

## COVID-19 Declaration for the Virginia Bar Exam - July 2022

Any applicant wishing to sit for the July 2022 Virginia Bar Exam must affirm the following **on or before July 19, 2022**. Any applicant who does not complete the Declaration Survey by the deadline will not be eligible to sit for the July 2022 Virginia Bar Exam.

All applicants will be asked to verbally reaffirm the truthfulness of this Declaration on the day of the exam.

The ability to administer the exam safely is only possible with the full cooperation of all applicants to protect each other and all individuals involved in administering the exam.

The Board's top priority is the health and safety of all those involved in the bar exam, which requires preparation and flexibility to respond to any significant change of circumstances and government restrictions. In consultation with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, the Board will continue to assess public health conditions and will give applicants as much notice as possible of any necessary changes.

\* 1. In the past 7 days, I have not had a fever (100.4°F or higher).

☐ True ☐ False

\* 2. In the past 7 days, I have not had a new cough that I cannot attribute to another health condition.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 3. In the past 7 days, I have not experienced a new shortness of breath or difficulty breathing that I cannot attribute to another health condition.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 4. In the past 7 days, I have not experienced new chills that I cannot attribute to another health condition.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 5. In the past 7 days, I have not had a new sore throat that I cannot attribute to another health condition.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 6. In the past 7 days, I have not experienced new muscle aches (myalgia) that I cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise).

☐ True ☐ False

\* 7. In the past 7 days, I have not experienced a new loss of taste or smell.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 8. VDH definition of **close contact** is:

- Being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; or
- Having direct exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drinking glass or utensils, kissing); or
- Caring for a person who has COVID-19; or
- Living with a person who has COVID-19

In the past 7 days, I have not had close contact (as defined above) with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 9. In the past 7 days, I have not had a positive test for the virus that causes COVID-19.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 10. I agree that at all times while at the exam site I will make every effort to socially distance myself from any other person.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 11. Whether I am vaccinated or not vaccinated, I agree to wear a properly-fitting mask (without exhalation valves or vents) at all times while at the exam site unless:

(a) I am socially distanced from any other person while engaged in the act of eating or drinking; or

(b) it is medically unsafe for me to do so, and I have submitted the required Medical Accommodation Request Form and it has been approved by the Board.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 12. I understand that on each day of the Virginia Bar Exam, I will be asked to verbally reaffirm that all statements in this Declaration remain true. If any statement in this Declaration is no longer true, I will immediately inform the Board, staff or proctors of that fact and follow all instructions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. I acknowledge that my failure to disclose that any statement in this Declaration is no longer true would be a material misstatement of fact and the Board may consider my actions in a future character and fitness proceeding.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 13. I declare that I have decided to sit for the July 2022 Virginia Bar Exam; and I agree to abide by all Rules and Testing Conditions.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 14. I understand that if my answer is false to one or more questions on this Declaration Survey, or on the day of the exam I am unable to affirm all questions remain true, for the health and safety of all applicants and staff, I am **NOT ALLOWED** to attend the July 2022 Bar Exam.

☐ True ☐ False

\* 15. By typing my **FULL LEGAL NAME** below, I hereby declare all statements contained in this survey are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statement in this survey or on the day of the Virginia Bar Exam may result in the denial of my admission.

### Acknowledgement of Instructions and Communications Prior to the Virginia Bar Exam:

\* 16. I acknowledge that I have read the **Letter of Instruction**, which sets forth all items I am **Required and/or Allowed** to bring/wear into the bar exam and other very important exam day information. I further acknowledge that failure to follow these instructions may result in my being disqualified from the exam.

☐ Yes

☐ No

\* 17. NOTE: The Board will send an email with your entry location and arrival time after all Declaration Surveys have been received and after the deadline for submitting a Carry Forward Request.

I acknowledge that an email will be sent by the Board at approximately 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2022, with my exam site entry location and arrival time. If no email has been received, I will first check my SPAM folder **before** emailing my Application Processor to obtain my entry location/arrival time.

☐ Yes

☐ No

\* 18. NOTE: The Board's office will be closed July 25 - 29, 2022, for administration of the bar exam, and for pre- and post-exam duties. The Board's office will resume regular operating hours on August 1, 2022.

I acknowledge that **after 4:00 PM on July 22, 2022**, the Board's office will **not** be available to answer any inquiries, nor will my Application Processor respond to any emails received after that time until the office reopens on August 1, 2022.

☐ Yes

☐ No