



2020 GUIDELINES

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Dear Global AHA Training Network,

The American Heart Association is pleased to announce that the official *2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care (2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC)* will be published online in the AHA's flagship journal, *Circulation*, on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

We are keenly aware of the challenges the AHA Training Network is continuing to face due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As you serve on the frontlines of saving lives, and in this unprecedented time of physical distancing, the way you deliver CPR and ECC training is evolving. As we work toward the October publication, we are closely evaluating the implications of the new Guidelines on the way we deliver information and training to improve cardiac arrest survival and outcomes – and the impact it has on you and the customers you train.

As the global source of the official resuscitation science and education guidelines used by training organizations, the AHA is moving forward with releasing 2020 Guidelines to ensure our Training Network and providers are up-to-date on the very latest resuscitation science and education available. We believe it is critical for the Training Network and providers to remain informed about resuscitation science and education updates because we know that high-quality CPR is the primary component in influencing survival from cardiac arrest. To save more lives, healthcare providers, first responders, and lay rescuers must be competent in delivering high-quality CPR. Additionally, our resuscitation training helps patient care teams acquire the skills and knowledge they need to be both coordinated and competent as they work together to improve outcomes for patients.

Our AHA Training Network is our most valuable resource in disseminating the latest lifesaving science and instruction to providers. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring our Training Network receives Guidelines materials first, when the science is published. We're pleased to announce the following materials will be available in English on October 21, with the launch of 2020 Guidelines:

- All-new AHA Guidelines Website
- 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC Digital Reprint
- Highlights of the 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC (in 17 languages)
- 2020 AHA Guidelines Science In-Service eLearning Course

Learn more about the Guidelines process by viewing resources on our [ECC Digital Digest page](#) in the "ILCOR and the Guidelines Process" section.

Much more information will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, thank you for your continued dedication, expertise, and passion. Our mission to save lives through CPR and ECC training is not possible without your work every day.

Sincerely,
American Heart Association CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care
