



Spousal Exception Regulation Update & Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework

Dear Members & Stakeholders,

Spousal Exception Regulation Update

This week, the College received notice from the Ministry of Health that the draft Spousal Exception Regulation for the College of Denturists of Ontario has been posted for public consultation on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for the next 45 days.

You can view the posting and provide your comments [here](#).

After the consultation period, the Ministry will notify the College if any changes are needed before it proceeds through the approval process.

Please Note: Until the Spousal Exception Regulation is approved and in force, treatment of a spouse by a Registered Denturist continues to be viewed as sexual abuse according to the Health Professions Procedural Code of the Regulated Health Professions Act (1991).

We will continue to communicate updates about the Spousal Exception Regulation as they become available.

Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework

This week, the Government of Ontario introduced a new framework of specific criteria for imposing COVID-19 measures in different regions of the province. The new framework also provides clarity on how decisions are made by the provincial government regarding specific public health measures for various industries such as restaurants, cinemas, gyms, fitness studios, and retail etc.

Registered Denturists and other regulated health care professionals are subject to Directives that are issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and are not directly linked to the framework set out in this new document but we thought that the information contained in this document may be useful to some of you. The College will continue to inform you of any relevant updates pertaining to Directives that impact the provision of denturism care and service.

Click [here](#) to view the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Pettifer
Registrar and CEO

Links to the following documents:

[College of Chiropractors of Ontario \(CCO\), College of Denturists of Ontario \(CDO\) and College of Kinesiologists of Ontario \(COKO\) Spousal Exception Regulations](#)

[COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#)

Questions?

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