



## Preparing for the Aquatic Season during the COVID-19 Pandemic

At this time, many of us are uncertain when we might be able to start or continue preparations for the summer aquatic season. To help support aquatics facilities, the Red Cross has already released several tools including the CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers: Guidelines for Implementing a Social Distancing Approach and several provisional courses on the [American Red Cross COVID-19 Guidance](#) page. A new forum group, called [Aquatic Support During COVID-19](#), has also been created. The group is for instructors and aquatic facilities to network and share ideas about preparing for the upcoming aquatic season during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To provide additional support, the Red Cross is releasing several tool kits that will be posted on the [American Red Cross COVID-19 Guidance](#) page as well as on the Lifeguarding, Learn-to-Swim and Water Safety course material pages:

- **Toolkit for Water Safety Instructor Trainers:** This toolkit provides information on how to teach the Water Safety Instructor Blended Learning Course using an alternate schedule where all the online content is completed prior to the first in-person class session.
- **Toolkit for Lifeguard Training and Operations:** This toolkit provides information, considerations, options and tools for engaging and preparing your lifeguarding and aquatics safety team now, including how to teach the Lifeguarding Blended Learning Course where all the online content is completed prior to the first in-person class session.

More information as well as additional tools for aquatic facilities will continue to be released during the next several weeks, including a toolkit for Engaging Your Community in Water Safety. This toolkit introduces two new online courses to help educate the public about water safety as well as to provide support for teaching water safety at home.

If you have any additional ideas or suggestion for supporting aquatic facilities or operations, please post them on the [Aquatic Support During COVID-19](#) forum page.