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Fire Certification Retest Guidance:

All requests for retesting IDs may be emailed to: firecertifications@dhs.in.gov. Please be sure to include the Course Identification Number in the email. These emails should come from the Proctor. If the instructor sends in the request, the retest IDs will be sent to the Proctor on file.

COVID-19 Guidance:

Training and Classroom COVID-19 Mitigation, Testing and Quarantine Guidance

All personnel, including instructors, are encouraged to wear an appropriate mask (fully covering nose and mouth and securing under chin) during training and education sessions regardless of vaccination status if the local county level transmission rate of COVID-19 is deemed substantial or high by the CDC (50 or more cases per 100,000 people or 8% or higher positivity rate in the preceding week).

Definition of Close Contact

Someone who is within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or with a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes)

Quarantine and Testing Rules

- Except for those who have been fully vaccinated, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine. Full vaccination is defined as being two or more weeks out from both doses of a two shot vaccine series (eg, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines) or more than two weeks out from their single vaccine in a one shot-series (eg, Johnson & Johnson vaccine). To avoid quarantine, a person must show written documentation of their completed vaccine status.
- Fully vaccinated close contacts should still be referred for COVID-19 testing 3-5 days after exposure. If asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine at home following an exposure (they can continue to attend school in-person and participate in other activities). However, in addition to correctly wearing masks in school, they should wear a mask in other indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated should be referred for COVID-19 testing. Regardless of test results,

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NFPA 1403 Chapter 4 updates

.5 Safety Officer.

4.5.1 A safety officer shall be
appointed for all live fire training
evolutions.

4.5.2* All live fire training
instructors and safety officers
shall be trained on the
application of the requirements
contained in this standard.

4.5.3 The safety officer shall
have the authority, regardless
of rank, to intervene and control
any aspect of the operations
when, in his or her judgment, a
potential or actual danger,
potential for accident, or unsafe
condition exists.

4.5.4 The responsibilities of the
safety officer shall include, but
not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Prevention of unsafe acts
- (2) Elimination of unsafe
conditions

4.5.5 The safety officer shall
provide for the safety of all
persons on the scene, including
students, instructors, visitors,

they should quarantine at home for 14 days after
exposure.

- Options to shorten quarantine include truncating
quarantine at 10 days if contact has remained fully
asymptomatic or shortening to 7 days in setting of
laboratory-documented negative test on day 7 and lack of
any symptoms.

When to Clean and When to Disinfect

- Cleaning with products containing soap or detergent
reduces germs on surfaces by removing contaminants
and decreases the risk of infection from surfaces.
 - When no people with confirmed or suspected
COVID-19 are known to have been in an
area, cleaning once a day is usually enough to
sufficiently remove the virus that may be on
surfaces and help maintain a healthy facility.
- Disinfecting (using one of the Environmental Protection
Agency's List N disinfectants) kills any remaining germs
on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading
infection.
- You may want to either clean more frequently or choose
to disinfect (in addition to cleaning) in shared spaces if
the space is a high traffic area or if certain conditions
apply that can increase the risk of infection from touching
surfaces
 - High transmission of COVID-19 in your
community
 - Low vaccination rates in your community.
 - The space is occupied by people at increased
risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If there has been a sick person or someone who tested
positive for COVID-19 in your facility within the last 24
hours, you should clean AND disinfect the space

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the Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 Dashboard
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Fire Department Spotlight

Richmond Fire Department

and spectators, scene, including students, instructors, visitors, and spectators.

4.5.6 The safety officer shall not be assigned other duties that interfere with safety responsibilities.

4.5.7 The safety officer shall be knowledgeable in the operation and location of safety features available for the live fire training structure or prop, such as emergency shutoff switches, gas shutoff valves, and evacuation alarms.

4.5.8* Additional safety personnel, as deemed necessary by the safety officer, shall be located to react to any unsafe or threatening situation or condition.

Next Month: Chapter 4.7
Instructor-In-Charge and Instructors.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Fire - Fire Instructor II - INST2-210007 MAAC Training Center (District 01) 10/20/2021-11/10/2021
- Fire - Firefighter II - FF2-210054 MARTINSVILLE FD 10/18/2021- 11/10/2021
- Fire - Driver/Operator Aerial - DOA210076 District 9 Greensburg 10/18/2021-10/22/2021
- Fire - Public Safety Leadership Development 100 - PSLD 1- 210007 District 2 Warsaw Fairgrounds 01/22/2022-01/23/2022

Public Safety Jobs Dashboard



The City of Richmond is located 73 miles east of Indianapolis along I-70 at the Ohio border. Established in 1872, this career department includes 81 personnel responding from 5 fire stations. Fire Chief Jerry Purcell leads RFD, and they provide Fire, Tactical Rescue, Hazmat and ALS protection to 37,000 residents and 62 square miles including Richmond and surrounding areas of Wayne County.



Indiana Senator Jeff Raatz, Thomas Hanify, and Academy Director Wade Walling recently were invited to Richmond's new 6-acre firefighter and police officer training grounds for the Israel "Izzy" David Edelman dedication ceremony. Richmond's training center will be a great asset to east-central Indiana's fire and police.



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