

## CANDIDATE PROCESSING FAQ – CORONAVIRUS PROCEDURES

**Q-1: What procedures has the FDNY implemented to reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus?**

A-1: The FDNY has implemented several procedures to reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, the virus that causes COVID-19, including the following:

- You must reschedule your appointment if you are sick, have flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days, or have been in close contact<sup>1</sup> with someone who has been diagnosed with or has symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
  - ✓ To reschedule an Intake/background investigation appointment with the Candidate Investigation Division (“CID”), send an email to [CID@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:CID@fdny.nyc.gov)
  - ✓ To reschedule an appointment for an initial medical examination, send an email to [CID@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:CID@fdny.nyc.gov)
  - ✓ To reschedule a follow-up appointment at the Bureau of Health Services (“BHS”), call BHS at 718-999-1870/1897.
  - ✓ To reschedule a follow-up appointment at an outside provider, contact the outside provider at the phone number listed on the Authorization Form you received from BHS.
- You **must** wear a face covering at all times during your appointments, unless otherwise instructed by FDNY staff. You may NOT wear neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandannas, or face coverings with valves, mesh or holes. If you are required to attend a medical appointment at the BHS, the FDNY will provide you with a disposable procedural mask that you are required to wear during your visit.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently. Hand sanitizer will be available at stations throughout FDNY facilities.
- You must follow all social distancing or other instructions given to you by FDNY staff or the signage posted on the floors and walls of all FDNY facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the Center for Disease Control’s (“CDC”) definition of “close contact,” which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/global-covid-19/operational-considerations-contact-tracing.html#:~:text=Close%20contact%20is%20defined%20by,by%20local%20risk%20assessments>

- BHS has taken precautions in accordance with guidance from the federal and state government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. BHS staff are required to wear procedural masks at all times, as well as other appropriate personal protective equipment (“PPE”), during your medical.

**Q-2: Will I be required to undergo testing for COVID-19?**

A-2: No, candidates are no longer required to provide a negative COVID-19 test prior to entering a class.

**Q-3: Is there any change to the medical exam if I have received the COVID-19 vaccine?**

A-3: No, tuberculin skin tests (TSTs) were previously recommended to be administered more than four (4) weeks after completion of COVID-19 vaccination to minimize potential interference between vaccination and TB testing. This was out of an abundance of caution during a period when these vaccines were new. The recommendation has since been updated so that these tests may now be administered without regard to timing of COVID-19 vaccination. For additional information about the Immunization/PPD station refer to [FAQs Part 9 – Immunization Station](#).