June 16, 2021 Update

SUBJECT: COVID-19 update, plus new resources



ODHA has provided consistent COVID-19 email communications to members since January 2020, before the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in Canada. Although this seems so long ago in perspective to what has transpired since, it has been ODHA's ongoing commitment to ensure members are informed with the latest evidence-based research, news, and information. Additionally, ODHA has been posting COVID-19 communications and resources on the <u>ODHA website</u> since March 2020, providing <u>all</u> Ontario dental hygienists access to this important provincial information.

As the province entered the <u>Roadmap to Reopen</u> last week with Step 1, we continue to see positive trends in vaccination rate status and improvements in key public health and health care indicators. We are hopeful these positive trends will continue and the worst of the pandemic is behind us.

Newly released resources

Vaccine video series - The Federal Minister of Health, announced the launch of the *Ask the Experts advertising campaign* on June 15, 2021. This campaign features short videos by trusted experts answering some of the most common questions people have about the COVID-19 vaccines. These videos will encourage vaccine uptake by providing people across Canada with credible COVID-19 vaccine information to help make informed choices. This is a great resource to share with clients. View the video series here.

New articles and research - Over 15 new articles and research were added to the 'Additional Resources' section this week on the COVID-19 page on the ODHA website. View the latest additions <u>here</u>.

Refer to the ongoing updates on the ODHA <u>COVID-19 update page</u> to stay informed.