

## CRDTS CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Each day seems to bring new developments related to the coronavirus, and the uncertainty of this new virus and its viral impact is unsettling. Many people are understandably anxious about the spread of the virus, so we've compiled some information for our candidates, schools and examiners utilizing current information from the CDC and our health experts about COVID-19. We appreciate the support and efforts from all of our participants.

First, our thoughts go out to those around the world who've been impacted by the virus. We want you to know, we're doing everything we can to adjust as needed and continue to keep ALL of our participating stakeholders safe throughout this constantly changing situation [Standard Precautions guidelines](#) :

- CRDTS has postponed all Dental & Dental Hygiene Exams through April 20, 2020 for the health and protection of all of our participants.
- We will continue to maintain our flexibility for candidates with patient cancellations and candidates will not be penalized or charged for patient cancellations during this time. Additionally, if any of our sites are required to cancel or postpone examinations, we will work with all involved to provide an opportunity for the affected candidates to reschedule.
- CRDTS will continue to observe current and applicable infection control procedures for all scheduled examinations and stress these procedures to candidates, assistants and exam teams throughout the remainder of the 2020 Exam Schedule.
  - CRDTS encourages candidates and examiners to be proactive in offering calming information and reassurance to patients that our infection control and standard precautions are an excellent deterrent to the virus.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/resphygiene.htm>
- CRDTS encourages all involved to observe good hand & cough (into elbow area) hygiene and minimize hand>face contact in non-clinical environments – travel, public areas, etc.
- CRDTS will remain flexible and work with our school administrators, candidates and examiners on a case by case basis should exam schedules or assignments of examiners need to be altered.
  - CRDTS will issue any notices/changes to the Exam Schedule as mandated by our schools as quickly as possible once notice is received.
- Please notify CRDTS as quickly as is feasible regarding exam schedule or assignment changes by emailing Kimber Cobb at [kimber@crdts.org](mailto:kimber@crdts.org) or Renee' Gideon at [renee@crdts.org](mailto:renee@crdts.org) Thank you!
- CRDTS strongly recommends that all of our participants stay updated via CDC with current developments regarding COVID-19 - [HAN](#)