

From 01 August 2020 LCME will resume face-to-face, practical examinations in UK exam centres.

As we move out of the lockdown and deal with Covid-19 going forward, the health and well-being of LCME candidates, centre representatives, examiners and teachers is our number one priority. In view of this you will notice some operational changes when you next visit an LCME exam centre.

These new procedures have been introduced to ensure the safe delivery of examination sessions and it is **essential** that everyone follows these and, additionally, that the government's guidelines for educational settings are observed.

Following appropriate guidance

Please click the link below to view the government's latest advice:

- [COVID19 Guidance for parents & carers](#)
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When will my exam be scheduled?

We are being flexible on *when* exams can take place. In response to the current conditions, the exam session structure has changed. Session dates and closing dates, as they were, have been revised in most regions. Please check with the LCME office for further details.

Please note:

- With the requirements for social distancing the overall number of available exam slots is reduced so please be aware it may take us longer to notify you of your exam date and time.
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Hygiene & Social Distancing measures to keep you safe

We are working with our exam centres to implement a number of measures to ensure the safe delivery of exam sessions, these include:

- Hand-washing facilities, hand-sanitiser and/or wipes will be available. Exam attendants have been asked to arrange for communal area surfaces, chairs, light-switches, doors and pens to be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Upon arrival, candidates will not be required to sign in.
- The examiner will need to wash his/her hands frequently during the day.
- Everyone visiting the centre needs to maintain appropriate social distancing from each other at all times.
- To reduce congestion and minimise contact a queue management system and a one-way system through the venue will be in operation. The exam room will also be clearly marked with a location for the candidate to play/perform to ensure social distancing.

Please note:

- These changes may result in delays or longer waiting times on exam day – please be patient and ensure you allow sufficient time.
 - You may not have access to a warm-up room for as long as you would like.
 - We need to limit the visitors to the centre: only the candidate and **one** adult to accompany them will be allowed to enter the exam centre.
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What parents and candidates need to do

At these times, we all need to follow the appropriate guidance in place at the time. To help keep everyone safe, there are some measures that we ask candidates and their parents to take:

- Please do not attend any of the centres if any of you are feeling unwell with Covid 19 Symptoms or you have been instructed to isolate by NHS111, a Test and Trace representative or a medical professional.
 - If you start to feel at all unwell while at the centre, please inform the centre host and leave immediately.
 - Please do not bring siblings/friends to the centre.
 - Parents/carers should wait outside if the candidate is old enough to go in alone.
 - Please observe the social-distancing and other rules as guided by your centre representative.
 - Candidates and anyone entering the warm up and examination rooms should wash their hands before and after being in the room(s).
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