



## Student Riders

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As the COVID-19 epidemic continues to evolve, healthcare organizations are implementing criteria to decrease the potential spread of the Novel Coronavirus and the emerging variants. As such, suspending student riders as part to minimize contact, has created a hardship for staffing operations. GMR leadership is willing to allow student riders attending an EMS program not operated by a GMR entity with the following conditions:

- Students are enrolled in a program where the accrediting entity does not allow simulation in lieu of patient contact
- Education program has executed our template agreement
- Education content on Emerging Infectious Disease: Protecting the Healthcare Provider is covered in the program and verified by local operation to be current and relevant
- Content should be supplemented as needed by local operations
- Students who are not vaccinated must:
  - Be in compliance with the state or local public health guidelines in place for vaccination.
  - Wear a mask at all times when attending the ride along shift at a GMR facility.
  - Wear a fit tested N95 mask during patient contact. (Applies to all vaccinated or unvaccinated for all patient contacts)
- Noncompliance with the above may result in immediate dismissal from the clinical experience.

This decision was made in accordance with current guidelines and is with the utmost concern for the safety and wellbeing of our caregivers, patients, community partners and their families.

Students must present without signs and symptoms associated with COVID19 with their own PPE to include a N95 mask. The crew is expected to review donning and doffing procedures with the student at the start of the shift and refer them to the website for additional resources as needed: <https://www.globalmedicalresponse.com/coronavirus>. As per standard practice, the attached student agreement and release (Appendix A of the template agreement) must be in place prior to the start of the student's clinical experience.

Students who are employed by AMR and enrolled in an Earn While You Learn program are also eligible to complete the clinical component of their course as a third rider. As an employee they will have been fit tested with an N95 mask and provided with the knowledge and practice of donning and doffing. These individuals will follow the guidelines in place for vaccination at their home operation and as may be required by state or local oversight agencies.

Thanks to all of you who are FTOs and preceptors for our student riders. We appreciate your efforts to share your knowledge and skills with future EMS professionals. It is possible that state or local authorities may sanction restrictions that exceed these guidelines. Please reach out to your local Clinical leadership if you have additional questions or concerns.