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COVID-19 Update: Vaccine advocacy for Ontario dental hygienists



The Ontario government recently appointed a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force. Based on recent announcements, the primary and logistical target groups for an early vaccine are those most vulnerable and their caregivers.

ODHA sent a letter to Minister Christine Elliott and Minister Sylvia Jones requesting the task force consider the vaccination of dental hygienists and other members of the dental team as a priority, explaining studies have identified dental hygienists as one of the most at-risk professionals in the provision of health care.

Although it is very unlikely oral health professionals will be included in this first phase of vaccine distribution, ODHA has requested Ontario dental hygienists be prioritized and included in the next phase of rollouts.

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