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COVID-19 Safety Precautions for Protecting Everyone on TEEX-ESTI Facilities

Brayton Fire Training Field | College Station, TX

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TEEX-ESTI is committed to the health, wellness, and safety of all its participants, partners, and employees. Our intent is to maintain a safe workplace for employees and participants while delivering relevant, high-quality training and excellent service to our customers and stakeholders.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, the following procedures have been implemented at all TEEX-ESTI facilities.

HEALTH SCREENING
All are encouraged to self-monitor prior to arriving, and health screenings will be available at the request of a sponsor or participant.

FACE COVERING
Recommended, but not required unless by sponsor of training.

FACILITIES CLEANING
Common areas and classrooms are disinfected regularly.

FOOD & BEVERAGES
Food and Beverage service will return with additional safety measures.

UPDATE
As of June 1, 2021
Protective Measures for Participants, Contractors, Visitors, and Employees

TEEX-ESTI embraces multiple protocols to provide participants and visitors with a safe training environment to include the following guidelines:

Notification
Participants will be notified of current guidelines prior to arrival at a TEEX-ESTI facility.

Health Screening
TEEX-ESTI encourages all participants to self-monitor prior to arriving at a TEEX-ESTI facility. Health screening will be available at the request of a sponsor or participant. Any participant, contractor, visitor, or employee experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms should not report to training and seek the advice of a Medical Professional. Participants who exhibit any of the COVID-19 symptoms will be required to leave the facility and seek the advice of a Medical Professional.

Examples of COVID-19 Screening Questions
Have you come into close contact (within six feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has a laboratory confirmed COVID–19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?

Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 14 days?
- Fever greater than 100.0°
- Chills
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Cough

Contact Tracing
If a participant notifies TEEX-ESTI they have been confirmed with COVID-19, TEEX-ESTI will attempt to notify the other participants of the potential exposure.

Guide to Masks
Face coverings are recommended but not required unless specified by a course sponsor.

Vocational Training
Due to the longer duration of vocational classes, TEEX-ESTI will take additional safety measures to ensure the safety of participants and staff. Health screening will be conducted by the Program conducting vocational training activities (Recruit Academy, EMS training) each Monday or the first day following a weekend/holiday, prior to the beginning of class.

Cleaning of TEEX Facilities
TEEX-ESTI will continue the practice of staff cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and common spaces after use. These measures will reduce the likelihood of spreading the COVID virus.

Course Delivery Method
TEEX-ESTI will consider physical characteristics of the spaces in determining maximum capacity of each teaching space/classroom. Capacity data will be maintained at a central location, within the division, to assist with scheduling.

Food and Beverage Service
Food and Beverage Services will return to pre-COVID conditions with the exception of the following:
- Catered meals—It is recommended that meals be individually packaged or boxed for each participant.
- If catering vendors are serving the food and beverages supporting ESTI activities, it is recommended that their staff utilize face coverings and wear gloves to minimize exposure to our staff and students.
- We encourage staff, participants and visitors not to drink directly from water fountains. Rather, staff, participants, and visitors are encouraged to use their own cup.
- Due to hydration concerns and the safety of our participants, we will continue the use of water coolers during outdoor training activities and provide individual single-use cups at these locations.