

Overview:

Due to Covid-19, some accrediting bodies have changed requirements for the frequency of physics testing. For ease of reference, the table below, which contains embedded links to source documents, summarizes the changes by accrediting body.

Contact Georgia Department of Natural Resources (404-362-2675) to discuss requests to defer facility-specific inspection and testing requirements.

Changes to annual physics testing requirement frequency due to Covid-19:

Accrediting Bodies	Frequency Extensions	Applies to
American College of Radiology (ACR)	16 months from date of last equipment evaluation	Breast MRI , Breast Ultrasound , CT , Mammography , MRI , Nuclear Medicine and PET , Radiation Oncology Practice , Stereotactic Breast , Biopsy , Ultrasound
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	18 months (extended by four months)	Mammography facilities for which annual medical physicist survey originally due between Jan-Aug 2020
Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)	Will be granted up to 18 months	Annual physicist survey requirement
The Joint Commission (TJC)	60 days after state of emergency ends	CT, MRI, NM, PET, Fluoroscopy

Other Covid-19 Resources:

- American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM): <https://www.aapm.org/COVID19/default.asp>
- American College of Radiology (ACR): <https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/COVID-19-Radiology-Resources>
- Radiological Society of North America (RSNA): <https://www.rsna.org/covid-19>