



# Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency



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To: Yolo County First Responders and EMS Providers  
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Subject: EMT Recertification and Paramedic Reaccreditation

This memo is an update to the EMT Recertification and Paramedic Reaccreditation process during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent is to clarify state guidance and local accreditation requirements. Please distribute to all personnel.

## **EMT:**

- EMTs expiring between March-June 2020 will have their license/certification expiration date extended until July 31, 2020. The adjusted expiration date has been updated in the state system.
  - Skills verification is waived for this recertification cycle
- For recertification in 2022, all original requirements will apply

## **Paramedic:**

State guidance for EMS personnel (EMT and Paramedic) license/certification between March-June 2020 applies to paramedic license extension, which is handled by the state EMS Authority.

## **Yolo County Reaccreditation:**

- Complete the YEMSA Paramedic Renewal Application and provide all required documents, either current or expired.
- We continue to align with current AHA and ITLS/PHTLS, which have extended the expiration date 120 days for cards that expire in March 2020.
- Paramedics reaccrediting between March and May 2020, who have not met the requirement for the mandatory ALS Update class, will have 120 days from the time of their accreditation expiration date to complete the requirement. We will continue to evaluate this timeline as the pandemic evolves.
- A temporary accreditation card will be issued after review of the renewal application.
- All required certifications and classes must be completed and submitted within the temporary accreditation period. Once the temporary accreditation card is expired, the accreditation lapse of less than thirty (30) days will apply and will result in suspension of accreditation.