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Alberta and Northwest Territories Monthly Newsletter

COVID-19 Update from the Society

The Society continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and has the following updates:

Office Hours

The Lifesaving Society's business hours are 9:00am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday. For the safety of our employees the Lifesaving Society office will remain closed to the public but curbside pickup and reception hours will be expanded to the new business hours.

Certification Extensions

The Society will support the extension of Lifesaving Society Certifications for individuals who would have been due to recertify after March 1, 2020. Implementing this policy means that certifications whose currency period would have ended between March 1, 2020 and June 12, 2020 will have their currency extended until September 12, 2020. In addition, we will extend certification's whose currency period would have ended between June 13, 2020 and August 31, 2020 to October 31, 2020 as we understand it may take some time for programming to resume as facilities relaunch operations.

Training Programs

Trainer Recertification

Online - November 21, 2020

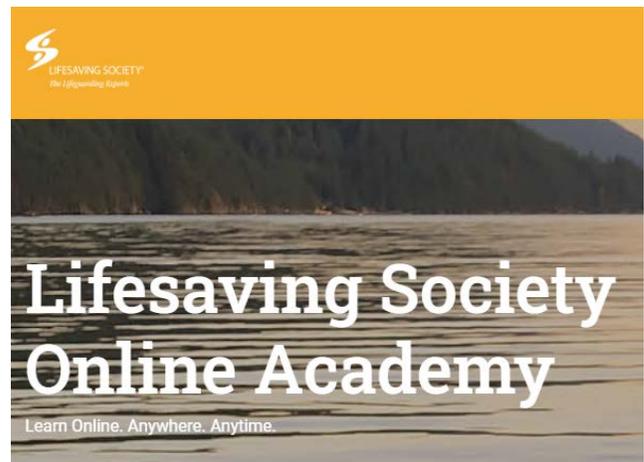
Register at <http://courses.lifesaving.org>

Trainer Course

Online - September 18, 2020

Register at <http://courses.lifesaving.org>

Candidates must complete the [Trainer Application Form](#) and forward to the Society's office for approval prior to registering for the course.



Online Course Academy

The Lifesaving Society is offering a number of leadership courses via the Online Academy.

Registration is open for the following course:

- Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Recert ([Sept 16 - 30, 2020](#))

Upcoming Courses:

- The Community Official Course will be launched this month - Keep an eye on the Course Academy!

Participants must create an account at <https://courses.lifesaving.org/>. Participants will be enrolled and gain access to the course on the indicated start date, in which they will receive a welcome and access email. Once enrolled, the course can be accessed through the Online Academy Dashboard when logged in. Participants will have until the indicated end date to complete the course.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lifesaving Society via email at experts@lifesaving.org.

Reminder: Ordering Materials

The Lifesaving Society would like to remind Affiliate Member's that our Policies & Procedures document states that Affiliates must order supplies from the Lifesaving Society a minimum of seven (7) business days in advance of the course start date.

Due to the current pandemic and reduced staff, we recommend Affiliates allow additional time when placing orders. The Lifesaving Society asks for all Affiliates to place orders a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance to allow time for packing and shipping of orders.

Face Mask Decision Tree

Effective August 1st, 2020, the City of Edmonton and City of Calgary implemented Mandatory Mask Bylaws for all indoor public spaces. Since then, numerous towns, cities, and municipalities have implemented similar bylaws. Questions from affiliates have started to come in as to how this affects Aquatics Personnel within Recreational Facilities. The Lifesaving Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories is working closely with our medical advisor to create resources to assist facilities in making these decisions in accordance with Alberta Health Services recommendations.

The first of these documents is a [Face Mask Decision Tree](#) which is meant to assist Recreational Facilities in determining whether Aquatics Personnel should be wearing masks.



New Products

The following products are now available to order from our [online shop](#):

[Viral Filter for CPR Pocket Mask](#)

This one way valve and directional diaphragm prevents back-flow of air and contaminants while using a CPR Pocket Mask. These filters are specially designed viral and bacterial filters for extra protection. These filters prevent (99.2%) of transmission of droplets and aerosolized particles between the patient.

[Viral Filter for Bag Valve Mask](#)

This one way valve and directional diaphragm prevents back-flow of air and contaminants while using a Bag Valve Mask. These filters are specially designed viral and bacterial filters for extra protection. These filters prevent (99.2%) of transmission of droplets and aerosolized particles between the patient.

[Non-Medical Occupational Safety Masks](#)

The Lifesaving Society has limited stock of non-medical occupational face masks for its Affiliate Delivery Partners and Members. The masks are made in Canada and consist of a 3 sheet mask with anti-bacterial filter. Sold in packages of 50 masks.

[Non-Medical Occupational Mask Extensions](#)

These extenders help to relieve ear pressure from wearing occupational masks for an extended period of time. Colours may vary. Available in Small (3") or Large (6").

[Reusable Anti-Fog Face Shields](#)

These face shields assist in protecting the full facial area against cough droplets, sprays and splatter of body fluid. Anti-fog design makes the shields optically clear with high-level scratch resistance. The shields are designed for extended, all day wear and breathable construction for maximum air circulation. They are lightweight (0.2 lbs) and outfitted with a soft foam comfort headband that has a fully adjustable Velcro strap to fit all head sizes. The shields are fully washable for disinfecting and reusable.

[Eliminator 42 Concentrated Disinfectant \(4L\)](#)

DIN registered. Kills viruses, bacteria and fungi. This lemon scented quaternary ammonium chloride based degreaser/disinfectant is designed for use as a disinfectant for general household use, schools, food processing plants, and light industrial and hospital cleaning applications.

[Protocol Hand Sanitizer](#)

300 ml bottle of Protocol Hand Sanitizer. It is 70% active ethanol solution that follows the WHO standard for alcohol hand sanitizer. It contains glycerine to help prevent drying of the hands after repeated use. Other sizes may be available upon request.

Is your Information up to date?

Just as you would update your driver's license, if you or a team member have recently moved, make sure to update your address with The Lifesaving Society by contacting us at 780-415-1755 or experts@lifesaving.org. We use this information to provide the best client service possible, and it ensures that you will receive your certification cards in a timely manner.