

Impact of COVID-19 on AONN+ FFL, Inc Certification

AONN+ FFL, Inc continues to offer regional testing locations within the United States following all local and federal guidelines. Due to the volatility of COVID-19, government guidelines may change frequently and/or quickly. As this may impact testing capacity and/or operations at AONN+ FFL, Inc and host sites, please check your County/State specific testing information often. For the latest updates regarding COVID-19 in general and best practices for overall health and safety, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

If AONN+ FFL, Inc closes a testing site, candidates will be reimbursed for their application fee and candidate applications will be held for 1 year from the date of acceptance. Candidates sitting for a future exam will pay a new application fee.

We are committed to communicating closures to candidates as soon as possible to help ensure candidates are informed and to reduce stress and uncertainty ahead of exam day. We also recommend that candidates check the AONN+ FFL, Inc website on the morning of the exam.

Please check the AONN+ FFL, Inc website regularly for updated communications at <https://aonnonline.org/certification>.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Health & Safety

At the regional testing location, we are following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting testing candidates and our staff. **We ask candidates to comply with the health and safety guidelines outlined below to keep fellow candidates safe.**

Face masks are now required. *Currently, all candidates are required to wear a face mask or facial covering for the duration of their time at an AONN+ FFL, Inc host testing location, including while taking the examination. It is the candidate's responsibility to bring a face mask or facial covering that fully covers the nose and mouth. In addition, required testing staff and candidates are to adhere to local public health and CDC guidelines for social distancing. Candidates will be asked to complete a COVID-19 screening form onsite. Regional test centers may require a temperature check.*

If a candidate appears at the test location and does not adhere to local public health and CDC guidelines as outlined, the candidate may be denied testing and forfeit 20% of the application fee and will need to reapply and submit a new application to test on a later date. (Testing applications will be maintained for 1 year from application acceptance date.)

What Candidates Need to Know:

You will not be admitted to the test location and should reschedule your exam if...

Unless...

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You have **tested positive** for COVID-19:

- You have been symptom-free and fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine

AND

- At least **14 days** have passed since your last exposure, or you have received 2 negative COVID-19 test results in a row, 24 hours apart

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You are currently **experiencing or have experienced** **≥1 associated symptoms** within the **past 14 days**:

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Fever
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Loss of smell

- You have been symptom-free and fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine

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You **live with or** have had **close contact** with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19

*Medical and healthcare professionals - please see exception below.

- At least **14 days** have passed since your last exposure

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Have been or are under home quarantine or centralized observation by government or healthcare authorities

- At least **14 days** have passed since your quarantine or centralized observation has been lifted by the government or healthcare authorities

*Medical and healthcare professionals where *both* the medical/healthcare professional and the patient were wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) are an exception.

Important Candidate Information

- You will be asked to acknowledge that you meet the above health requirements and that you will follow health and safety guidelines while testing.
- If there is an exception noted to any of the COVID-19 screening questions or guidelines, the candidate must present a medical note signed by physician.
- You must bring and wear your own face mask while you are at the test center and throughout your exam. Any surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable if your nose and mouth are fully covered. We are unable to provide face masks to candidates. Candidates without a face mask will be denied testing services.
- You may be asked to stay more than 6 feet away from other people in the waiting area. Please follow the test administrator's guidance during the admission process.
- We are allowing candidates to wear disposable gloves during testing. Test administrators will inspect the gloves both before and after the exam, and the gloves will be disposed of in front of the proctor upon completion of the test.
- Some regional test centers may require candidates to provide a temperature check upon arrival.
- It is your responsibility to ensure there are no travel restrictions in place for the location where you want to take your test. If you travel to test in another state with travel restrictions in place, you may be turned away.