



COVID-19 Update #21

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Dear Registrant,

Today the Ontario Government [announced](#) that it is moving Toronto and Peel into lockdown measures in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19. These measures include limiting most retail to curbside pickup and delivery in the affected areas.

Today's announcement did not address the delivery of health care services and no other directive has been issued limiting health services to essential care at this time. Opticians are nevertheless responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with any other federal, provincial, regional, municipal or other local public health measures that may be in effect in your area including capacity limitations.

In addition, opticians should remain vigilant in the health and safety precautions that are taken in the practice environment, including adhering to the [Return to Practice Guidelines](#). The College continues to encourage the use of physical distancing wherever possible, including for any retail components of your practice (e.g. curbside pickup and delivery). In addition, opticians are encouraged to consider using remote care for consultations and delivery of ophthalmic appliances, where possible and appropriate.

The College is continuing to monitor the situation and will provide an update as additional information becomes available to us.

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Kind regards,

Fazal and the COO team