

Resident training at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) for the National Fire Academy (NFA) and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will resume on April 5, 2021.

Your safety, as well as the safety of our instructors, staff, and other students is NETC's primary concern. To meet CDC and local health guidelines, the following COVID-19 mitigation measures will be in place during your upcoming training. The NETC will decrease density in residence, dining, and academic spaces. Maximum physical distancing, face coverings, and handwashing will always be in place. There will be high-level enforcement of compliance. Many NETC employees will continue to telework to decrease density on campus.

Students and instructors traveling and arriving to campus:

- All students and instructors are encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine before traveling to NETC.
- Securing a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to arrival at NETC will reduce the spread of the virus and help keep you and all staff and students on campus as safe and healthy as possible.
- Any student or instructor showing symptoms of illness before traveling to NETC or having had recent exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home. Contact NETC Admissions of your cancellation.
- Upon arrival on the NETC campus, all students and instructors will be temperature screened. Any student or instructor who refuses to be screened/tested will be sent home immediately. Students or instructors who have a high temperature and who drove to campus will be asked to leave the campus and follow local health guidelines. Students or instructors who arrived on campus via NETC transportation will be isolated if they have a high temperature.
- Temperature checks will continue daily for all students and instructors.
- Students and instructors will submit to an on-site antigen COVID-19 test upon arrival; they will submit to another test every 72 hours. (See below for additional information). Any student or instructor who refuses to be tested will be sent home.
- Students and instructors who have received the COVID-19 vaccine must still submit to on-site COVID 19 testing.
- Students and instructors who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 (in the past 90 days) may continue to test positive via the antigen test. Please bring along documentation of previous COVID-19 exposure.
- Face coverings will be mandatory on campus for all students, instructors, and staff.
- While at NETC, everyone will maintain 6-feet social distancing guidelines.
- NETC's custodial team, which has been trained on sanitation of coronavirus, has implemented enhanced and more frequent cleaning and disinfection of common areas and restrooms, cleaning twice a day. We also have adjusted HVAC systems to optimize air flow and filtering, and every room has air conditioning in place.
- Meals on campus are at staggered times, and social distancing protocols in our dining hall will be enforced. NETC has enhanced options for takeout meals (if desired by the individual), and we have expanded outdoor seating in a tent adjacent to the dining hall.
- Food will be served on campus in accordance with CDC and local health guidelines. No self-serve food options will be allowed.

- The on-campus recreation center (Pub) and inside gym areas will be closed. Outdoor physical fitness activities are encouraged.
- Students and instructors will be encouraged to remain on campus after class for meals and limit travel off campus for essential needs only.
- Any student or instructor showing symptoms of illness after arriving on campus will self-quarantine in his/her dormitory room. COVID testing will be available. Positive test results may require the isolation of close contacts in dormitory rooms. Students and instructors from the same training class will be housed together in the same dormitory area (wing). NETC staff will work with these individuals to provide meal service and connect them with local health care providers.

Positive Test Protocol:

- Any student or instructor who tests positive for COVID-19 and drove to NETC will be asked to drive home if he/she feels it is safe to do so.
- Any student or instructor who tests positive for COVID-19 and flew to NETC will remain on campus in isolation. NETC will coordinate with the student's employer to ensure the sponsoring agency is aware of the situation and that the sponsoring agency's protocols are known to the affected student.
- If a student or instructor tests positive, NETC will begin identifying individuals with whom the suspected individual may have had close contact. Close contact means someone was closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes from an individual who is positive for COVID-19. It does not matter if the individuals were wearing face coverings.
- It is against the law to identify individuals who test positive by name. NETC will not disclose to other staff/students or third parties the name or other personal or health information of the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.
- If there is a positive case on campus, NETC will arrange to thoroughly clean and disinfect equipment and other elements of the environment of the individual, along with frequently touched surfaces and objects such as doorknobs/push bars, elevator buttons, restroom doors, etc., using EPA-approved disinfectants according to label instructions.

NETC Admissions questions can be directed to netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

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