

# UPDATED: Interim Guidance on Card Extensions during COVID-19 Outbreak



CPR & EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE

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Dear Global AHA Training Network,

The AHA continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability of Training Centers to conduct training while providing a variety of flexible options for Training Centers. In addition to blended and virtual options [outlined here](#), we are further clarifying the guidance below on card extensions.

- AHA Provider and Instructor cards that expired in March, April, May, and June 2020 can renew their card for up to 120 days from the recommended "Renew By" date on their card. See below for specific recommended renewal and extension dates:

Recommended "Renew By" Date on Card (end of month)	New "Renew By" Due Date with 120-day Extension (end of month)
March 2020	July 2020*
April 2020	August 2020*
May 2020	September 2020
June 2020	October 2020

- Beginning with cards that expire at the end of July, we will resume normal timelines for renewing cards. Those with cards expiring at the end of July should plan to renew their cards by the recommended renewal date on their card (July 2020).
- However, as a special exception, only for those who may be in affected areas with restrictions still in place into July and August, the AHA will allow Training Centers, at their discretion, to consider extending cards that have a "Renew By" date of July or August to no further than October 2020.

*\*Per the above table, Training Centers in affected areas may extend March and April expired cards that had a new "Renew By" date, if necessary, to no further than October 2020.*

- As always, AHA TCs are responsible for following the instructions from their local government or public health authority as it relates to actions around COVID-19. In accordance with the guidelines released by local government, the leadership of the TC should use discretion to evaluate the risk of disease transmission in their area before organizing any training events and take necessary precautions to avoid transmissions.

The AHA continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and evaluate options for delivering resuscitation education while taking the proper precautions. Our top priority is the safety of both AHA Instructors and learners.

We remain committed to serving you as a trusted resource to allow for the continuance of safe, high-quality CPR training, as feasible. Thank you for everything you are doing during this challenging time.

Sincerely,  
American Heart Association