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Updated Prometric Testing Schedule for Assessments

Prometric [announced](#) an extended closure of test centers in the United States and Canada until May 31, 2020, with the exception of essential services programs. Certain centers will resume testing on a site-by-site basis for these essential services programs in accordance with local laws and social distancing guidelines starting **May 1, 2020**.

Essential Services Programs include (in no particular order):

- USMLE® (Step 1, Step 2 Clinical Knowledge, and Step 3)
- North American Veterinary Licensing Examination® (NAVLE®)
- Certification examinations
- International Foundations of Medicine® (IFOM®)
- NBME® Subject Exams*

* NBME Subject Exams and IFOM are considered essential. However, to ensure that examinees for licensure and certification have a better chance of scheduling, NBME requests that medical schools use web-conferencing with remote proctoring for NBME Subject Exams and school-based administration of IFOM. More information is available [online](#) and in the NBME Services Portal.

Important Notes about USMLE

- The [USMLE](#) program extended eligibility periods to December 2020 for all examinees who had a USMLE Step 1, Step 2 CK, Step 3, or USMLE Practice Session scheduling permit with an unexpired eligibility period with an end date in 2020, regardless of the country in which they are testing. We will continue this process for any newly issued scheduling permits.
- Eligibility periods will be extended automatically, requiring no action from examinees.
- Step 2 CS is still scheduled to resume testing at CSEC centers on June 1, 2020. However, given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation and pending city and state decisions concerning social distancing guidelines, this date is subject to change.

Prometric Information

More information about Prometric's updated procedures, including enhanced safety practices, can be found on their [website](#).

To adhere to social distancing guidelines, the number of active workstations in Prometric testing rooms will be reduced. To do this, Prometric has begun randomly canceling a number of upcoming scheduled appointments. Prometric will notify candidates whose appointments are being canceled.

Prometric plans to expand testing capacity through increased test center hours and days of operation. Please keep checking their website for updates.

NBME will continue to share new information as it becomes available. We recognize the stress and uncertainty of this situation as many assessment programs are impacted by the backlog of examinees and the reduced testing capacity at Prometric centers. We are actively working with the medical education and regulation community to help mitigate the impact of testing disruption on examinees.