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Jefferson County EMS Training Center Covid-19 Guidance

To All Employees and AHA Instructors, AHA Training Sites,

With precautionary measures being taken globally to control the spread of COVID-19, and many countries and regions we at Jefferson County EMS Training Center wants to adhere and make our contributions to control and contain this pandemic.

Effective 03/27/2020 at 12am until 5/1/2020 at 12am, we are asking all instructors to cancel and/or postpone any in person sessions for AHA courses regardless of location of course to be conducted. AHA has extended the expiration dates for AHA Provider and Instructor cards for 60 days due to public health threats. TDOH in cooperation has also granted the AHA extensions and has extended TN State EMS Licensure which will be given a 90-day extension on their expiration date beginning with those who expire in March 2020. The NREMT has extended all 3/31/2020 expiration dates to 6/30/2020.

We recommend for AHA students that are expiring to go ahead and complete the online Heart Code session at www.onlineaha.org, and once the threat of COVID-19 has been eliminated, they will be able to attend their skill testing sessions. Remember there is no time limit to complete the skill station as well as students presenting an expired provider card may be allowed to take an update course. For more information on COVID-19 guidance to the AHA Training Network, please visit the Training Updates section of the AHA Instructor Network.

As it has been stated many times over the past few weeks this is unprecedented and dates are subject to be changed depending upon the spread or containment of the COVID-19 virus; however, it is our goal to resume courses as soon as possible, but our main concentration is to flatten the curve and do our part to contain this

beast. We hope each of you remain healthy by doing your part during these difficult times If any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

Follow our Facebook and TDOH website for the latest updates on COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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