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**TO:** Children's Camps Directors/Operators  
**FROM:** Kristee Morgan, Senior Public Health Sanitarian  
**SUBJECT:** 2016 Fact Sheets for Acceptable Certifications: First Aid, CPR, Swimming Program Safety, Progressive Swimming Instructor, Epi-Pen Program, Camp Trip Swimming, Aquatic Certifications, Learn-to-Swim Program and Aquatics Director  
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The following Fact Sheets include changes for 2016:

Aquatic Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- The following certifications have been removed because the courses have been discontinued and the previously issued certifications are no longer valid:
  - American Red Cross: Lifeguarding
  - American Red Cross: Waterpark Lifeguarding
  - American Red Cross: Waterfront Lifeguarding
  - American Red Cross: Shallow Water Attendant
  - Lindenhurst School District: Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard
  - YMCA: YMCA Lifeguard
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- A new YMCA certification for Aquatic "YMCA Lifeguard v6 Certification" has been added.
- The footnote for the Boy Scouts of America certifications has been changed to reflect that certifications are valid for two years from date of issuance, not three years.

Camp Aquatics Director for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

- The notation for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Management certification has been modified to clarify that 1) In-person testing is required and 2) Cards issued prior to 1/1/14 without an expiration date can be accepted for three years from the date of issuance.
- A notation has been added for the YMCA Aquatics Management and Aquatics Management Trainer certifications that these courses are no longer offered, and 1) certification in Aquatics Management remains valid for three years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2018, and 2) certification in Aquatics Management Trainer remains valid for two years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2017.

Camp Trip Swimming Program Safety Certifications for NYS Children's Camps

- The notation for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Management certification has been modified to clarify that 1) In-person testing is required and 2) Cards issued prior to 1/1/14 without an expiration date can be accepted for three years from date of issuance.
- A notation has been added for the YMCA Aquatics Management and Aquatics Management Trainer certifications that these courses are not longer offered, and 1) certification in Aquatics

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Management remains valid for three years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2018, and 2) certification in Aquatics Management Trainer remains valid for two years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2017.

#### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for NYS Children's Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities

- A new American Heart Association certification for "BLS Provider" has been added.

#### First Aid Certifications for NYS Children's Camp Staff

- The New York State Department of Health's "Emergency Medical Technician" certification has been changed to "EMT-Basic" to reflect the new certification title.
- The following certifications have been removed because certifications with these titles are no longer issued and previously issued certifications are no longer valid:
  - American Heart Association: Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid
  - American Lifeguard Association: Lifeguard Training – Community First Aid and Safety Instructor-Led Course

#### Progressive Swim Instructor for NYS Children's Camps

- The following certifications have been removed because the courses have been discontinued and the previously issued certifications are no longer valid:
  - Boy Scouts of America: Cub Scout Aquatics Supervisor, BSA
  - YMCA: Special Populations Swimming Instructor

No changes have been made to the following Fact Sheets for 2016:

- Epenephrine Auto-Injector Program Certifications for NYS Children's Camps
- Learn-to-Swim Programs for NYS Children's Camps
- Level III and IV Aquatic Supervision Staff Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

**As a reminder, CPR certifications are only accepted as current for one year after the course date regardless of the expiration date listed on the card.**

If you have any questions regarding these Fact Sheets please contact Kristee Morgan at 607-274-6688.