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SUBJECT: 2014 Fact Sheets for Acceptable Certifications: First Aid, CPR, Swimming Program Safety, Progressive Swimming Instructor, Learn-to-Swim Program and Aquatics Director

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Enclosed are the updated "Fact Sheets" that list certifications determined to be equivalent to those specified in Subpart 7-2 and/or Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code. The American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard Management course is listed as an acceptable certification on several fact sheets including "Swimming Program Safety". As of January 1, 2014, this course is no longer offered as an instructor-led training and is only offered online. In order to meet the Department's standards for course acceptance, ARC has established a procedure for "in-person" testing of students who successfully complete the online course. The in-person tests must be administered by ARC Lifeguarding Instructors that are Red Cross Authorized Providers. Students who pass the in-person test with a grade of 80% or higher will be issued a Lifeguard Management certificate that indicates in-person testing. Both the online certificate and the in-person testing certificate are needed to demonstrate current certification. The online certification specifies the course certification date. Certificates are valid for two years from that date. The in-person testing certificate will only contain the in-person test date, which may be up to 90 days after the online certification. Lifeguard Management certification is valid during the two year period specified by the online certificate and not by the in-person testing certificate. ARC Lifeguard Management certifications issued prior to January 1, 2014, continue to be accepted for three years from the certification date.

1. The following Fact Sheets include changes for 2014:

Aquatic Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- YMCA Lifeguard 2011, YMCA Lifeguard Renewal 2011, and YMCA Lifeguard Crossover 2011 have been removed and replaced with 2011 Edition Lifeguard Certification. The YMCA has notified us that all certification using 2011 curriculum will have a certification card title of "2011 Edition Lifeguard Certification."

Camp Aquatics Director for NYS Children's Camps Bathing Facilities

- ARC Lifeguard Management – Notes were added to indicate that certifications issued after 12/31/13 must be accompanied by a separate in-person testing certificate.

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

- ARC Lifeguard Management – Notes were added to indicate that certifications issued after 12/31/13 must be accompanied by a separate in-person testing certificate.

Inclusion Through Diversity

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

- The following certifications have been removed because the courses have been discontinued and previously issued certificates are no longer valid:
 - ARC CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
 - ARC CPR/AED for Lifeguards
 - Emergency Care and Safety Institute Professional CPR
 - National Safety Council BLS Healthcare and Professional Rescuers.

First Aid Certifications for NYS Children's Camps Staff

- ARC Responding to Emergencies – A notation was added to the course to clarify that any ARC certification with “Responding to Emergencies” in the title is acceptable.
- American Safety and Health Institute Advanced First Aid was added. Certification must be accompanied by a Recognition of Participation in the ASHI training program approved by the New York State Department of Health.
- The following certifications have been added to the list of first aid certifications accepted for certain summer day camps with emergency medical care available within 10 minutes:
 - American Heart Association Heartsavers pediatric First Aid CPR AED
 - ARC Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

Learn to Swim Program for NYS Children's Camps

- Starfish Aquatics and PADI learn-to-swim programs have been added. Certifications must indicate specialty program training in both Stroke and Swim School to be acceptable.
 - American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) courses “Basic First Aid” and “Pediatric CPR, AED, and First Aid” have been added. Certifications must be accompanied by a Recognition of Participation in the corresponding ASHI training program approved by the New York State Department of Health.
 - Emergency Care and Safety Institute course “First Aid for NY Day Camps, Basic Level” has been added.
 - Medic First Aid course “Pediatric Plus CPR, AED, and First Aid” has been added. Certification must be accompanied by a Recognition of Participation in Medic First Aid training program approved by the New York State Department of Health.

Progressive Swimming Instructor for NYS Children's Camps

- Starfish Aquatics and PADI learn-to-swim programs have been added. Certifications must indicate specialty program training in both Stroke and Swim School to be acceptable.
- The following certifications have been removed because the courses have been discontinued and previously issued certificates are no longer valid:
 - Swim Lessons – Preschool Instructor
 - Swim Lessons – Parent/Child Instructor
 - Swim Lessons – Youth/Adult Instructor Level 1
 - Swim Lessons – Youth/Adult Instructor Level 2
 - YMCA Basic Swim Instructor

2. No changes have been made to the following Fact Sheet for 2014:

Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program Certifications

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 or Eric Shearer at 607-274-6688.