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Dear Members & Supporters,

Lifesaving Society Manitoba has released new Information Bulletins and Resources for teaching lifesaving programs and guidelines for re-opening pools and waterfronts under the current COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Running Lifesaving Society Re-certifications for Aquatic Staff**

Manitoba Public Health has released new information on teaching lifesaving programs, subject to restrictions on class sizes and physical distancing. At this time training sessions for **facility staff only** may take place subject to the following restrictions:

*“Lifeguard training in a group setting may resume. The two metre physical distancing requirement under the public health order applies to businesses that are open to the public. If the space where training is held training is closed to the public and only participants and staff/trainers can attend, the physical distancing requirement is not applicable, except where possible. It is recommend that organizations contact AskHealth at [https://forms.gov.mb.ca/Ask\\_Health/](https://forms.gov.mb.ca/Ask_Health/) if they have questions specific to health guidelines related to their training programs.”*

Lifesaving Society Manitoba has released guideline documents to allow Society Instructors and Trainers to run aquatic staff re-certifications under these new requirements. You will now find the following document available on the Society's website:

COVID-19 National Lifeguard Recertifications

<https://lifesaving.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/LSMB-COVID-19-NL-Recerts.pdf>

You must follow these updated training and risk management requirements. These guidelines may change when new directives are issued by Manitoba Public Health. You will be notified of any changes and updates to these guidelines when we receive notification from Manitoba Public Health or Manitoba Workplace Health and Safety.



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## **Guidelines for Re-opening Pools and Waterfronts**

Below is the link for the Lifesaving Society Manitoba guidelines for implementing Manitoba Public Health requirements to re-open pools and waterfronts. These guidelines are based upon the most recent information available. They will be updated when we receive notification from Manitoba Public Health or as new research provides information on how to best ensure public safety.

COVID-19 Manitoba Guidelines for Re-opening Pools and Waterfronts

<https://lifesaving.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/LSMB-COVID-19-Guidelines-for-Reopening-Pools-and-Waterfronts.pdf>

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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