



# COVID-19 UPDATE

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CNO – EARL DALTON

Here at Health Carousel we are encouraged and humbled by the incredible work of our nurses and the patients you care for. We are working hard to support your efforts to keep you and your patients safe. Below are some links we believe will help you with the CDC recommendations related to shortage of isolation supplies in a pandemic. It is my belief that these CDC recommendations would only apply to the direst of situations when all other measures to get you supplies have failed.

The AHA and the Joint Commission have also published guidance on the extension of AHA credentials and annual mandatory training. Both have been extended for an additional 60 days beyond expiration.

We are in constant communication with our hospital partners and would like to thank them for executing on strategies to bring more nurses to the front lines to support you in patient care.

We want to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out with anything you may need in order to do your best work and to stay safe and healthy.

On behalf of our entire company, *thank you for the work you do*. We are working hard to support you!

### AHA FAQs

<https://www.heart.org/>

### AHA CERTIFICATION EXTENSIONS

(BLS, ACLS, PALS, etc.)

#### For AHA Provider Cards:

- The AHA recommends that employers and regulatory bodies consider extending recognition of an AHA Provider Card beyond its renewal date, for up to 60 days. However, please know that it is ultimately up to the discretion of employers and regulatory bodies who require current AHA Provider Cards to consider allowing extensions during this time.
- The AHA recommends considering extensions of up to 60 days, but this recommendation could be extended based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat.

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### CDC UPDATES

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Face mask utilization and supply. Review recommendations for Conventional Capacity, Contingency Capacity and Crisis Capacity:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/face-masks.html>

CDC on Pandemic Planning: Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>

### HEALTHSTREAM

HealthStream has developed a collection of 21 courses designed to educate staff on current guidelines for infection control across various care settings and precautions for airborne pathogens. They also offer best practices for using personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining proper hand hygiene.

All working nurses with an active Health Carousel HealthStream account have had this bundle of 21 courses assigned to your account as Elective Learning. Please avail of the ones with the most practice implications for you and your setting. If you do not have an active HealthStream account, please reach out to [qualityimprovement@passportusa.com](mailto:qualityimprovement@passportusa.com) and we can get one set up for you.

### COMING SOON

The President of the United States signed the National Public Emergency (NPE) to provide a waiver for RN Licensure to be effective in all states, eliminating the need for application for individual state licensing process through the State Boards of Nursing. It does have to be signed by the State Governors to become effective. The expectation is this will move quickly, possibly today (3/20/20)