



## Rio Hondo College

### Infectious Disease Understanding of Risk for Police Academy, Fire Academy, and EMT Students

Students training in health care, fire service and law enforcement, like other frontline first responders, are at high risk of exposure to the viruses/bacteria that cause infectious diseases such as COVID-19, Influenza, Streptococcus and other like maladies. In order to participate in the required CA State Fire Training, CA POST or Los Angeles County EMS Authority skills hours for the Police & Fire Academy & EMT course's, Rio Hondo College Police or Fire Academy & EMT students are required to read and sign the following statement of understanding.

- I understand that by attending the Police or Fire Academy or EMT course at Rio Hondo College, places me at a risk of exposure to viruses/bacteria such as COVID-19, Influenza, Streptococcus and other like maladies.
- I understand that by attending the Police or Fire Academy or EMT course at Rio Hondo College, I may knowingly or unknowingly transmit such infectious viruses/bacteria to my family at home or to others that I am in close contact with.
- I understand that by attending the Police or Fire Academy or EMT course at Rio Hondo College and potentially transmitting infectious viruses/bacteria to others, I may place young children, elderly, or immunocompromised family members and others at high risk for infection and illness.
- I understand that by agreeing to participate in the CA POST or CA State Fire Training or Los Angeles County EMS Authority skills requirements of the Police or Fire Academy and EMT courses at Rio Hondo College, I am also committing to using good personal hygiene practices and social distancing with others because of the potential risk of virus/bacteria transmission.

I agree to follow CDC's first responder provider procedures to limit my exposure to, or transmission of, viruses/bacteria by the following methods:

- Following proper hand-washing technique before and after all contact with all persons and associated equipment. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when handwashing is not readily available.
- Follow proper use of PPE including face masks, gloves, and eye protection for all person/student/instructor contacts. Follow proper procedure for the use of N-95 mask/SCBA face-piece/turnout gear or any other assigned gear for any potentially infectious situation or person as deemed necessary by academy staff.
- Report any COVID-19, Coronavirus, or any other infectious disease symptoms or exposure to Rio Hondo Police Academy or Fire Academy Class Leader, and the Rio Hondo College Police or Fire Academy or EMT instructor staff immediately.

I understand that, due to infectious disease risk, I have the option to suspend my participation in the Police or Fire Academy, EMT Program or any other related course at Rio Hondo College at a later time as necessary (to be determined).

Academy or EMT Class Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_