



COVID-19 Update #43

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Dear Registrant,

The Ontario government has announced that the province will be moving to a modified [Step 2](#) of the Ontario Reopening Roadmap effective Wednesday January 5, 2022, at 12:01 am. Under Step 2, stores are permitted to operate without appointments and without restrictions on hours however dispensary operators must ensure:

- That members of the public are able to maintain a physical distance of at least **two metres** from every other person in the business or facility; and
- The total number of members of the public in the business or facility at any one time **does not exceed 50 per cent capacity**

On January 5, 2022, the Chief Medical Officer of Health will reinstate [Directive 2](#) for hospitals and regulated health professionals, instructing hospitals to pause all non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures in order to preserve critical care and human resources capacity.

While the updates to Directive 2 do not directly impact Opticians, we remind Opticians that they must continue to adhere to all relevant health and safety guidelines:

- [Standards of Practice](#)
- [Return to Practice Guidelines](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

As always, please contact us at practiceadvice@collegeofopticians.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Fazal and the COO Team