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## **Statement from the Board of Governors regarding CCEB Mask Requirements Policy**

The CCEB Board of Governors is committed to the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, candidates, and exam personnel. As such, on January 14, 2022, the Board adopted the Masking Requirements Policy<sup>1</sup> which codified public health practices that had been adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CCEB Board of Governors continues to monitor this policy annually to determine if it is still relevant.

The Board continues to support the use of masks as part of the Clinical Examination of the CCEB for the following reasons:

- Masking continues to be required in many healthcare settings across Canada.
- The CCEB exam brings many people together, including from disparate international locations, and confines them for a prolonged period in an indoor setting.
- Evidence<sup>2</sup> supports the use of masks in similar settings.
- Similar health care examining boards continue to require masking during examinations.
- Candidates are provided a pathway for accommodation<sup>3</sup> if appropriate.

We acknowledge that some clinicians are no longer using masks in their personal practice settings; however, given the stated rationale listed above, the CCEB will continue to require masking during the Clinical Examination.

Sincerely,



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Board Chair

### **Resources:**

1. Masking Requirements Policy: [https://cceb.ca/docs/Mask-Requirements-Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://cceb.ca/docs/Mask-Requirements-Policy_EN.pdf)
2. Effectiveness of face masks for reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2: a rapid systematic review: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10446908/>
3. [https://cceb.ca/docs/Testing%20Accommodations%20Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://cceb.ca/docs/Testing%20Accommodations%20Policy_EN.pdf)