

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

FOR INFORMATION

This document provides a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on June 27, 2022. The full minutes of this meeting will be approved at the next meeting and circulated.

Decision items

The Executive Committee considered the following for decision:

COVID-19 Guidance

Deputy Registrar, Andréa Foti, presented a draft COVID-19 guidance document for the Executive Committee's review and approval. The guidance was updated given the high vaccination rates and public health indicators of positive trending.

Main changes to the document included:

- Dentists must assess all patients and visitors to determine risk of COVID-19.
- Only suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and visitors will be required to wear an ASTM Level 1 mask, at a minimum.
- Staff screening will be no longer required.

Staff reported that the College has worked collaboratively with the oral health colleges (College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO), College of Dental Technologists of Ontario (CDTO) and the College of Denturists of Ontario (CDO)) to align guidance for members.

There was discussion on the revisions proposed for personal protective equipment (PPE) used for treating patients suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 and on PPE for reprocessing reusable instruments where aerosols are created.

Staff stated that, at this time, the fallow time and closed operatory requirements have not been changed. The College has launched a survey with infectious disease experts, other jurisdictions and members of faculties for advice on revising these requirements. After considering the feedback received from that survey, a revised guidance document will be drafted for the Executive Committee's review in late July or August.

The Executive Committee agreed that dentists and staff should be required to continue to use of PPE at this time. The Committee approved the draft COVID-19 guidance document, as presented, and directed that it be circulated to the membership.

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