

March 26, 2020

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Dear Student Doctor Shapiro,

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 20, 2020 on behalf of the American Student Dental Association.

We appreciate the stress and uncertainty that the current circumstances have caused for the dental students due to graduate in the class of 2020. All the testing agencies are also affected by these circumstances.

In over 40 years of providing administering clinical licensure exams, WREB has never had to take measures such as we are this year. Our Board of Directors and staff are working around the clock to do our best to fulfill our mission under constantly changing circumstances.

Although WREB has no control over your graduation dates, as you mentioned in your letter, we would like to inform you of actions WREB has taken to try and mitigate the impact on students scheduled to take our exams.

- On March 14 when it became apparent that we would be postponing several exams and that would likely continue, we notified all of our member state boards and asked for their cooperation in relaxing any rules that could be relaxed and their flexibility with candidates applying for licensure due to the impact of COVID-19.
- We have taken postponement action on a case by case basis and have always had the final decision to do so come from collaboration with each school's administration.
- We have established an internal work group to fast track a non-patient-based exam to be implemented for this year due to exceptional circumstances, should any state boards be willing to consider this as an option.
- As of today, we expect to complete two beta tests on the simulation exam in the next two weeks, if corona virus circumstances do not cause cancellation.

- We continue to monitor the spreads of the virus and hope to be back to completing exams as soon as it is safe for patients, candidates, examiners staff and all others who participate in the process.
- We established the Comprehensive Treatment Planning exam several years ago which is an important part of our examination process and addresses your request for a non-patient based OSCE.

WREB remains committed to administering an exam in every scheduled location, for every registered candidate, as soon as is feasible.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dale Chamberlain, President



Beth Cole, Chief Executive Officer