



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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Information Regarding First Aid, CPR and Lifeguard Certifications

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide you with an update on how we are treating critical certifications with in your industry.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many recertification courses including first aid, CPR and lifeguard certification have been postponed. DATCP recognizes that this poses a challenge to your business, as many of those certifications are necessary to operate. We want to make it clear that DATCP is willing to be flexible when the time comes for your business to reopen.

When public pools and water attractions are allowed to reopen, a lack of current certificates will not prevent you from operating. **You will not be penalized if any of your lifeguards have a certificate that has recently expired, as long as the expired certificate is from an approved course.** When this time does come, DATCP will reassess and provide further clarifications regarding a specific date for when all of these certificates will again need to be current.

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, send them to datcpdfrsrec@wisconsin.gov.



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