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May 2022 OSCE Modified Examination Conditions due to COVID-19 (Update #2)

This communication is about the next Pharmacist Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE) scheduled for May 29, 2022.

The purpose of this communication is to provide candidates with resources needed to take the upcoming OSCE. The health and safety of our candidates and exam personnel, while maintaining the security, standardization and validity of the exam, are our top priorities.

A) COVID-19 Health and Safety

- PEBC is closely monitoring how jurisdictions across the country are easing or lifting COVID-19 restrictions. As we are still in the early stages of pandemic recovery, PEBC is committed to providing the highest level of health and safety protection to all candidates and exam personnel. Therefore, the May 2022 OSCE will follow all the COVID-19 health and safety protocols described in the email updates you have received and the *Candidate Orientation Video* (see below).
- As a healthcare professional, you are expected to follow proper COVID-19 procedures including physical distancing, wearing a mask and sanitizing/washing your hands correctly. To read more information about these procedures, click [here](#).
- Between now and exam day, your exam centre may require additional screening measures to enter the exam centre, such as additional screening tests, and any other COVID-19 safety measures specific to your exam centre venue. You are required to follow all measures. PEBC will share these additional measures whenever possible.

B) Vaccination Policy

- Vaccination against COVID-19 for all those who are eligible is strongly encouraged as a public health and personal protective measure.
- If our exam centre has a specific vaccination policy, you are required to complete all the steps about your exam centre venue's vaccination policy explained in the email(s) that you have already received. **Failure to follow the instructions means:**
 - **you will not be allowed to take the examination and will be turned away at the door on exam day, and**
 - **you will forfeit your full exam fee**

C) COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire

- As a condition of being permitted to enter the secure examination area, you must complete the PEBC *COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire* and be considered low risk.
- **Read the questionnaire before exam day** so you know the questions that exam personnel will ask you. Being prepared by reading the questions in advance will help the registration process go quickly and smoothly on exam day.
- Do not come to the exam centre if your response to any of the questions is "Yes" or may be "Yes" on exam day. Do not attend the examination if you have any of the symptoms relating to COVID-19.
- When you arrive at your exam centre, the questionnaire will be posted at the entrance. Exam personnel will ask you to answer the questions with "Yes" or "No".
- If you begin experiencing symptoms at any time on exam day, tell exam personnel as soon as possible.
- To read the questionnaire, click [here](#).

D) Candidate's Agreement

- The *Candidate's Agreement* is updated to include the *COVID-19 Acknowledgement, Waiver, and Release* and the *COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire*.
- You will sign a copy of the *Candidate's Agreement* on exam day at your exam centre. You do not need to bring a copy with you.
- Candidates are required to read the *Candidate's Agreement* before exam day.
- To read the *Candidate's Agreement*, click [here](#).

E) Candidate Orientation

- There will be no candidate orientation on exam day. Candidates are required to watch the *Candidate Orientation* video before exam day.
- To watch the video, click [here](#).

F) Candidate Face Mask

- Candidates are required to wear a face mask at all times while in the secure examination area, except during a snack break. PEBC provides one disposable, 3-ply certified ASTM Level 2 medical mask with ear loops per candidate. One replacement mask is provided if the first mask becomes damaged, wet or soiled.
- To see more information about the face mask, click [here](#).

G) Arriving to your Exam Centre

- When you arrive to your exam centre building:
 1. It is necessary to line up:
 - outside the building at the designated entrance before entering; and/or
 - inside the building at the entrance to the secure examination area after entering the building
 2. Follow the instructions on your *Admission Card*, any signs posted at your exam centre and instructions from exam personnel.
 3. When lining up outside or inside the building, you **must** maintain physical distancing with other candidates.
 4. Be prepared to spend time outside the building and dress appropriately for local weather conditions.
- After arriving to your exam centre, prepare for the registration process:
 1. Put on your lab coat, medical uniform or scrubs.
 2. Have your *Admission Card* and government-issued photo ID ready to show.
 3. If not already done, take snacks out of their packaging and put them in your *Ziploc*.