



COVID-19 Update #42

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Dear Registrant,

To further ramp up capacity to support Ontario's booster dose rollout, the Ontario government is making regulatory amendments to allow more individuals to safely administer the COVID-19 vaccine, including, among others, Registered Opticians.

This is a provincial volunteer initiative that will apply to provincially-run clinics only. Those interested in participating in this program are directed to register through [the Health Workforce Matching Portal](#). Volunteers will be under the supervision of a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or pharmacist who is present at the premises where the vaccine is administered. This is not an expansion of your scope of practice, and opticians may only administer the COVID-19 vaccine if they are matched through the provincial program, receive training and are supervised by an authorized professional.

Once identified, Ontario will work to match individuals who signed up through both the Ontario COVID-19 Volunteer Portal and the Health Workforce Matching Portal with public health units according to local vaccination needs. To ensure safety requirements are met, education and training courses will be available to the additional vaccinators who need to build their competency to administer injections.

As always, Registered Opticians must adhere to the Standard of Practice as set out by the College including that, as a registrant, you will not practice beyond your skills, knowledge or judgement.

Kind regards,

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