through the OEMS utilizing the normal process, including request and roster submission time frames.
  - a. If you have already requested an exam, please check with the OEMS to ensure it has been scheduled.
  - b. If you wish to cancel or reschedule an exam, please contact us to do so as soon as possible.
2. Prior to the exam, programs must obtain approval from necessary institutional administration.
3. It is the responsibility of the Exam Coordinator to ensure all current local, state, and federal social distancing orders are adhered to at all times. This may require:
  - a. Obtaining waivers from local officials;
  - b. Scheduling candidates and proctors to come to the test site in intervals; and/or
  - c. Spreading the test out over multiple days, depending on the number of candidates.
4. All participants must wear PPE at all times, including a minimum of gloves and masks.
5. NREMT psychomotor test adjustments may be implemented as part of the examination. These adjustments are listed below.
  - a. The National Registry Representative should emphasize that any attempt to breach the security of the examination, including communication with other candidates about examination content, is strictly prohibited and will immediately be addressed.
  - b. Candidates may be scheduled for individual testing windows rather than congregating as a large group.
  - c. Standard manikins may portray simulated patients.
    - i. Appropriate moulage should be applied.
    - ii. CPR manikins can be adapted to appear as a standard manikin by stuffing pants to add legs, etc.
    - iii. The skill examiner will supply the necessary information to the candidate that would have been provided by a live patient.
  - d. Professional paramedic partners and EMT assistants are not needed.

- i. The responses of paramedic partners and EMT assistants may be verbalized by the skill examiner.
- e. The requirement for high-fidelity simulators is waived for the Integrated Out-of-Hospital Scenario, Patient Assessment – Trauma, Patient Assessment – Medical skills for the duration of the national emergency.
  - i. A rhythm generator is needed for the Dynamic Cardiology skill.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Chris Hutto at (334) 206-5383.