



CANADIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION AN OVERVIEW FOR RETURNING TO IN-PERSON EDUCATION

In March 2020, in-person training and examinations were suspended in accordance with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and provincial government directives aimed at reducing the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As provinces and regions are taking a phased approach to resuming activities, the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) is exploring what it looks like to also resume in-person training and examinations in the new COVID-19 reality.

The CPA wants to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its employees, volunteers, members, and the public. This includes all attendees and educators participating in its education system.

Therefore, we developed a guideline and supporting protocol and materials for returning to education that contains in-person elements.

The guideline includes, but is not limited to:

1. Guideline for Returning to In-Person Education
2. Infection Control Protocol
3. Facility Protocol
4. Isolation Protocol
5. COVID-19 Course Waiver
6. Screening Questionnaire
7. Operational Procedures for Instructors – Orthopaedic Division
8. Operational Procedures for Examiners – Orthopaedic Division

Detailed information is included in the guideline and supporting protocol and materials and includes the following requirements:

- No aspect of the guideline supersedes the authority of applicable federal, provincial, and regional directives, including guidance of regulatory colleges.
- Every effort should be made to adapt existing education and examinations to virtual training; in-person education should only be offered when virtual training is not sufficient.
- Attendees may only attend training facilities within the province they reside.
- Facilities will be carefully selected and configured to ensure that appropriate directives are followed.



- Attendees will follow practice physical distancing by staying two meters apart, wear appropriate personal protective equipment, regularly wash and disinfect hands, and clean workstations and equipment/materials.

Finally, the CPA recognizes that the provinces and regions around the country are continually monitoring the latest COVID-19 developments. This guideline is meant to provide guidance based on the best information available to date. The CPA will closely examine the national landscape and provide updated recommendations as they become available.

Please note that this may include the suspension of all in-person activities at any point.