

5/6/2020 – News about testing for USMLE Step exams

To Class of 2021 and Class of 2022

We are writing to share the latest news that we have about testing for USMLE Step exams resuming at Prometrics Test Centers across the US. Several Prometrics Centers are opening in May or have already opened, including many in New York State that are scheduled to open on either May 13th or May 15th.

What we hope this means is that if you already have an exam date scheduled in May or June that was not previously canceled by Prometrics, you will be able to test at the site you selected as scheduled. We are doubtful that new slots will open up immediately, given the constraints of social distancing and the fact that many exam sites were already operating at capacity during this time prior to COVID-19.

USMLE has also acknowledged that Prometrics has not met the needs of the medical community and senior leaders met with Prometrics to share their need for a clear and immediate plan to rectify the situation. Prometrics has admitted their shortcomings during this time, and has enlisted additional resources for both communication and response times as they begin re-opening test centers across North America. USMLE also recognizes that capacity constraints and challenges are likely to continue, and have accelerated their timeline to find alternate test delivery solutions, such as at medical schools.

Sincerely,
The COVID-19 Upstate USMLE Task Force