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Dear Candidates,

Due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and after much deliberation by the examination committees, proctors, and the Board of Directors (BOD) regarding processes and logistics of administering the examination; the following solution has been settled upon:

1. May 29 to May 31 Exam is postponed.
2. Assuming the pandemic subsides, the exam will be administered between September 1 and Nov 1, 2020 with 90 days' notice
3. If candidates are unable to adjust their schedule for the Fall 2020 exam, candidates will have the option to take the exam in 2021.
4. If travel and gathering size restrictions continue into the fall, the 2020 ACVAA Certifying Exam will be cancelled and candidates will be enrolled for the 2021 exam.

While the dates for the 2021 examination are still to be determined, there will be no penalty to candidates who elect this option, and 2021 will serve as the start of the three-year examination cycle.

We recognize that this has a significant impact to you individually and to your programs.

Please know the decision was not made lightly, everyone's health, our social responsibility, and the interests of the candidates including fairness to all were all taken into account. If you have any additional questions about the process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Kushner (ACVAA Executive Secretary/Treasurer). We hope you and your loved ones stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you to the college as a diplomate in the near future.

Sincerely,

Colin Dunlop BVSc., Dip ACVAA  
President, ACVAA