

## 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 is finalizing the rescheduling of Dental Hygiene Exams for the 2020 Dental Hygiene Exam Season. We have rescheduled our remaining Dental Exams. Please check the schedule at [www.crdts.org](http://www.crdts.org) > Dental or Hygiene tab > Exam Calendar for updates.
- 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 will issue any notices/changes to the Exam Schedule as mandated by our schools as quickly as possible once notice is received.
- **Ultrasonic use at Exams:** Each exam site determines if ultrasonics will be allowed based on state, local and school administrative policies that are current at the time of the exam. Candidates should understand that all sites are hoping to allow the use of ultrasonics but given the ever-changing COVID environment, the FINAL determination will be made the day before the exam is scheduled to start. With this in mind, candidates should plan to go to their exam prepared for BOTH options; using ultrasonics if allowed and if not, be prepared to hand scale.

Please note that dental hygiene candidates required to hand scale will receive an additional 30 minutes for a total of 3 hours to complete their dental hygiene procedures. Please do NOT contact CRDTS and/or the Testing Site to ask if ultrasonics will be allowed because, as stated above, the FINAL determination will be made just prior to each exam. Thank you.