



Canadian Red Cross – Alberta Update

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The Canadian Red Cross has a responsibility to safeguard the health and safety of participants enrolled in any Canadian Red Cross Swimming & Water Safety programs. As provincial/territorial frameworks are identifying the reopening of recreation facilities, it is important to note that there is still an ongoing threat of the spread of COVID-19.

We have consulted the Ministry of Health officials across Canada to create guidelines and policies that will be applied to the reopening of public and private pools regarding the delivery of the Red Cross Swimming & Water Safety Programs. The Canadian Red Cross will provide recommendations moving forward. We are working on webinars for each province regarding reopening considerations. **The Alberta webinar will be late June.**

Online Water Safety Sessions for communities:

Monday	June 1	1500 EST Noon PST	Bathtub toddler fun	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/bathtub-water-play-for-toddlers/register
Wednesday	June 3rd	1000PST 1300EST	Be Safe in, on and around open water this summer!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-3/register
Friday	June 5th	2000EST 1700PST	Water Safety and First Aid Tips to keep you safe	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-5/register
Monday	June 8th	1300EST 1000PST	Debunking FA Myths	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/debunking-fa-myths/register
Wednesday	June 10th	1600EST 1300PST	Boating	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/getting-ready-to-go-boating/register
Friday	June 12th	1300 EST 1000 PST	CPR -Demo	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/first-aid-friday-tips/register
Monday	June 15th	1600EST 1300PST	First Aid and Water Safety Tips to keep you safe!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-15/register
Wednesday	June 17th	1700EST 1400PST	Water Safety and First Aid Tips to keep you safe	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-17/register
Friday	June 19th	1900EST 1600PST	First Aid and Water Safety Tips to keep you safe!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-19/register
Monday	June 22nd	1400EST 1100PST	Water Safety and First Aid Tips to keep you safe	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-22/register
Wednesday	June 24th	2000EST 1700PST	Next Steps-Get involved with First and Water Safety!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-24/register
Friday	June 26th	1900EST 1600PST	First Aid and Water Safety Tips to keep you safe!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-26/register
Monday	June 29th	1600EST 1300PST	Next Steps-Get involved with First and Water Safety!	https://smac2020.clickmeeting.com/fasws-tips-for-families-june-29/register



First Aid Training – Safe Classroom (in-person) Training

[Safe first aid classroom training - COVID-19 protocols](#)

New online FA Basics Workshop:

[NEW – First Aid Basics workshop](#)

Stay connected with your staff during COVID

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Seasonal TP packages are here!

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Program Standards Addendum

The addendum being created will assist facilities in delivering the Red Cross Swimming & Water Safety programs with the health and safety of the participants and staff in mind. It is the facilities responsibility to monitor the restrictions in your provincial/territorial guidelines.

Some changes to the standards will include:

- i. Parented Preschool and SK 1-4 Lessons
- ii. Instructors should maintain physical distancing (2 metres apart)
- iii. Swimmers and parents/caregivers should maintain physical distancing (2 metres apart), with other swimmers and parent/caregivers in the class.
- iv. Consider reducing the class size depending on your pool space to maintain physical distancing
- v. Number of classes in the pool at one time should coincide with the gathering restrictions as per the provincial/territorial guidelines
- vi. It is recommended that instructional swimming equipment, toys and accessories be removed from public access, and not used at this time.
- vii. Changes to the Standards required for each level. (Example: i.SK4 Deep Water float changed to chest deep water. ii.SK 2 Deep Water activities changed to chest deep)
- viii. More adjustments are being made on a per-level basis.

The Canadian Red Cross will have modifications to every necessary level to ensure proper protocols are in place. This document will also provide visual examples of what a safe instructional framework would look like.