March 23, 2020

M. Saiful Huq, PhD, FAAPM, FlnstP, President
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
1631 Prince Street
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Dear Dr. Huq,

The IAC is taking the COVID – 19 pandemic very seriously and has taken steps to mitigate the increased burden on health care professionals that are impacted as it relates to accreditation requirements.

In reference to the physicist surveys, the IAC has granted extensions and will continue to do so for up to 18 months for the completion of the annual physicist survey requirement to accommodate urgent facility priorities and to allow the AAPM community flexibility in the management of the influx of requests that will come as the pandemic resides.

Facilities that choose to cease operations due to the COVID-19 will be asked to document the period in which they are not performing testing and schedule all required quality control testing as soon as possible upon returning to normal operations. This includes the annual medical physicist survey or other quality assurance duties which may have been required during the closure period.

If the medical physicist cannot travel to the facility to conduct the annual survey due to COVID-19 restrictions or other circumstances out of their control, the facility should contact the IAC to request an extension of the annual medical physicist survey if it will be conducted beyond 18 months. Extension requests must be submitted in writing and received prior to the date that marks the 18th month since the last annual survey.

The IAC will continue to monitor the situation closely and will communicate any changes as necessary.

If you have questions, please contact me by phone, 1 800-838-2110 or via email at lally@intersocietal.org.

Thank you and stay well,

Mary T. Lally
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