**Legacy Health BLS Certification Course Changes in Response to COVID-19**

**Situation:**

Starting in June,Legacy will resume BLS certification classes.

**Background:**

For those employees whose BLS certifications expired in March, April, or May the AHA has granted an expiration date extension.  To accommodate the increased number of certifications needing to be renewed over the next few months, additional sessions have been added to the schedule.

**Assessment/Actions:**

**To maintain the health and safety of our employees the following instructional practices have been implemented:**

* Temperature monitoring and symptom screening upon entry to the facility.  (Please allow for extra time to complete this screening before your skills session).
* All present will wear Legacy provided masks.
* All present will wear gloves when working with shared equipment.
* Smaller class sizes to promote physical distancing.
* Stations will be set up in a manner to attain the maximum distance possible.
* Reformatting of class simulations to limit student contact.
* Hand hygiene and disinfection of equipment prior to, throughout and after class.

**Recommendation:**

**Legacy has implemented the blended learning format for ALL BLS certifications until further notice –**

* All BLS students will complete the AHA HeartCode BLS online course prior to skills validation session.  At the completion of the course, **print out the completion certificate and bring it to the skills session**.
* All students will register for a skills validation session in E+.  See the skills validation schedule attached to this email. To register, go to E+ and type **BLS** into the E+ search box;then click on course **CPS.BLS Skills Validation Session.**
* AHA HeartCode BLS course access link can be obtained from Clinical Practice Support (email [lsosa@lhs.org](mailto:lsosa@lhs.org) or [smartino@lhs.org](mailto:smartino@lhs.org) ).
* AHA HeartCode course completion certificate is required to attend a skills session.  Students arriving to class without course completion certificate will not be allowed to participate and will need to reschedule skills session.

**Questions:**

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