



COVID-19 Update #27

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Dear Registrant,

On February 12, 2021, the Ontario Government has announced that effective February 16, 2021, more regions of the province will be transitioning out of the shutdown and into a revised and strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework.

The following regions remain subject to shutdown measures or have been designated as Grey-Lockdown and must continue to operate on an appointment-only basis and restrict hours to between 7am and 8pm:

- North Bay Parry Sound District
- Peel Public Health
- Toronto Public Health
- York Region Public Health
- Niagara Region Public Health

A full list of which regions are moving out of lockdown and will no longer be subject to the Stay at Home Order can be found [here](#). Optical stores in the Red, Orange, Yellow and Green regions will no longer be required to operate on an appointment-only basis or restrict hours. Opticians in all regions, however, must continue to limit store capacity in accordance with the guidelines specified for their region (see the COVID-19 Response Framework for further information). In addition, opticians are reminded that the Return to Practice Guidelines require opticians to implement physical distancing measures in the workplace, including limiting the number of individuals in the dispensary at any given time to no more than is necessary in the circumstances.

Kind regards,

Fazal and the COO Team