

## **Candidates – Component C**

### **CCEB examination adaptations in response to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic**

We have all done a lot of adapting in the past several months, the CCEB examination is also adapting.

Please read the following to make sure you understand how things have changed.

- **Venue:**

- The CCEB Component C examination administrations have been moved into hotels to provide for more space and a greater ability to support physical distancing.
- Exam station rooms will be in individual hotel rooms as opposed to clinic rooms.
- Candidates are NOT permitted to use bathrooms in the active station rooms. They will be permitted to use the bathroom in their rest station rooms.
- Candidates will need to wait for the rest station to use the rest room.

- **Arrival:**

- Do NOT enter the exam administration building (hotel) until you are asked to do so.
- Line up outside respecting physical distancing/social distancing (minimum 2 metres) until exam personnel greet you and provide entry instructions.
  - Prepare for the elements while waiting outside.
- Candidates are required to respect physical distancing/social distancing of minimum 2 metres as much as practical both during the exam administration.
  - Physical distancing should only be broken when performing in the clinic scenarios in the station room.
  - No loitering or congregating in or around the exam site is permitted.

- **Sequestering:**

- In order to support multiple exam administrations across the country, a longer sequestering time should be anticipated.

- **PPE requirements:**

Donning and doffing procedures – for your safety, please familiarize yourself with correct donning and doffing procedures. These are NOT scored items on the exam. See this example from Alberta:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/Infofor/hp/if-hp-ipc-doffing-ppe-poster.pdf>

Additional signage will be posted at the examination site to assist you in following proper procedures.

Masks are **required at all times** while inside the examination location and during the exam administration:

- During the examination administration you will be required to wear a procedure mask, at a minimum.
  - If needed, the CCEB will provide you with a non-medical procedure mask for your examination prior to permitting you to enter the exam site.
  - Homemade/cloth masks etc. will **not** be permitted during the Component C exam administration.
  - Candidates are permitted to additionally wear face shield/ eye protection or enhanced face mask (N95) if they choose, these will **not** be supplied by CCEB.
  - You may be asked to leave the site, and your exam administration voided, if you purposely remove your mask while inside the exam site.
  - You may move your mask to drink water, but you must immediately recover your mouth and nose afterwards.
  - Masks may **only** be removed when you exit the building. Currently, the cities in which our exams are being held have mandatory mask bylaws in place. See below for the city relevant to you:
    - <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/cema/covid19/safety/covid-19-city-of-calgary-mask-by-law.html>
    - <https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/face-coverings-and-masks-by-law>
    - <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/wearing-a-face-covering-in-public-settings-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
  - Should your mask become broken or soiled, please notify exam personnel and they will provide a fresh mask.

Gloves are available in each station room.

- Candidates are **not** required to wear gloves but if you choose to there will be gloves in every station for this purpose.

Hand Hygiene will be supported by hand sanitizer in all stations and all areas of the exam administration facilities.

- Hand sanitizing is **required** upon entering the exam site.
- Hand sanitizing is **required** upon entering a station, and just prior to you leaving the station.
- Examiners may remind you to sanitize when you enter the station or before you leave the station. This is **not** a scored item and is a courtesy and safety precaution that mimics current pandemic practice requirements in most jurisdictions.
- Please sanitize regularly.

Scrubs and clinic jackets are **not** mandatory (and are not provided by the CCEB) but are permitted, should you prefer to wear them.

- In an abundance of caution, it is expected that candidates have fresh clothing for the day of the examination and that they change clothes immediately after the examination.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Station rooms are wiped down between candidates.
- Site staff will be performing regular hand hygiene, wearing masks, and using gloves when distributing candidate material.
- Candidates using the washroom, located in the rest stations, should wipe the washroom after they have used it and perform appropriate hand hygiene.

Screening questions will be provided in advance as well as posted on the exam door location.

- Candidates should not attend the exam or enter the exam administration if they believe or have reason to believe they may be sick.