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**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND  
RESERVE AFFAIRS)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND  
RESERVE AFFAIRS)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER  
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)  
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY MILITARY  
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**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Life Support Training Extension**

The purpose of this memorandum is to set policy guidance within the Military Health System for American Red Cross life support training (First Aid/cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/automated external defibrillator (AED), Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)). With precautionary measures being taken globally to control the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), effective immediately, personnel whose life support training completion cards (First Aid/CPR/AED, BLS, ALS, PALS) have or will expire due to inability to complete training are effectively extended beyond its renewal date, for up to 60 days.

Defense Health Agency (DHA) is supportive of those facilities that deem it prudent to cancel training during this crisis. For those facilities that continue to execute Military Training Network (MTN) life support training, refer to the American Red Cross COVID-19 guidance on the Red Cross Instructors Corner (<https://www.redcrosslearningcenter.org/s/>), as well as adhere to the guidance of national, state, and local public health authorities to ensure student and instructor safety is maintained. The MTN will provide training updates periodically to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place for all personnel.

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