Backflow Prevention Device Inspector/Tester Certification Training

Lab Room Protocols for COVID-19

A typical class has a maximum attendance of 24 students, however to maintain social distancing of 6 feet between each student this may have to be limited depending on the capacity/size of the classroom. In most classroom settings it may be necessary to limit the attendance to 16 students. Generally a lab set-up consists of four (4) wheeled utility carts. Each side of the cart is a testing station.

- To maintain social distancing, each cart will be placed six(6) feet apart and only one student is allowed at each cart, unless carts/testing stations are modified to maintain a 6-foot distance from other testing station(s).
- Instructors observing student(s) will remain 6 feet away from the testing station and student. Instructors must wear masks when working with students on the testing stations.
- In the classroom setting, due to the nature of teaching and the need for students to clearly hear instructors and be able to read lips if necessary, instructors will not wear face masks.
- In the classroom setting, all students must sit 6-feet apart (both horizontally and vertically), facing the same direction, and wear face masks.
- All instructors are trained and certified in COVID-19 sanitizing and disinfecting protocols.
- Each cart and testing station will be routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected before the start of class and after each student has completed his/her lab session.
- All tools and test kits will be routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected before the start of class and after each student has complete his/her lab session.
- Classroom tables, chairs, and other items students come in contact will be routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected before the start of class and after each class session has completed.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own writing instrument.
- Students must wash or sanitize hands before entering a classroom or lab room area.
- If hand sanitizer or access to wash room is not readily available students will be required to wear gloves.
- Masks must be worn when walking in public areas of the facility, while seated in a classroom, and when social distancing can not be achieved.

Before entering a facility, NEWWA’s staff should receive each individual facility’s COVID-19 guidance to ensure full compliance in addition to the protocols listed above.

Note that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that comes with the risk of severe illness and death, and there is always the inherit risk of exposure when in public spaces. Full information on COVID-19, including information on high-risk populations, can be found on the Centers for Disease Control's website.

By voluntarily attending an offsite course with NEWWA, students assume all risks related to the exposure to COVID-19.