



COVID-19 Update #28

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Dear Registrant,

The College has received several inquiries regarding opticians receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccination programs are being administered by local Public Health Units rather than being managed at the provincial level. While the Ministry of Health has classified health care workers such as opticians as 'High Priority', the roll-out of the vaccines is taking place regionally based on Ministry [guidelines](#) and each Public Health Unit has put in place screening methods to prioritize vaccine distribution.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health and Lakeridge Health Vaccination Centre in the Durham area have already started registering healthcare workers for vaccination appointments. We strongly recommend contacting your local Public Health Unit to inquire as to their timelines and criteria for vaccine administration.

We appreciate that email communication can become overwhelming and we are endeavoring to communicate only on an urgent basis with you. Please ensure you are following us on social media such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, as well as our [COVID-19 page](#) on our website as we have been regularly posting updates regarding the pandemic on those platforms.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at practiceadvice@collegeofopticians.ca

Kind regards,

Fazal and the COO Team