

Updated Mask Requirements

As transmission levels drop and the public health emergency expires, facilities are loosening their requirements on masking. EMS is required to follow the masking requirements of facilities (nursing homes, hospitals, jails) when entering those locations. In cases of known or suspected COVID-19, masking is still required. Any other situations are agency and then provider preference.

EMS Week 2023

As EMS Week approaches, please note IDPH will issue certificates of recognition for years of service for every 5 years. Any provider meeting this requirement needs to be submitted by April 15 with the name and years of service. Please forward those to cooper.cassidy@mhsil.com.

SAMHSA Grant Opportunity

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced a notice of funding opportunity for the 2023 Rural EMS Training Grant Program. More info linked [here](#).

Springfield Traffic Pattern Change

Starting early April and lasting over a year, Madison and Jefferson streets will be closed at 9th through 11th streets. This means any traffic from the east will be re-routed, causing extra traffic on 9th Street by St. John's Hospital. If you are traveling into Springfield from the east, please plan an alternate route. Transports to St. John's Hospital may want to avoid 9th Street as much as possible.

Lead Instructor Continuing Education

An email group has been set up to communicate Lead Instructor CEU's. LI's need five hours of instructor CE per year (on average). If you did not receive an email yet about the training on May 9 and 10, contact Cooper.Cassidy@mhsil.com.

Expanded Scope Testing

As required by IDPH, Expanded Scope Providers require competency testing once a year, scheduled dates and times are below.

LCPA: April 18, 1800-2000

Rural Med: April 13, 0830-1230, April 14th 0830-1230

Echo: April 17, 0800-1000 at Pana Firehouse, April 18, 0800-1000 at Pana Firehouse

Lifestar Jacksonville: April 24, 0800-1000 at JMH, April 25, 0800-1000 at JMH

Memorial Learning Center (Springfield): April 13, 0800-1500, 2F, April 19, 0800-1500, 4G, April 27, 0800-1500, 4G

Education Opportunity

The Illinois Emergency Nurses Association is hosting their annual conference in Springfield, April 20-21, 2023. Many of the topics have direct overlap to EMS and are appropriate for CE. Registration is available at <https://www.illinoisena.org/spring-symposium/2023-attendee-brochure>.

MEMS Education

The **MEMS monthly CEU** topic for April is Left Ventricular Assist Device Overview and Considerations, dates and times are Friday, April 14, 0900-1000 and Tuesday, April 25, 1900-2000. Sign-up is on Healthstream [here](#).

LLCC is open for CEU's. More info at <https://www.llcc.edu/explore/medical-district/health-care-continuing-education>.