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The Coronavirus, COVID-19 continues to dominate our lives and will do so for many more months, I fear. There is not a great deal to pass on to you this month as not a lot has been happening, but here goes...

Coronavirus advice & training

It is good news to hear that some training centres are now up and running courses. I gather that they have followed Government guidelines to the best of their ability and made the workshop as safe as they possibly can.

Everything is sanitised and the number of students is restricted to small numbers. One centre is restricting the number to two students only, in order to keep control of the situation.

All I can suggest is that, if you want to start up again, that you follow the Government guidelines on sanitisation, social-distancing and the wearing of masks throughout the training sessions. As so many organisations are saying, *'use a common sense approach'*.

Dropbox is working

At long last my Dropbox folder is synchronising again, after weeks of chaos. As a result, all registered instructors should be able to access the five training courses and download the materials.

I will be replacing the current student manuals in these folders with the latest digital versions of the course manuals, as I explained in the May issue of Trainer.

Any amendments to these materials will be flagged up to you by email or in the next issue of Trainer.

Errors in VAC materials

Jim Mills contacted me recently, having run a Visual Assessment Course, and flagged up some errors that were in the presentation and in the course manual.

Thanks for that Jim; all feedback is useful and it is often difficult to see the wood for the trees when proof-reading materials.

Please keep an eye on all content as you use it and contact me if you spot any discrepancies.

The VAC is not a particularly popular course and so that is probably why these errors have not been spotted before. I will be going over these VAC materials in the near future and making any suitable changes.

As soon as I have them completed, I will be letting you know and updating the content in the VAC folder of the Instructor Resources.

Many thanks for any assistance you can give us.

My final note

As you may recall in the May issue of Trainer, I explained that I had sent in my letter of resignation to the Chairman. I am still waiting for some form of contact from the Chairman, so until the situation is clarified by him, I will continue to look after the training aspects of IDEST and provide you all with the support I hope you expect.

IDEST Training Centres update

This is the current list of Training Centres:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
- **J M Scuba Services, Leicester. TC010**
- **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**
- **Discover Diving, IOM. T012**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

- **NONE**
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