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**Subject:** On behalf of Dr. Maureen Topps - MCC update on the COVID-19 pandemic/ Mise à jour du CMC par rapport à la COVID-19

Dear Colleagues,

The Medical Council of Canada (MCC) has adopted a comprehensive approach and is taking the necessary actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the rapidly evolving situation in Canada, we are seeking to ensure that we are doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to be mindful of the broad impacts of this virus in Canada and beyond, and particularly on health care and other essential front-line providers.

Some of the recommended measures by the World Health Organization and the Public Health Agency of Canada include social distancing, avoidance of crowded places, proactive school closures, protective self-separation, self-isolation and up to mandatory quarantine.

In order to comply with those directives, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone the MCC Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I session scheduled from April 15 to May 15, 2020 and the MCCQE Part II scheduled for May 2 and 3, 2020. We have kept our candidates informed throughout these developments and will continue to update them on a regular basis through their [physiciansapply.ca](https://physiciansapply.ca) account.

We understand the impact of this postponement on all candidates and will keep everyone updated as decisions on future exam sessions are made. The timing will be guided by recommendations from public health authorities and the necessity of ensuring the health and safety of all involved.

The full complement of MCC staff are now working remotely and we are committed to keeping our candidates and stakeholders informed. As the situation evolves, please consult [mcc.ca/about/covid-19](https://mcc.ca/about/covid-19) where we will keep you updated on our decisions and where you can access FAQs for more detailed answers to your questions.

With my best regards,

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