

## State EMS Officials Weekly Briefing: COVID-19 Impact on National EMS Certification

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### Psychomotor Examination

- The National Registry believes the decision to conduct psychomotor examinations is best determined at the local level
  - Notice going to State EMS offices
  - One size does not fit all
  - Want states to know they have options
- The National Registry will also release updated psychomotor examination administration guidelines to incorporate social distancing and infection control
  - May experience issues with volunteers to conduct the examinations

### Pearson VUE

- To open select PPC locations for health care professional testing
  - Pearson refers to this as the Essential Services Testing program
  - Staffing issues are a concern; the National Registry has offered to assist in locating volunteers
- Working to open more PVTC locations
  - No control on their hours of operation
- States are experiencing difficulty finding open testing sites
  - All ATTs have access to see what testing appointments are available
- The National Registry will share the letter sent to the National Governor's Association for a call to open PVTC locations

### Remote Proctoring

- Process is still under development

### Provisional Certification

- Starting this week, the National Registry will begin to notify State Directors of candidates that qualify for provisional certification
- Each candidate will also receive email notification
- May states cancel their participation in provisional certification at any time? **YES**, participation is at the states' discretion

### Recertification

- DE restrictions have been removed; 100% DE now acceptable
- New digital cards with the 6/30/2020 expiration date will not be issued
- Database still shows 3/31/2020 expiration, team is working on resolving this issue

### **Reinstatement**

- The National Registry Board of Directors is meeting to look at current re-entry policies in place
- States are requesting information on candidates that are certified but currently in-active
  - The National Registry will investigate and get back with officials

### **Miscellaneous**

- The National Registry asked states to send any information they would like to share with stakeholders regarding their requirements for certification
  - Information will be shared on the NREMT [Covid19 section of the website](#)
  - Send information to Donnie Woodyard [dwoodyard@nremt.org](mailto:dwoodyard@nremt.org)
- Many candidates registered prior to the 3/31/2020 deadline; the National Registry is grateful for this effort