

Professional Reviews and Technical Report Interviews: Policy regarding COVID-19

This note is intended to clarify CIHT's position on attendance at Professional Review and Technical Report interviews in the light of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Having monitored government and World Health Organisation advice, our policy on travel both for candidates and reviewers, is as follows:

Do not attend a Professional Review or Technical Report interview if you

- have been infected or if you have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 or
- have travelled to the UK from any of the countries listed on the GOV.UK website in the last 14 days <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-</u> <u>the-public#returning-travellers</u>
 - or
- have flu-like symptoms
 - or
- would prefer to avoid travelling on public transport or attending a public event due to an underlying health condition that puts you at increased risk should you contract the virus (e.g. high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes).

Please contact the CIHT Education team (<u>education@ciht.org.uk</u>) immediately if you fall into one of these categories.

Travel restrictions

We are aware that some employers have imposed travel restrictions on staff. If you are unable to attend an interview for business reasons, please contact the Education team (education@ciht.org.uk) immediately.

Interview hygiene rules

We are asking candidates and reviewers who attend interviews not to shake hands and we will be cleaning surfaces between interviews in line with government guidelines.

Rearranging interviews

Where candidates or reviewers are unable to attend the scheduled interview due to the COVID-19 outbreak, CIHT will postpone the interview and seek to reschedule as soon as possible.

Further information

If you are worried about COVID-19 symptoms, call NHS 111 or go to the NHS 111 coronavirus advice website. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

The latest advice and developments on the covid-19 situation can be found on the GOV.UK website.

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