

## Wilderness Medicine Provider COVID-19 Updates

### [Wilderness Medicine Training Center](#)

If you are a WMTC graduate and your certification expires after March 1, 2020 and you cannot find a recertification course due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we will extend your certification until November 1, 2020. The extension will give time for the situation to normalize and for you to find a recertification course. You have two options:

We will email you a pdf file on WMTC letterhead with your new expiration date; there is no charge for this service.

You may purchase a replacement card with the new expiration date.

Please email our office if you prefer the free option and attach a copy of your current certification card. In either case, please give us a few days to respond; our office is extremely busy during this unprecedented time.

### [NOLS Wilderness Medicine](#)

If your certification expires between 9/13/2020 and 3/12/2022, there is no change in your certification period or re-entry year.

If your certification expired/expires between 3/13/2019 and 9/12/2020 we are automatically adding 9 months to your certification length. Your twelve month re-entry period begins at the end of your new expiration date.

This applies to all NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications including wilderness medicine, CPR, and epinephrine auto-injector. If your certification was issued by another training provider, please contact them directly. It is our understanding that other programs are considering a similar plan.

We are beginning work on a process to make these changes in our data system and to reissue new certification cards. This will take some time and we ask for your patience while we work with our database programmers to institute this change.

### [Desert Mountain Medicine](#)

All DMM certifications that expire between March 1st and May 1st, 2020 will obtain a 6-month extension upon request. New cards will be issued as requested by contacting our Director of Operations Tyler Harris at [tyler@desertmountainmedicine.com](mailto:tyler@desertmountainmedicine.com) or via phone at 719-486-7260.

If WFR refresher courses continue to cancel past May 1st, 2020 due to health and safety concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic or your previous 6-month extension will expire, DMM will issue a 1 year extension after successful completion of our Remote Hybrid WRC.

Please contact the wilderness medicine provider who issued your most recent certification to find out more about their policies around extensions or visit the WMEC site for direct links to its members.

### [Aerie Backcountry Medicine](#)

No specific updates regarding expiring certifications at this time.

### [Remote Medical Training](#)

No specific updates regarding expiring certifications at this time.

### [Wilderness Medical Associates International](#)

Wilderness Medical Associates International is excited to announce the launch of our online certification extension courses. These options are only available to currently certified WMAI WFR/WEMT and WAFA graduates whose certification will expire while conventional, open-enrollment courses are being suspended and unavailable because of COVID-19. These courses are open at no charge. If your certification expired in March, you will automatically receive a one (1) month participation eligibility extension.

Enrollment is easy. Follow the appropriate link below to the Online Certification Extension (OCE) course page matching your current certification level and fill out the online registration form. Once we receive it and confirm your eligibility, we will send you an email with specific course participation login information.

After you successfully complete the course by passing the final exam, you will be able to access your PDF certification with an expiration date of six (6) months from the date you finished the OCE course.

### [Sierra Rescue](#)

Due the unprecedented times and the need to support each other during these times, we are offering a 6 month extension to students who have a current Sierra Rescue WFR card, and are currently registered in a WFR recertification course that has been cancelled or postponed. Please send us your registration information from the course you were registered in. Once we verify you in our database, we will send you an extension letter that can be used with your Sierra Rescue WFR card to show you are still a currently certified WFR.

We are also offering the same extension for Sierra Rescue WFA students whose courses have been cancelled or postponed. Please send us verification of the course cancellation or postponement.

We are also offering a 3 month extension for the American CPR issued CPR/FA cards. Please scan and e-mail us a copy of your current CPR card with a completion date that falls between March 1, 2018 and May 1 2018 and we will send you a 3 month extension letter. Another 3 month extension letter may be available in May depending on the status and availability of training opportunities.

If you feel like you need new cards with the new expiration date there will be a \$25 fee to reissue the cards. Contact [info@sierrarescue.com](mailto:info@sierrarescue.com) if you want more info on this option

### [SOLO Wilderness Medicine](#)

For students that have existing SOLO certifications that are about to expire in the upcoming weeks, we are offering a blanket extension on your certification until November 1, 2020. \*\*\*Please note, we cannot extend anyone's NREMT or state EMT license, only the wilderness portion of your certification.\*\*\*\* Make sure to SAVE your expiring certification as we will still need that when we are able to safely run courses again and you can attend one of our recertification course options. If you require a letter stating this extension, please email us at [info@soloschools.com](mailto:info@soloschools.com).