



June 18, 2021

COVID Protocols for Exam Day

We are pleased to advise you that your OSCE is proceeding on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science (WOVS).

Public Health guidelines, [Travelling During COVID](#), have been updated. There is no 14-day quarantine (symptomatic) and self-isolation requirement, and there are no exceptions for vaccinated travellers at this time.

With the evolving public health guidelines and to minimize local infection, OEBC and WOVS require the following COVID protocols:

Requirements on Exam Day:

- A negative COVID test on or after July 8th
 - You must provide proof of negative PCR testing that occurred on July 8th or later; or
 - declare that the results of the self-administered rapid antigen testing that you conducted on July 8th or later were negative.
- Entry screening checklist; Screening positive on the checklist or manifestly symptomatic candidates will not be allowed to enter and will be referred for COVID testing.
- Mandatory use of PPE at all times when inside the building (face shield/goggles; medical mask; gloves where necessary; plus adherence to infection control procedures).

We strongly advise that all candidates try to get a COVID test completed in advance. However, if you cannot get the results from a PCR or rapid antigen test before exam day: OEBC and WOVS will hold a rapid antigen testing centre on Saturday, July 10th, between 2-4 pm ET. There is no charge for this test. Please email exams@oebc.ca, if you are planning to attend the rapid antigen testing centre.

COVID testing is mandatory. Individuals without a negative test will be refused entry on exam day. It will be considered as one of your attempts. No refund will be given.

If you test positive:

- **no access to the building will be allowed**
- **if you used a rapid antigen testing, please proceed to have PCR COVID testing**
- **OEBC will DEFER your attempt to the fall administration, scheduled for October 17, 2021**

Notwithstanding that you received a negative test and may be fully vaccinated, please adhere to all public health regulations, social distancing and group gatherings. As a health care professional entering practice, your leadership in following these guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19 is appreciated.

Please note that examiners, standardized patients and exam staff must also produce a negative COVID test, as above, to be present at the exam.



Travelling within Canada to Ontario

You do not have to quarantine when you enter Ontario from another Canadian province, territory or region unless you have symptoms of COVID-19. However, when you arrive in Ontario, you must:

- follow all provincial public health measures and rules
- continue to monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19

International travel to Ontario

Entry to Canada is determined by the Government of Canada. Restrictions vary depending on which country you are travelling from. Learn more about the federal requirements for:

- [flying to Canada](#)
- [driving to Canada](#)

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time and wish you well on your exam.