

REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSE OF CANADA EXAMINATION

COVID-19 health and safety policy and liability waiver

Health and safety policy

This policy focuses on what BCCNM expects you to do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 for those attending the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Canadian Exam (RPNCE), located at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

Note: This policy is subject to change due to the introduction of additional governmental guidelines. All candidates and exam staff must follow this policy to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the health and safety of others:

- Read and familiarize yourself with the BCCNM COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy (this document).
- Complete an BCCNM COVID-19 Health Assessment Form prior to visiting the hotel and submit the Health Assessment Form at the hotel. There will also be forms at the hotel if you are unable to print the form. **Failure to complete an BCCNM COVID-19 Health Assessment Form could result in refusal to allow you into the exam site.** The BCCNM COVID-19 Health Assessment Form follows this document.
- Wear a mask or face covering whenever in proximity to other people while at the hotel, including while in any of the common areas of the hotel (i.e.: hallways, lobby areas, elevators, staircases, etc.).
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds upon arrival at the hotel, after touching common surface areas (i.e.: doorknobs, elevator buttons, handrails, etc.).
- Use hand sanitizers found throughout the hotel if hand washing is not available.
- Keep a distance of at least 2 arms lengths (approximately 2 meters) from others whenever possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or tissue, not your hand, then discard the tissue and wash your hands.

- Stay home if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick to avoid spreading illness to others. Contact BCCNM immediately to cancel or reschedule your exam.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Take the necessary safety precautions when making trips in your community.
- Alert exam staff of any COVID-like symptom development while at the hotel or **within 14 days** of attending the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAM SITE

- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, new muscle aches or headaches must self-isolate at home for a minimum of 14 days and will not be admitted into the exam.
- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis may attend the RPNCE only after they have fully recovered, with a doctor’s note confirming the recovery.
- Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada in the past 14 days must abide by all federal entry requirements related to COVID-19 travel, testing, and quarantine that is applicable to them.
- Anyone who has been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case must self-isolate for 14 days, monitor for symptoms, and may attend the RPNCE after this period if they are fully asymptomatic.
- Anyone who must provide care to a family member infected by COVID-19 will only be permitted to attend the RPNCE 14 days after their family member has fully recovered, provided that they are fully asymptomatic or can produce a doctor’s note confirming they do not have the virus.

MANAGEMENT OF POSITIVE OR SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE(S)

Any person that develops flu-like symptoms, including a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath, or other symptoms that may be indicative of COVID-19 while at the hotel must alert the Head Invigilator on shift; Invigilators will ensure this person is promptly separated from others and appropriate protocols are followed.

I confirm I have read and understand the BCCNM COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy _____ [initial]

Date: _____

Please complete the **BCCNM COVID-19 Health Assessment and Access to Site form** and submit both initialed and signed documents on the day of the exam.

Assumption of risk and waiver of liability relating to COVID-19

BACKGROUND

The British Columbia College of Nurses & Midwives (“BCCNM”) provides the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Canadian Exam (“RPNCE”). BCCNM offers the RPNCE for individuals seeking to practice psychiatric nursing in Canada.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads in several ways, including through droplets when a person coughs or sneezes, or from touching a contaminated surface before touching the face. As a result, federal, provincial, and local governments and federal and provincial health agencies recommend physical distancing and have, in many jurisdictions, restricted the congregation of large groups of people.

BCCNM has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the RPNCE writing, which include, but are not limited to, adherence to the orders issued by B.C.’s Provincial Health Officer and compliance with WorkSafeBC’s COVID-19 Guidelines. Nevertheless, BCCNM cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.

1. I acknowledge the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19.
2. I voluntarily, knowingly, and freely assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the RPNCE and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death.
3. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the RPNCE may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, BCCNM employees, agents, contractors, and other representatives (collectively, “BCCNM Personnel”), exam candidates, and members of the public.
4. I agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself including, but not limited to, personal injury, illness, disability, death, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the RPNCE (“Claims”).
5. I hereby release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and covenant not to sue BCCNM and BCCNM’s board members, officers, employees, agents, contractors, committee members and other representatives from and against all damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including legal fees and costs) arising out of or relating to COVID-19. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of BCCNM or BCCNM’s Personnel, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the RPNCE.

6. I acknowledge and agree that the laws of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable in British Columbia will be deemed to be the proper law of this waiver and all proceedings arising out of or related to it, and I submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the British Columbia courts.
7. I expressly agree that the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this waiver will not affect any other provision, and the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.
8. By signing this waiver, I represent that I have read it carefully before signing it. I represent that I am not subject to any legal disability that prevents me from entering into legally binding agreements. I consent to be bound by the terms and conditions of this waiver, and I understand and accept without reservation the obligations that it imposes on me.

<i>Your signature</i>	<i>BCCNM representative's signature</i>
<i>Print your name</i>	<i>Print BCCNM representative's name</i>
<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date signed</i>