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What's New

As you are aware, emergency management personnel are around the nation are actively engaged in leading, or supporting, community COVID-19 efforts and vaccination campaigns. Operational responsibilities, travel restrictions, and quarantines (for those who travel out of state) continue to impact the number of students able to attend scheduled classes at NETC. As a result, in-person courses at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) will continue to be suspended until April 4, 2021.

The health and safety of our students, instructors and staff attending NETC courses is paramount. FEMA HQ and NETC staff continuously monitor and evaluate the national COVID-19 situation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, and local conditions in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The CDC continues to encourage organizations to promote social distancing, hold meetings via videoconferencing, reduce non-essential travel, and adjust or postpone events and gatherings.

EMI remains open for business and will continue to offer a wide variety of classes via distance learning platforms, independent study and through our State and local partners. We also will continue to evaluate the local and national situation and will provide regular updates.

Additional information on training opportunities and campus status can be found at <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>.

Highlights and news from EMI in general:

National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar

Registration is open for the [28th Annual National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar](https://training.fema.gov/dsts/), (<https://training.fema.gov/dsts/>) "Risk Informed Decision

Making and Benefit Cost Analysis for Dam and Levee Projects." This seminar will be held virtually on FEMA Adobe Connect from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on Feb. 16 - 19. Participants encouraged to apply include all dam and levee safety professionals, including Public and Private Dam owners/operators, Dam Safety Engineers, Land Use planners and emergency management officials.

From the EMI Branches

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP): During August of 2020, EMPP started the deliberate and intentional process transitioning courses to virtual delivery options. The process was deliberate because the course content was purposely analyzed, designed, and developed to ensure the quality of student learning experiences for all our programs. The process was deliberate because we carefully considered both the near-term and long-term impact of virtual deliveries on our students and faculty members. After the design and development of the new virtual course curriculum, EMPP conducted a series of virtual faculty/instructor sessions focused on the delivery of the new virtual courses during September and October. We launched the first of our virtual deliveries in November during the IAEM Reimagined Annual Conference.

Here are the courses now available through virtual delivery.

The Basic Academy

- K0101 Foundations of Emergency Management
- K0102 Science for Disasters
- K0103 Planning
- K0146 HSEEP
- K0105 Public Information Basics



The Advanced Academy

- K0451 Application of Individual Concepts in Emergency Management
- K0452 Assessment of Teams in Emergency Management
- K0453 Contemporary Issues in Emergency Management Organizations
- K0454 Advanced Concepts and Policy in the Profession

Coming Soon

- Executive Academy: K0680 Examining Policy and Doctrine
- Executive Academy: K0682 Leading in Complex Systems
- PIO Program: K0388 Advanced Public Information Officer Course
- PIO Program: K0389, K0393, and K0394 Master Public Information Officer Course

Integrated Emergency Management (IEM): All E/L/K 0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) course material, which has been under revision for alignment to the new 2020 HSEEP doctrine, is currently on hold due to the continued unavailability of EMI's Learning Content Management System (LCMS) following the Solar Winds disruption. Continue to monitor FEMA's HSEEP webpage: www.fema.gov/hseep as well as EMI's HSEEP webpage: <https://training.fema.gov/programs/hseep> for new release date information.

Mitigation: 2021 National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar (NDSPTS)

Hosted by the Emergency Management Institute on behalf of the FEMA Office of Dam Safety Programs, the annual National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar (NDSPTS) will be held on February 16-19, 2021.

The NDSPTS brings together dam and levee professionals from all levels of government, tribal entities, and the private sector to discuss contemporary dam and levee issues.

The 2021 seminar will feature 24 separate presenters over four days who will be discussing various topics that will focus on this year's theme: "Risk Informed Decision Making and Benefit Cost Analysis for Dam and Levee Projects." Each day is expected to be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

New for this year: This normally two-day, in-person annual event has transitioned to a virtual event for 2021. The NDSPTS will be using the Adobe Connect platform. For more information on this seminar including details on how to attend, use this link: <https://training.fema.gov/dsts>

This seminar link will be updated when this four-day virtual event concludes. It will feature such information as a synopsis of what was covered and a link to the presentations that were delivered during over the four days of the event.

The Mitigation branch delivered the pilot offering of the 1274 Closing the Gap Training for Current E/L 0273 Instructors on January 11-15, 2021 with 20 students in attendance. Materials are currently being updated and additional offerings will be scheduled when updated materials are available.

The Wave 5 FEMA Corps Team is currently working with the Mitigation Branch on various administration tasks and virtual course conversion projects. After completing these projects, the team will graduate at the end of February.

The Mitigation Branch has a dedicated mailbox for all Mitigation course inquiries: FEMA-EMI-MIT@fema.dhs.gov.

