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Subject: American Red Cross Shelter Training

2020 was one of the most horrific years on record in many categories, including the worst fire year in our State's history. Last year, over 4 million acres burned in uncontrollable wildfires that destroyed more than 10,000 structures, displaced more than 53,000 families and killed at least 33 people.

EHSD and the American Red Cross (ARC) partner to provide shelter and care to displaced families in Contra Costa County during these types of disasters and we are going to need your help to do it. All staff who were trained to be Red Cross Shelter workers prior to 2020, will need to be re-trained with updated health and safety guidance as it relates to sheltering in a COVID-19 environment.

This means we are starting from scratch and strive to get as many EHSD staff trained as quickly as possible. The Red Cross has turned their training into a virtual platform and committed to making themselves available for an in-depth Q&A with EHSD.

The virtual Red Cross Shelter Training lasts approximately 42 minutes and can be taken on-demand.

[COVID-19 Shelter Training for ARC Partners](#) – Primary training link (42 minutes) *

Once you have finished the entire training, be sure to complete [this form](#) so ARC can inform EHSD that you are a trained shelter worker.

If you have never taken a Red Cross Shelter Training you will need to start with these two videos BEFORE taking the COVID-19 Shelter Training for ARC Partners above. If you have questions, please contact me at cyoung@ehsd.cccounty.us.

[Shelter Fundamentals v2](#) - Video One (56 minutes) *

[Temporary Evacuation Point Fundamentals](#)– Video Two (42 minutes)*

**As always, you will need your supervisor's permission before taking these trainings during the workday.*