

## **Precautionary Measures (UK & Ireland)**

Ahead of the March exam session, we wanted to reassure you that the health and safety of our students remains our number one priority.

We've been continuing to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic closely, following local government guidelines and working hard with our exam delivery partners to ensure you can safely take your exam.

A number of preventative measures have been put in place across our exam centres to protect you and others, and you will also be expected to follow basic hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing and/or using hand sanitisers.

Below are the measures you can expect to be in place at your centre:

- Face masks should continue to be worn by all students and local country guidelines regarding the wearing of facemasks must be strictly adhered to. If it's no longer a legal requirement to wear a mask in your country at the time of the exam, we request that students are socially responsible by both bringing and wearing a mask to protect your fellow students. Some of our venues may require you to wear a mask as a condition of entry to their premises even if this is not a legal requirement.
- Gloves may also be worn by students and staff.
- You'll be asked to remove masks during registration, ID checks and after any toilet breaks. You should also expect masks to be inspected by invigilators to prevent malpractice. Invigilators will also be wearing a mask on exam day to further protect students.
- All ID checks should be a 'no touch' process with students holding these up for centre staff. The same 'no touch' process will also be in place for student belongings meaning only students will handle belongings, or gloved staff where necessary.
- You'll need to complete a health declaration form when you arrive before you are permitted to sit the exam. This will include providing your phone number to support the track and trace system.
- Each venue will have a sanitisation point at the entrance and hand sanitiser will be available in other parts of the venue. However, we still recommend you bring your own for personal use.
- All workstations will be wiped down and the venue cleaned before each exam session. Workstations will also be in a layout to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Temperature screening may be carried out if mandatory under local guidelines or if the venue has chosen to do so.

- A 'traffic flow' system to move students and staff around the venue in an organised and safe manner.
- Additional signage at the venue providing information on the signs and symptoms of Covid-19.

Please note that further measures may also be in place at your exam centre where necessary. Additional time may be required at the start of each exam therefore please arrive in plenty of time.

We expect everyone to strictly adhere to these measures to protect the safety and wellbeing of yourself and others. It's also important that you comply with the instructions of the exam centre staff on exam day.

If you are displaying suspected symptoms of Covid-19 or are currently in self-isolation you should not attend your exam. Any students not permitted entry to their exam due to displaying Covid-19 symptoms, should [contact ACCA](#) to request a withdrawal as per the [standard exam withdrawal process](#).

We'll continue to monitor the situation and will take any relevant measures in line with the advice of our partners and local agencies.

More information and advice on protection from Covid-19 can be found on the World Health Organisation (WHO) website [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding March's centre-based exams you may find the [FAQs](#) on our website useful.

For any further enquiries please get in touch [here](#).