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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU – NOW, MORE THAN EVER

The American Heart Association is extremely grateful for the work our frontline medical teams are providing to our communities during this global pandemic.

The American Heart Association and its program, Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) are working hard to provide our medical communities with information and programs to help during this critical time. Our shared mission is to help protect our medical providers and save lives.

Our hope is that you can share these resources with your association constituents.

- **The American Heart Association shared [interim guidance](#) to help reduce the risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission, especially with regards to resuscitation care.** The information is drawn primarily from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization recommendations. It is intended specifically for the care of patients who have a known or suspected COVID-19 infection, and it includes guidance for EMS personnel and other first responders.
- **Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) programs were developed by the American Heart Association to transform the standard of CPR care with new mastery learning programs.** When high-quality CPR is delivered with competence and confidence, our cardiac arrest outcomes dramatically improve – especially during this crisis!

We Can Help. We recognize instructor-led classes are not taking place, surge medical workers are being deployed at record pace, and more codes than ever are being responded to. The AHA, through **RQI is extending our program at no cost during this time.** We truly believe in the power of our mastery CPR programs to provide confidence and competence to frontline providers to save lives right now. [Learn more here.](#)

- **The American Heart Association is investing research dollars in the search for answers.** We are fast-tracking a special \$2.5 million fund for rapid response scientific research projects to investigate the specific cardiovascular implications of coronavirus, investing in short-term projects that can turn around results quickly - within 9-12 months.
- Finally, we want to ensure the coronavirus pandemic doesn't impact the ability of CPR-trained individuals to provide this life-saving service. To assist you, effective immediately, AHA will allow **extensions of the validity of the instructor card.** Additional guidance can be found [here.](#)

We realize this is a dynamic and challenging situation, especially for our medical providers who are the frontline heroes. The American Heart Association is a reliable and trusted source of information, based in credible science. You can be sure that we will continue to be your partner with updates and programs to help save lives!

