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Dear Fellow Trainers,

Greetings !

I hope everyone is safe and well. Since March of this year, when we all experienced the impact and the burden this pandemic have caused, all of our formal BLS and ACLS trainings were hampered. This prompted the council to formulate a way where we can still continue the training by delivering it through online platforms. We are now in the process of launching the Online Training program by mid August 2020. Hopefully, we can still continue providing the usual mode of formal training in a few months if safety restrictions would eventually ease down.

However, due to the increasing demand for re-certification for BLS and ACLS from expiring certifications among our training institutions and hospitals, the council on CPR under the guidance of the PHA Board, has decided to allow the extension of the validity of their current BLS /ACLS certificates until December 2020. This is to allow smooth transition and headway for the planned online training while awaiting for the eventual lifting of restrictions brought by the pandemic crisis.

Within this extension period, we still highly encourage that trainers may provide our usual didactic refresher modules with or without the practical workshop and megacode to the providers with expiring certifications. Also, despite the extension, we still highly encourage to still register and complete the online training program once fully implemented.

In this light, we humbly ask for your continued understanding and support for this matter and at the same time express my deep gratitude to all you trainers who painstakingly continue imparting knowledge and skills on resuscitation despite this crisis.

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For any queries and concerns, kindly inform the PHA Secretariat so we can facilitate your requests.

More power to all of you and God Bless.

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