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## COVID-19 Update

### Updated Guidance for Denturism Practice

Dear Registered Denturists,

The CDO in association with Ontario's three other oral health regulatory Colleges (representing dentists, dental hygienists, and dental technologists) are updating our COVID-19 guidance for in-person care.

**The updated guidance includes:**

- Staff daily screening is no longer required. Patient/Visitor screening remains in place at this time.
- Masking is no longer mandatory for all patients and visitors except when they are suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 based on screening or indicated based on a personal risk assessment.
  - Patients suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 should not be treated in-person except as needed for emergency or urgent care that cannot be delayed.
- All healthcare workers including Denturists, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Technologists must continue to don masks and to determine the level of PPE required for treatment based on a personal risk assessment.

The CDO understands that the RCDSO and CDHO are retaining the current fallow times and enclosed operatory requirements at this time due to the prevalence of intra-oral aerosol generating procedures. The oral health regulatory Colleges have begun consulting with an expanded panel of subject matter experts on these issues to contemplate any further revisions shortly.

In the meantime, Denturists who work in multi-disciplinary settings should have a conversation with their dental colleagues to ensure that all infection prevention and control procedures and processes are consistent amongst the oral health professions.

I understand that this is currently a challenging and demanding time - navigating the pandemic and all the ever-changing requirements while balancing increased workload from patient cases. It has impacted every aspect of our lives leading to COVID-exhaustion and us running low on patience. As we head into Canada Day long weekend, I hope you will - even for a short moment - get a chance to decompress and spend some time with those who matter the most to us.

Wishing all of you great health and resilience,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

Roderick Tom-Ying  
Acting Registrar & CEO

