

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 COLORADO BAR EXAM COLORADO SUPREME COURT OFFICE OF ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS (OAA)

Examinees must abide by all COVID-19 protocols set forth by federal, state, and local health and safety guidelines instituted at the time of the exam. OAA will timely notify examinees of the health and safety guidelines prior to exam administration.

**Examinees must wear a face mask** throughout the entire administration of the February 2022 bar exam.

Disclosure of COVID-19 vaccination status is required for all examinees taking the February 2022 bar exam. Under current applicable federal, state and local public health requirements, vaccination status will not preclude an examinee from sitting for the examination. However, OAA is requesting this information to maximize the health and safety measures that will be taken during the exam.

**ALL EXAMINEES** taking the February 2022 Colorado Bar Exam **MUST** provide their vaccination<sup>1</sup> status by **Friday January 14, 2022**<sup>2</sup> to OAA via the Vaccination Status portal located on our main bar examination site under the February 2022 bar exam section (<https://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/BarExamination.asp>).

An examinee may can download a PDF copy of your Colorado Immunization Record - COVID-19 Vaccination Record<sup>3</sup> by using the CIIS Public Portal [here](#) or at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/prevention-and-wellness/disease-and-injury-prevention/immunization/for-the-public/get-a-copy-of>.

All February 2022 examinees who have not received the required number of vaccination doses, regardless of the reason for their unvaccinated status, and all February 2022 examinees not providing sufficient proof of vaccination by the procedures established by OAA shall be deemed unvaccinated regardless of their actual full or partial vaccination status.

Unvaccinated February 2022 examinees are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test result in-person on the morning of the first day (Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>) of the February 2022 bar exam in Colorado in order to enter the examination facility.

- The results must be from a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)/nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), rapid antigen or molecular test, taken at a laboratory or test site within 72 hours prior to the first day of the exam<sup>4</sup>.
- Results from at-home tests will not be accepted.**

Unvaccinated February 2022 examinees are responsible for obtaining the tests required by this Agreement and bear the associated costs.

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<sup>1</sup> Assertions by applicants that they have been vaccinated are not sufficient proof. The Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions reserves the right to accept or reject proof of vaccination on the basis of validity.

<sup>2</sup> Nothing shall prevent examinees from providing proof of vaccination prior to this deadline, and examinees are encouraged to do so as early as possible.

<sup>3</sup> Fully vaccinated is defined as those who have received all vaccination doses as required by COVID-19 vaccination protocols as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

<sup>4</sup> Examinee's test sample may be taken no earlier than **Saturday, February 19, 2022**.

Vaccinated examinees shall be physically separated from unvaccinated examinees to the extent possible under the available seating conditions at the contracted exam sites. No one subject to quarantine under applicable federal, state or local public health guidelines or through a medical directive may sit for the February 2022 exam.

All examinees are required to provide a **completed COVID-19 Health Questionnaire each day** of the February 2022 bar exam. The COVID-19 Health Questionnaire is located on our main bar examination site under the February 2022 bar exam section (<https://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/BarExamination.asp>).

All examination proctors and examination administration staff shall be subject to these protocols.

Any examinee who does not comply with these COVID protocols will be denied entry to the examination site and/or subject to removal from the site.

In the event that an examinee is not permitted to sit for the February 2022 bar examination due to failure to comply with these COVID protocols, such failure does not constitute good cause for a deferral of the re-application fee. OAA may consider a good cause request from any examinee providing evidence of a good faith effort to procure negative test results as required by this policy, but whose test results are delayed through no fault of the applicant. OAA also may consider a good cause request from any examinee who tests positive for COVID-19; test results and the dates must be provided to OAA in support of their request.

Violation of any of these protocols may cause an examinee to be directed to appear before a Character and Fitness Inquiry Panel, which could delay admission or result in a recommendation to the Colorado Supreme Court that the applicant's admission to practice law in Colorado be denied.

If an examinee tests positive within 14 days following the administration of the February 2022 bar exam for COVID-19 they will notify OAA immediately.

If an examinee, proctor or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 after the exam, OAA may disclose relevant information to public health agencies, the exam facility, and/or others as appropriate.

OAA may amend any of these protocols prior to the administration of the February 2022 bar exam. OAA will notify examinees of any changes.