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Health and Safety Guidelines at Pearson Vue Testing Centers

If you've chosen to take an ABPN exam at a Pearson VUE test center in 2020, you may be wondering what guidelines are being followed to protect the health and safety of test takers.

Rest assured that Pearson VUE has implemented strict health and safety measures at their test centers, which include:

- Making hand sanitizer available in the waiting area and prior to entering the testing room
- Increasing cleaning and disinfecting regimens in between all testing appointments
- Providing tissues to candidates upon arrival at the test center, if needed
- Permitting candidates to wear disposable gloves if they choose
- Reminding candidates to wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer upon arrival at the test center
- Enforcing local social distancing requirements

You will be required to wear a mask. Candidates without a face mask will be denied testing services.

You must provide your own mask and gloves (if you choose to wear gloves).

To be admitted to the test center, Pearson VUE may ask if you live with or have had close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19. Medical and healthcare professionals where **both** the medical/healthcare professional and the patient were wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be admitted to the test center.

If you need to reschedule your exam, please contact us at questions@abpn.com.

For more information, view [Pearson VUE's Coronavirus Test Delivery Information page](#).

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Frequently Asked Questions about the Current Pearson VUE Testing Experience

Following are some Frequently Asked Questions about the current Pearson VUE testing experience. For updates to this information, please check [Pearson VUE's Coronavirus Test Delivery Information](#) page.

Am I required to wear a face mask?

Yes, you must bring and wear your own face mask while at a Pearson VUE-owned test center and throughout your exam. Any surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable as long as your nose and mouth are fully covered. A face shield is not a face mask and cannot be used in place of a mask. Physicians without a face mask will be denied testing services. Pearson VUE is unable to provide face masks to candidates. You will be asked to briefly remove the mask during the check-in process to take the required candidate photo.

Can I wear gloves?

You are not required to wear gloves but may choose to do so. Gloves will not be provided by Pearson VUE. You may be asked to remove your gloves to complete a palm vein scan.

What sanitation procedures are in place at the test center?

Pearson VUE has implemented a strict cleaning regimen. This includes providing hand sanitizer to candidates upon entering the test center and sanitizing the surface and equipment of each workstation after the end of every appointment. Any equipment used during the check-in process is also sanitized after every use. At this time, it has not been approved to bring your own cleaning wipes or hand sanitizer.

Can I bring tissues?

Tissues will be provided by Pearson VUE.

Will there be appropriate distancing at the workstations?

Pearson VUE has implemented social distancing guidelines at all test centers, which require a minimum of two meters/6 feet of space between individuals at workstations.

What if I am not feeling well on exam day?

If you exhibit symptoms upon arrival at the test center, you may be asked to reschedule your exam for another time when in full health. Please contact ABPN at questions@abpn.com if this situation occurs.

I have had close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19. Will I be admitted to the test center?

Physicians (medical/healthcare professionals) who treat patients while both are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be admitted to the test center.

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Where can I find additional information?

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