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Re: Moving forward in 2021...

In 2020, ESA successfully navigated a very challenging year. Similar to other post secondary institutions, we were forced to pause, pivot, reschedule and get creative on numerous occasions due to the pandemic. Covid-19 definitely made our 20th year a memorable one!

As we look ahead to 2021, we are hoping for the best and planning cautiously.

In January, we will continue to lecture theory via Zoom. In an effort to limit contact between individuals, protecting our students and our staff, we will use Zoom to broadcast live lectures to our students. Less time together equals less risk of sharing or contracting Covid-19.

In-person practical training will continue to include mandatory masks, scheduling small groups, cohorting, physical distancing, PPE, frequent hand washing, temperature monitoring, daily health questionnaires, one-way foot traffic, zero congregating, plexi-glass barriers and frequent sanitization of surfaces.

As always, we will continue to heed the advice of the Alberta Government in regard to Covid-19. We move forward with the understanding that at any moment, we could be asked to pivot once again. As evidenced in the past nine months, we are up for the challenge. We are fiercely committed to our students, we are resilient and we are professional. We will continue to provide high level emergency services education while continuing to maintain our close knit, family environment.

I want to share my sincere gratitude to our administration team, faculty and students for their patience, flexibility and trust as we all worked together throughout 2020 to maintain a safe learning and working environment.

I look forward to a new year with new challenges and new students. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay connected.

Best regards,

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