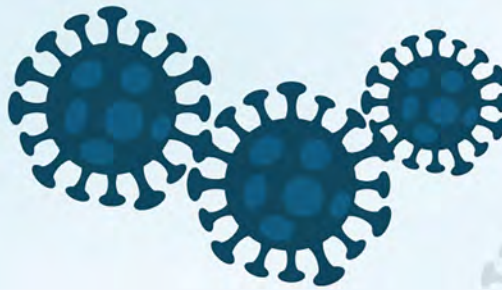


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COVID-19: 60 DAY EXTENSION TO AIRCREW/DIVER AND SUBMARINER PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT VALIDITY

1. COVID-19 poses a significant challenge to all healthcare systems, including ours in CFHS. The RCAF and RCN Surgeons are working together to limit the strain on the system at a critical time.
2. In keeping with other regulatory bodies such as Transport Canada:
 - a. all persons who require an aircrew medical are authorized a 60 day extension on the authority of the RCAF Surg / AMA; and
 - b. all persons who require a dive or submarine medical are authorized a 60 day extension on the authority of the RCN Surg.
3. All aviators and divers/submariners shall continue to comply with all other regulations related to medical fitness. Aircrew and divers/submariners are reminded that they shall consult with a Flight Surgeon or Dive/Submarine Medicine provider should they believe that they have a medical condition that could prevent them from safely performing their duties.
4. For clinicians, the Div Surg website (aerospacemedicine.ca) will be updated with this exemption information as soon as possible and these directions will be promulgated through normal channels to COC.
5. Any further questions can be directed to LCol Hannah, 1 Canadian Air Division Surgeon for Aircrew and Maj Landry, Consultant in Diving and Submarine Medicine (Pacific) for submariners and divers

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