

MEDIC ONE STAFF REPORT – MARCH 2021

ALS Update:

- As Medic One searches for PPE from a variety of sources, what is issued through Alan and Medic One cache may look different from that which we have traditionally supplied (i.e. black gloves instead of blue).
- The Personnel Module (PM) now contains a list of all of those providers and staff that received the first and/or second dose of the Moderna vaccine. Let Ben Miller-Todd know if there are any discrepancies in your agency lists.
- Masking guidance has not been altered by L&I or Medic One with regards to vaccination status. Please remember that as more providers become vaccinated, the question will be posed as to whether or not masks are still required in the station and on scene. For at least the next several months, the answer to that question is “yes, masks are still required in the station and on scene.”
- Quarantine guidance is being updated for those that are “fully vaccinated” in accordance with the CDC guidelines. The updates should be issued no later than March 1st.
- 30 paramedics are scheduled to recertify this spring, and DOH is not planning on issuing additional extensions on the certification deadline like they did last year. ALS Agencies, please notify your personnel accordingly.

BLS Update:

- Spring 2021-1 EMT Course
 - Applications for the Thurston County Spring EMT Course were sent to all Departments and were due by COB February 22nd.
 - Due to continual social distancing measures, District 9 and District 13 have offered to host the practical skill sessions part of the course. We greatly appreciate their support of the EMT Course.
- OTEP
 - The Instructor and Evaluator Workshops were completed on February 26th. A total of 3, one day workshops were completed for Evaluators and one 2-day workshop for new Instructors. The stand alone Instructor Workshop is new for 2021 and is designed to get the Instructor Task Book fully completed prior to mentorship/development within the EMT Course. This process will allow new Instructors to work through the requirements at a quicker pace and provide all the tools for success to become EMS Evaluators in Thurston County.

CPR Update:

- Citizen CPR class sizes continue to be small to accommodate social distancing. Screening of class participants and decontamination guidelines remain in place for the foreseeable future.
- Staff is working to enlarge the number of citizens trained in 2021 by incorporating the use of social media and has secured alternative training sites.

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- 1,544 citizens were trained as of December 31, 2020. Numerous classes were cancelled due to social distancing requirements. We anticipate 2021 will hold the same challenges for a good part of the year. 47 citizens have been trained in Hands Only CPR as of February 24th, 2021. Many thanks to all of our dedicated Instructors and staff who remain flexible and dedicated in training the citizens of Thurston County!