

Midstate EMS

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**NEWSLETTER**

* As COVID cases decline**, many COVID rules remain in place**, especially pertaining to the hospitals. Please remember the following:
  + All prehospital providers and adult patients must be masked upon entry to the hospital (no matter what your vaccination status is.)
  + All nebulized meds must be discontinued prior to entry to the ED
  + If you have any questions or concerns about either of these issues, speak to med control prior to arrival on the topic, not after you enter the ED.
* **The June Semester for ALS CMEs comes to an end on 6/31/2021.** Please remember that there are no extensions or reductions to this year’s CMEs.
  + Total Yearly Hours:
    - AEMT: 10 (5 due by 6/31/21)
    - Critical Care: 20 (10 due by 6/31/2021). 50% can be BLS
    - Paramedic: 24 (12 due by 6/31/2021)
* If you are an agency who is still using paper PCR’s and wants to utilize, or continue to utilize, the **CME Recertification Program** after 1/1/2022, you only have until the end of the year to **start documenting electronically**. ALL BLSFRs, ALSFRs and transporting ambulances must document using an ePCR platform prior to 1/1/2022 to use the CME Recertification Program. The DOH currently has a FREE ePCR platform available form interested agencies. Please contact the Midstate office for more information.
* Lastly, all agencies who engage in EMS first response should review [NYS DOH EMS Policy 09-07](https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/pdf/09-07.pdf) and follow the **best practices** listed within.