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As announced in mid-March, all U.S. and Canadian-based Pearson VUE-owned and operated Pearson Professional Centers (PPCs) would be temporarily closed starting March 17 for a period of at least 30 days. The announcement noted that the closure could be extended beyond the 30 days if conditions warranted. At the time of the announcement, it was planned that no testing would occur during the period of closure. Appointments to test on a date beyond the planned closure period that had already been made or that would be made during the period of closure for a testing time beyond the closure period would be allowed with the understanding that if the temporary closure period was extended any testing dates that fell during this extended period would be canceled.

Pearson has since determined that it has the capacity to test a limited number of individuals during the period of reduced operations. That is, the temporary “closure of test centers period” became a temporary “reduced testing capacity period.” During the reduced testing capacity period VUE will maintain a limited number of test centers each having shortened hours of operation due to the need to maintain social distancing, the availability of staff to manage the centers, and the enhanced cleaning of the centers.

The decision was made to allocate the reduced testing capacity to the credentialing of essential service roles as required by the needs of the pandemic. Medical imaging and radiation therapy were among those designated as essential service roles. ARRT advocated that medical imaging and radiation therapy are essential services, and ARRT candidates should be able to test. Pearson agreed, and based on anticipated test center capacity, ARRT candidates in radiography, nuclear medicine technology, sonography, and radiation therapy – who already had an ARRT-assigned testing window and who are able to find an available opening – will be accommodated during the reduced testing capacity period. An explanation of the rationale for selecting these four disciplines will be provided in a set of ARRT FAQs to be posted.

At this time, Pearson VUE anticipates that all US and Canadian-based PPCs will resume testing for all candidates May 1. Those plans are subject to revision as conditions change. All ARRT candidates with assigned testing windows, regardless of the discipline, may contact VUE at any time by logging into their Pearson VUE online account and may schedule an appointment from the available testing dates, times, and test centers as displayed.

In summary, all ARRT candidates with an ARRT-assigned testing window may log into their Pearson VUE online account at any time and may select from among the available dates, times, and testing centers displayed. For those taking one of the four designated disciplines, available dates displayed will include the period beginning April 1 through the end of their testing window (that is, the reduced testing capacity period plus the remainder of their testing widow). For those taking one of the non-designated disciplines, available dates displayed will only include the period that begins after the reduced testing capacity period through the end of their testing window.