Preparedness: EMI Preparedness Branch continues work on the development of materials to support virtual delivery. Most recently, EMI has reviewed materials for a blended delivery approach to ICS 300 developed by DC HSEMA. This approach covers all knowledge level content in an online course; this is followed by a shorter classroom component for the course activities. By reducing in-classroom time a jurisdiction can conduct multiple deliveries of the classroom activities in a week, enabling smaller sized classes to meet COVID restrictions. We are currently working to post materials for this blended approach, as well as an instructor led virtual delivery approach to the G Course site. A similar effort to develop blended delivery approaches for IMT courses is also underway. This effort is being done in partnership with several states including Maryland, Texas, the District of Columbia and Wisconsin. When developed EMI plans to make these materials available to other States interested in blended delivery of IMT position specific training. EMI Preparedness is also continuing efforts to develop a series of monthly Incident Management Team focused eForums in 2021. Current efforts here are focused in securing buy in and participation from key stakeholders.



Response and Recovery: Here is what’s new with the Response and Recovery Branch.

- G 0205 Recovery from Disasters: The Local Community Role
- K1000 Recovery Just-In-Time-Training (Initial) Courses
- K1001 Recovery Just-In-Time-Training (Intermediate) Course
- Discussions w/HQ Hurricane Liaisons regarding the 0310 and 0311 courses.

The Response and Recovery Branch is also working on the following activities.

- Exploring the Tribal Disaster Declaration Process: How to Access Emergency Resources When your Tribal Nation Needs It Most – Parts 1 and 2
- Planning meeting w/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on course development in support of Recovery Support Functions
- Finalizing National Hurricane Conference Courses
- Supporting Mitigation Branch for delivery of the EMI Dam Safety Technical Seminar
- Planning continues for the Public Assistance and Individual Assistance Symposiums.

Superintendent’s Business Office (SBO): The EMI National Training Liaison and the EMI SBO are collaborating to update the Regional Training Managers’ Dashboard. Currently, this internal site provides information about E (Resident) and L (Field) deliveries. In response to several inquiries, the dashboard is being revised to now include K (Virtual) deliveries.

From the Course Catalog

Course Development		
Course #	Course Title	Release
E/L 1301	COOP Planning Course	CY 2021
E/L 1302	COOP Program Mgmt Course	CY 2021
Course Revision		
Course #	Course Title	Release
E/L 580, 581, 582	Tribal Curriculum	Oct 2021
L 0197	Integrating Individuals with Disabilities into Emergency Planning	CY 2021
Course Retirement		
Course #	Course Title	Retirement
E/L/K 0550	Continuity Planners Course	CY 2021
E/L/K 0548	Continuity Program Manager Course	CY 2021

For More Information

For the EMI Course Catalog, go to https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749.

For the EMI Course Schedule, go to <https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>.

For the list of EMI Programs and Activities, go to <https://training.fema.gov/programs>.

For the list of State Training Contacts, go to <https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>.

Independent Study Program FAQs, go to <https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx>.

Current Training Opportunities

01/28/2021

- [1633 - Training Opportunity - K0202 Debris Management Planning](#)
- [1632 - Training Opportunity - K0202 Debris Management Planning](#)

This Month’s Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What are the COVID-19 protocols going to be for inbound students to EMI? Will they be like CDP or something different?*

A: *The health, wellness and safety of our students, instructors and staff is paramount. NETC staff is continuously monitoring and evaluating the national COVID-19 situation and the current guidance in Maryland and Pennsylvania.*

Based on COVID-19 conditions, training at the NETC campus will be evaluated weekly. Training may be cancelled as late as the Thursday prior to your scheduled arrival on campus.

If you are ill within 14 days prior to training, we ask that you do not attend training. We want you to closely monitor your health and avoid situations or areas that are high risk for COVID-19 or other fever-related illnesses 14 days prior to arriving.

Steps we're taking to protect you:

We have put in place various COVID-19 mitigation measures on the NETC campus. These mitigation measures are like what you are currently experiencing in your state or jurisdiction. We will implement priority behavior practices daily on the NETC campus as follows:

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- *Social distancing (specifically, staying 6 feet away from others when you must go into shared space).*
- *Frequently washing hands or the use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.*
- *Wearing a mask or face covering.*
- *Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.*
- *Staying at home when sick, or in other words, not making the trip to NETC.*
- *Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.*

Daily temperature screenings are mandatory; temperature screenings will be conducted in the Building B Recreation Center.

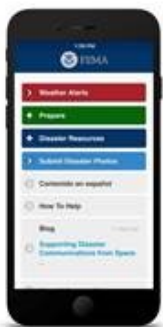
Additional information on the steps NETC is taking can be found at <https://training.fema.gov/covid19.aspx>.

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