



## THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS

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### DENTAL CANDIDATES:

#### EXAMINATION MODIFICATIONS FOR PATIENT-BASED EXAMS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The criteria, exam process and grading will be the same as explained in the 2020 Candidate Manual for the ADEX Restorative and Periodontal Examinations with the following exceptions:

1. Infection control protocols set by the host school must be followed. All candidates must check the facility information sheet to see what PPE is required and what will be provided by the host school. It is the responsibility of the candidate to assure they have PPE that fit those protocols. In addition, per school requirements, a COVID-19 health questionnaire and temperature measurement may be required for candidates, assistants, patients and examiners prior to entry into the school or exam area.
2. Candidates and assistants must always wear appropriate PPE in the clinic area, changing gloves with each patient and changing mask, gown or other PPE when they become soiled or wet.
3. All candidates will follow CDC Guidelines regarding donning and doffing PPE ([CDC Donning and Doffing](#)), maintaining maximum distance between chairs where treatment is being provided, per school and state policy and washing hands and any exposed skin surfaces if possibly contaminated.
4. Candidates keep all exam paperwork well away from the treatment chair and covered when not in use. Candidates will avoid touching pens or common paperwork with contaminated gloves.
5. Aerosols must be kept to a minimum. High speed evacuation is required. Rubber dam use is required for all restorative procedures and the use of air spray for the purposes of drying the operating field is discouraged. ([CDC Dental Settings](#), [ADA Interim Guidance](#)).
6. The use of an ultrasonic (Cavitron or Piezo) scaler is not permitted. Hand scaling only is permitted (see links listed above). This restriction is in place through September 1, 2020 at which time it will be reevaluated.
7. CDC guidelines must be followed for the removal of PPE and disposal of such materials. School protocols must be followed for the cleaning/disinfecting of all equipment and chairs.
8. All exposed skin surfaces must be washed before leaving the exam site. On return home separate and thoroughly wash all clothing worn during the examination and encourage your patients to do the same.