

January 13, 2020 Update

SUBJECT: COVID-19: Vaccine prioritization, webinar, and more



With the current provincial state of emergency and stay at home order coming into effect January 14, 2020, the ODHA office will remain open during regular business hours and operating with minimal staff onsite. We are committed to being available and supporting members throughout the pandemic. If you need any assistance, please call or [email](#).

Vaccine prioritization

With the updated Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Guidance for Prioritizing Health-Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) now including oral health professionals, it's important to note the vaccine distribution details will come from individual public health units throughout the province. Understandably, the current focus is on health-care workers in hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes, and other settings caring for seniors. As more doses of the vaccines become available, it's good news to know oral health professionals are now included in the next priority group. Based on the Ontario government announcement today, January 13, 2020, vaccinations for this expanded group of health-care workers are likely not to begin until April when an increased supply of vaccine doses are received. ODHA will keep you informed as more information becomes available. You can read more on vaccine distribution here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario#phase-2>.

COVID-19 vaccine webinar

The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario has released an informative webinar titled *COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution: Progress to Date*. This free webinar is presented by Doris Grinspun, RAO CEO and Dr. Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner, member, Lead Clinical Guidance and Surveillance Work-Stream, COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force. You can access the webinar [here](#).

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