

July 13, 2021 Update

SUBJECT: COVID-19 update, free N95 mask update, plus more!



This Friday, July 16, 2021, Ontario will enter Step 3 of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). The key public health and health care indicators continue to improve and the provincewide vaccination rate is surpassing targets. This is very promising news!

The Ontario government's efforts continue to focus on fully vaccinating and protecting all Ontarians who want to be.

Free N95 masks and antigen rapid test kits

The [free N95 mask program](#) for independent dental hygienists was received with an overwhelmingly positive response. To access this program, dental hygienists in independent practice **must call ODHA** to confirm eligibility; **call 1.800.315.6342**.

Dental hygienists working in a dental practice have access to free N95 masks through orders made by their employer through the Ontario Dental Association (ODA).

Dentist employers who are members of the ODA can order free N95 masks and antigen rapid tests [here](#). It is our understanding access for non-ODA member dentists will be launched in the near future. Non-ODA member dentists should keep an eye out for a communication.

The Ontario Government is also providing Panbio™ COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests free of charge. Antigen rapid test supply is for employee-use – not for client-use, and can be picked up at any local Chamber of Commerce.

Hand sanitizer recall

[Health Canada](#) is advising Canadians additional hand sanitizers are being recalled because they may pose health risks. Stay informed with the latest recalls and advisories on the ODHA [COVID-19 Return to Practice page](#).

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