A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As the impact of COVID-19 continues to affect our programs, the health and safety of faculty, site visitors, and students remains the number one priority of the JRCERT. We continue to monitor on a daily basis the effect the pandemic has and will have on our scheduled and future site visits. It is imperative that all those involved in the site visit are safe. Without your continued dedication to the accreditation process during these difficult and challenging times, the JRCERT would not be able to fulfill our mission. For those who have had the opportunity to perform a site visit during these unprecedented times, we want to thank you for your service and support of programmatic accreditation.

Be safe and healthy.

Leslie

SITE VISIT MODIFICATIONS

The JRCERT has allowed numerous modifications in response to the pandemic, including but not limited to the site visit. Many clinical settings are not permitting visitors; therefore, the clinical visit may be performed virtually. Additionally, the site visit may be performed in a hybrid fashion after consultation with JRCERT Executive Staff, program faculty, and the site visit team. A hybrid site visit consists of one site visitor on campus and the other site visitor conducting the visit virtually. The site visit team will utilize the JRCERT’s video conferencing system to conduct all virtual aspects of the review. The JRCERT does not participate in fully virtual site visits.

Additional information may be found in Policy 11.600 and in the Hybrid Site Visit Guidelines.
TRAVEL AGENCY TEMPORARY HOURS

Due to the current slowing of demand for travel services, Premier Travel Management is temporarily adjusting their office hours. As of **Monday, January 4, 2021**, their hours of operation are **8am to 5:30pm, M-F**.

Travel Assistance is available outside of published office hours; however, this option should be limited to travel emergencies.

When their clients begin to travel again, they will return to their previous operating hours to best serve you.

**Premier Travel Management**  
(312) 427-8400

**NOTE:** During the pandemic, please do not make travel arrangements prior to contacting the JRCERT to confirm the site visit will be performed as scheduled.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Airlines will require all passengers to wear face coverings – please check each airline’s website prior to travel for the most up-to-date policies in effect.
- Airlines are restricting the service of food and beverages on flights – again, please check the airline website for specific information prior to your flight.
- Airport check-in and boarding procedures have changed to provide for compliance with social distancing requirements.
- Information on cleaning procedures and other sanitation methods in place is readily available on most vendor sites.
- Be sure to research regulations in effect at any location to which you are traveling as they differ greatly by locale.

REAL ID COMPLIANCE

In 2005, the United States Congress passed the Real ID Act. This act "establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver’s licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act’s minimum standards." This includes identification for boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft.

Starting October 1, 2021, every air traveler will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of identification. The license/ID must be REAL ID compliant unless the traveler is using an alternative acceptable document such as a passport.

As of the writing of this article, 52 states, territories, and the District of Columbia have been determined by the Department of Homeland Security as compliant with all REAL ID requirements. The other 4 jurisdictions are noncompliant, but have been granted temporary extensions to come into compliance or are currently under review.

Site visitors are strongly encouraged to review the Department of Homeland Security webpage regarding the REAL ID and to determine their state’s current level of compliance.

1: [https://www.dhs.gov/real-id](https://www.dhs.gov/real-id)  
2: [https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs](https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs)

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ELECTRONIC REIMBURSEMENTS COMING SOON

The JRCERT is changing how site visitors are reimbursed. Reimbursements will now be sent in an electronic format with payments deposited directly into your bank account. Site visitors will be required to create a free Chase Cashflow360 account. This account will be secure and protected with end-to-end encryption. Sign-up information will be forthcoming.

JRCERT HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ONSITE EVALUATIONS

Please click here for a flyer with the JRCERT’s health and safety guidelines for onsite evaluations.

ANNUAL SIGNATURES NEEDED

JRCERT requires site visitors to electrically sign the following documents on an annual basis. These forms may be accessed via the site visitor page in the Portal.

- Conflict of Interest
- Confidentiality Agreement
- JRCERT Commitment

SITE VISITOR WORKSHOPS

March 3rd, 2021 (8:30 – 4:30)
May 5th, 2021 (8:30 – 4:30)

Prior to attending a site visit under the 2021 Standards, site visitors will be required to do one of the following:

- Attend a site visitor workshop that includes the 2021 Standards.
- Attend an Accreditation Seminar that includes the 2021 Standards.
- Review the 2021 Standards module in the Link (LMS), once available.
- Participate in the 2021 Standards Course in the Link (LMS). Please note that this course will not be available until late summer 2021.