



CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB®

COVID-19 Canine Good Neighbour General Guidelines

Sponsors of the Canine Good Neighbour (CGN) Tests will follow all Federal, Provincial, and local health rules when holding a CGN test and the protocol will be detailed in a CGN flyer. Evaluators, assistants, and handlers will abide by the rules applied.

The following are allowable temporary changes to the CGN Tests that a sponsor will use during their event while operating under Covid-19 restrictions. However, any changes to any other rule not mentioned will not be allowed.

- Evaluators, Assistants and Handlers will wear a mask throughout the CGN Test.
- Evaluators and Handlers will replace a handshake with an elbow touch.
- The Evaluator will sanitize their hands after evaluating each dog.
- If a chair or table or any surface is used to hold the long line and grooming equipment owned by the handler, that surface must be sanitized immediately after use. Paper can be placed on the surface if sanitizing is not done, but the paper must be removed after use, disposed of appropriately and replaced ready for the next handler.
- A schedule should be sent to the handlers for their time to be evaluated and a note explaining the COVID-19 guidelines the CKC is adopting for the CGN event.
- The proof of vaccination and Dog License (if required) must be shown to the Evaluator without the Evaluator needing to touch the paperwork.
- The Evaluator will provide the handler with their evaluation sheet electronically or by some other “touch free” means when their session is completed.

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger: The Evaluator and Handler will touch elbows instead of shaking hands.

Test 3: Appearance and Grooming: The Evaluator will perform the test as presented but will pick up the grooming equipment with a sanitized wipe and hold the equipment with a sanitized wipe while grooming the dog.

Test 5: Walking Through a Crowd: Everyone who is part of the crowd will wear a mask and the Handler will wear a mask.

Test 6: Sit/Down on Command and Stay in Place (long Line): The Handler will take the long line from the designated place. If the evaluator supplies the long line for each dog, then the long line must be sanitized after each evaluation.

Test 11: Supervised Isolation: The assistant will wear a mask and will use hand sanitizer after holding the dog's line.

Test 12: Walking through a door/gate: The area of the door/gate that has been touched will be wiped cleaned after each handler.