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Subject: JTCP Status Update

Good afternoon JTCP Advisory Council Members,

In this ever-changing environment, I wanted to take a moment and provide an update on the status of the JTCP.

We have received communication from CSULB and SJSU that both locations are not allowing in-person classes in any form through the end of the semester (May 22nd). In light of this new development, our strategy must be adjusted to ensure we are meeting the objectives of the program.

We are proposing/instituting the following:

- In-person JTCP classes have been canceled through May 22nd and will be rescheduled after this date. Those who have registered for classes will be contacted individually by the JTCP program operators to let them know of their options.
- Caltrans Independence Assurance (IA) staff, working in conjunction with Cal State Long Beach, will be identifying those technicians who have certifications that are close to expiration and will be contacting them individually. Caltrans may grant extensions to the certifications as conditions warrant.
- In the short-term, the Joint Training & Certification Program process will remain intact, but with some modifications. Those seeking certification will still go to the JTCP website, register, complete the on-line forms and pre-work, and pay for a future class. If the future class is cancelled, they will be contacted by the JTCP program with options. Existing certifications may be extended to ensure coverage until the new class date. In some cases, new technicians may request to arrange for a Caltrans IA staff to provide a ***provisional*** certification. ***Provisional*** certifications may be performed at a pre-determined laboratory location and consists of verification that the technician is qualified to perform the test through written and practical examination. The technician will be required to complete all other requirements (attending the in-person class) at the future date for which they signed up. The decision for extension versus new certification will be made case by case. All extensions and requests for new certifications should be made to JTCP@dot.ca.gov.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments related to this new approach. Obviously, this is subject to change as we continue to learn more about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks,

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