



Province-Wide Lockdown and Update on Hydrogen Peroxide Oral Rinse

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The Ontario Government has announced a province-wide lockdown (shutdown) to go into effect as of Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 12:01 am. This closure will be in effect for 28 days in Southern Ontario and 14 days in Northern Ontario, with the possibility of extension as the situation evolves.

The provision of health care services, including denturism, is not impacted. Denture Clinics remain open as Registered Denturists continue to provide service following the procedures outlined in the [Guide for Return to Practice](#) and [Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines](#). The College will continue to provide updates as it pertains to Registered Denturists.

Click [here](#) for the full provincial news release.

Public Health Ontario Update on Hydrogen Peroxide Oral Rinse:

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has provided an update on the use of pre-procedural oral rinses in dental settings stating that hydrogen peroxide is no longer recommended because of a lack of efficacy against COVID-19. Specific alternatives to hydrogen peroxide as pre-procedure oral rinse solutions were not recommended by PHO because of a lack of conclusive data on the efficacy of any alternatives.

Despite the lack of recommendations for specific alternate oral rinses, the use of common alternatives to hydrogen peroxide were not shown to be detrimental. The College's [Guide for Return to Practice](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

Click [here](#) to view Public Health Ontario's review of pre-procedure oral rinses.

Questions?

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