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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION EXTENSION

August 6, 2020

Effective date(s): Thursday, August 6, 2020 until Friday, August 28, 2020.

Affected lifeguards: All lifeguards whose certifications are set to expire in August 2020

Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. § 23-22.5-1 and 250-RICR-100-2, Section 2.3(A)

Rhode Island Department Environmental Management (RIDEM) Division of Parks and Recreation is extending the effective date of lifeguard certifications, due to expire on August 7, 2020 for surf lifeguards and August 14, 2020 for non-surf lifeguards, until August 28, 2020. The dates are being extended due to the cancellation of Full Surf Testing on August 4 and 5 as a result of dangerous rip currents and related impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias. Additional testing dates and times are being scheduled to allow all lifeguards who need to complete their Full-Surf Testing time to do so in safe conditions. This short, but necessary extension for public health and safety, will allow all currently certificated lifeguards to continue providing lifesaving services and aid to bathing areas within Rhode Island until the delayed testing can be completed.

RIDEM Division of Parks and Recreation is responsible to certify all lifeguards in Rhode Island. Rhode Island lifeguards are required to complete courses and hold valid certifications cards in lifeguard training, first aid, and CPR for infants and adults. Rhode Island lifeguards must have an active lifeguard certification card, issued annually by RIDEM's Division of Parks and Recreation, which certifies that the lifeguard holds all required certifications and cards and has passed the conditional surf or non-surf test, held annually in May, and/or the full surf or non-surf test held annually in August.

By Order of the Director:

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Date: 8.6.2020