

November 26, 2020 Update



Provincial update

The Ontario Government recently announced new restrictions in various regions which came into effect Monday, November 23, 2020, including moving Toronto and Peel regions into lockdown.

The current restrictions in the province do not directly impact health services including the ability of dental hygienists to provide client care - this is great news. If there are any future updates to measures or directives impacting the provision of dental hygiene care, they will be released by the [College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario](#) (CDHO).

Employment update

There are still a number of programs available to assist those affected financially by COVID-19.

1. **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB):** Replaced the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), providing income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to the Employment Insurance (EI) benefit. Learn more [here](#).
2. **Employment Insurance (EI):** There are some temporary changes to the EI program to make accessibility to this benefit easier. Learn more [here](#).
3. **Canada Recovery Sickness benefit (CRSB):** This benefit remains in place for those unable to work at least 50% because of self-isolation. Read more information [here](#).
4. **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB):** This benefit remains in place for those unable to work at least 50% and caring for a family member or child under 12 because of COVID-19 related issues and closures. Learn more [here](#).

COVID-19 Impact Survey

The Government of Canada has released the survey [Impacts of COVID-19 on Health Care Workers: Infection Prevention and Control](#) (ICHCWIPC). The purpose of the survey is to understand the impact of COVID-19 on Canadian health-care workers, with particular focus on access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection

prevention and control (IPAC) measures in the workplace. ODHA encourages all dental hygienists to complete the survey. You can access the survey [here](#).

ODHA continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely and will communicate facts and evidence-based information to members as we always have.

Refer to the ongoing updates on the ODHA [COVID-19 update page](#) to stay informed.