

## **Preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19** **during conduct of Indian Olympiad Qualifier 2020-2021 examinations**

Following generic measures will be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 at all examination centres:

1. Thermal scanning will be done at the entry point and only asymptomatic staff and students will be allowed inside. Examinees with body temperatures above 100 deg Fahrenheit or showing obvious COVID-19-related symptoms will not be permitted to take the examination. Examinees suspected of possible infection will take the examination in an isolated room. Decision to deny entry or isolate examinees on grounds of health-related concerns shall be made by the Centre Coordinator and shall be binding.
2. Use of a face cover/mask will be mandatory. The face cover/mask has to be worn at all times inside the examination centre by all. All support staff will wear masks and gloves.
3. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet will be insisted, as far as feasible.
4. Invigilators will sanitize their hands prior to distribution of question papers/answer sheets. The examinees will also sanitize their hands before receiving such papers and handing them back to invigilators. Examinees are strongly advised to bring their own sanitizer bottles.
5. Spitting will be strictly prohibited.
6. Examination hall and other common areas shall be sanitized before and after each examination session.
7. All examination centres will have a designated room for isolating any test taker, if the need arises.
8. Drinking water should be brought by the examinees themselves and should not be shared.
9. Invigilators and supervisory staff will be briefed on the code of conduct in the context of COVID-19.
10. Only those examination centers which are outside the containment zone shall be allowed to function. Examinees scheduled to appear in centres within containment zones will be re-assigned other centres subject to regulations governing movement of people from within containment zones.
11. Examinees will have to sign a 'self-declaration' form, which will be sent to them along with the hall ticket. If any examination functionary or student fails to meet the self-declaration criteria, they will be denied entry.

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