

Dear Colleagues,

Healthcare providers are essential in combatting the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. We at California Medical Training Center are committed to serving the community with the quality training required during these challenging times. Moreover, as for any and all training centers and educational institutions, it is our responsibility to maintain social distancing and continue proactive measures to do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19, so that each individual can begin or continue to provide high-quality care to the communities that they serve.

Our students fall into two categories:

1. New healthcare providers who need training and certifications to qualify for employment.
2. Healthcare providers who must renew certifications to continue caring for patients. Most, but not all employers are honoring the extensions that the American Heart Association and American Academy of Pediatrics have granted (March 2020) for expiring cards due to the pandemic.

During these unprecedented times, we continue to perform based on three simple principles:

1. Protecting the health and safety of our students and instructors
2. Supporting local health officials and government leaders
3. Serving essential healthcare providers with relevant, life-saving, quality courses, so they may secure and maintain positions in healthcare settings to provide effective patient care

We are doing our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by meeting and exceeding county, state, and federal public health guidelines, as well as American Heart Association requirements regarding sanitation and social distancing practices. As an educational institution, our fundamental role in the ongoing public health emergency is to bolster and maintain the ranks of the healthcare professionals on the frontlines of the pandemic. Therefore, after careful consideration with our faculty, staff, as well as industry professionals, we have resumed academic instruction. Because the safety of our students and instructors is paramount, we have instituted the following policies to effectively operate under these austere conditions:

- Limited number of students in class to ensure proper social distancing
- Modified skills practice procedures to ensure proper social distancing
- Diligent infection control measures upon student check-in and throughout class, according to, and beyond, CDC recommendations
- Each instructor or staff member must attest that they do not have symptoms and have not been exposed by anyone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19. If symptomatic or exposed, instructors or staff will be directed to self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days
- Students, instructors, and staff are required to bring and wear a mask or scarf while in class or in the facility
- Upon arrival to class, each student shall attest that they do not have symptoms and have not been exposed by anyone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19. If symptomatic or exposed, students will be rescheduled

The AHA and AAP have granted extensions for expiring BLS, ACLS, PALS, and NRP cards. However, the extensions are at the discretion of each employer; therefore, we suggest that students check with respective employers.

As fellow healthcare providers, we understand and embrace that we are essential for providing relevant, life-saving training and certifications and are here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

As always, stay well, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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