

COVID-19 Update #30

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Dear Registrant,

As you are aware from our bulletin on Friday, March 5, a number of regions have now moved out of Emergency Shutdown measures and into the strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) effective today.

Please note the following correction to Friday’s bulletin. Effective March 8, 2021, optical stores in the **Grey: Lockdown zone are no longer required** to operate on an appointment-only basis, and are not subject to restrictions on operating hours.

As a reminder, opticians must still implement physical distancing measures in the workplace in accordance with the [Return to Practice Guidelines](#), and are reminded that you must manage the volume of persons in the dispensary.

The following updated chart summarizes some of the key rules that apply to optical stores as of March 8, 2021. These rules are subject to change, so opticians should ensure that they regularly check the rules that apply in their zone/region.

Zone	Appointment System	Hour Restrictions	Capacity Limits
Grey: Lockdown	Optional	None	Maximum 25%
Red: Control	Optional	None	Maximum 50%
Orange: Restrict	Optional	None	Professional Judgment (See Return to Practice Guidelines)
Yellow: Protect	Optional	None	Professional Judgment (See Return to Practice Guidelines)
Green: Prevent	Optional	None	Professional Judgment (See Return to Practice Guidelines)

As always, the College remains committed to keeping you informed. For any practice related questions please contact us at practiceadvice@collegeofopticians.ca

Kind regards,

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