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Hello Lifesaving Society Stakeholders and Partners:

Today, the Canadian Red Cross informed its Training Partners that they have decided to wind down their involvement in swim and lifeguard training across Canada in order to direct more attention to surging humanitarian demands such as disaster and pandemic response and opioid harm reduction.

The Lifesaving Society and Canadian Red Cross have worked together for many years toward the common humanitarian goal of preventing drowning and water-related injury. Building on this relationship, the Red Cross has worked closely with the Lifesaving Society Canada to transition their swim and lifeguarding programs to the Lifesaving Society. Transition pathways have been developed collaboratively to facilitate the smooth transition for aquatic facilities and their staff.

The Red Cross will support its current training partners through 2022 to make the transition to offering Lifesaving Society swim and lifeguard training programs.

We recognize that this information may impact your organization regarding legislation, education, training, etc. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 204-956-2124 to discuss potential impacts or new initiatives.

Sincerely,



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