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Pearson VUE has informed NBEEO that due to increased numbers of COVID-19 cases and changing governmental restrictions, seating capacity in several states is being restricted.

- Colorado – reduced to 50% capacity
- New Mexico – reduced to 25% capacity beginning November 25th and limited to essential services only
- Washington – reduced to 25% capacity beginning November 25th through December 14th
- California – reduced to 25% or 50% capacity based on county beginning November 25th
- Michigan – reduced to 30% capacity beginning November 25th
- Illinois – reduced to 50% capacity beginning November 30th and limited to essential services only

Note: NBEEO candidates are considered essential services within Pearson VUE. However, this classification is not a guarantee to maintain your seat due to seating capacity restrictions.

Our understanding at this time is that some candidates scheduled for the November 30 through December 3, 2020 Part II PAM and TMOD examinations will be impacted by these new restrictions. Candidates impacted by these seating limitations will receive an email directly from Pearson VUE notifying them of the change. If you receive a notification from Pearson VUE, then you are encouraged to look for an opening within the testing window. However, NBEEO is working with Pearson VUE leadership to schedule alternative dates **for affected candidates**. Once these dates are finalized, NBEEO will both email affected candidates directly and post the dates on our website.

Additionally, if you are COVID positive, have a known exposure to someone with COVID, or have COVID symptoms, then you should contact NBEEO immediately. With documentation, NBEEO will allow you to test during the alternative testing window described above.

We will continue to keep you informed as we have additional information. If you have any questions, please click [here](#) to contact NBEEO.