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ADVICE TO CENTRES OFFERING GMDSS COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS – UPDATE FEBRUARY 2022

Please distribute this notice to any colleagues who may not be accessing their inboxes or working from home.

AMERC has been asked for advice for course providers and examiners running GMDSS courses under Covid 19.

There are considerable variations in course facilities at each centre.

AMERC does not consider itself in a position to offer blanket advice as there are too many variables; neither do we have the expertise to do so.

Any centre running courses does so entirely at their own discretion, and is not AMERC's decision or responsibility in any way.

However, all active centres MUST continue to comply with all of their Government guidelines and instructions which vary from country to county and can change on a daily basis. Centres MUST research thoroughly what their local Covid 19 requirements are in order to run courses.

It is the responsibility of the centre alone to ensure full Covid safety compliance at all times. Proper risk assessments must have been conducted in advance and appropriate safeguards implemented.

With regards to the risk to examinations and examiners, this must be at the discretion of the examiner alone. They should carry out their own risk assessment at whichever centre they will be conducting the exams. No examiner should put themselves at risk. If they are unhappy or unsure about a centre's Covid safety measures, then they should contact the centre to ascertain what precautions are in place, and what is required of the examiner.

AMERC does not have the expertise or the authority to insist that an examiner attends. It is the decision of the examiner alone.

There could be considerable legal and financial implications if the Government Covid safety requirements are not followed.