



## Your Monthly E-Brief

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### HI EVERYONE – SALUT À TOUS!

I hope this finds you well. I have a couple of items that I want to communicate to you today:

The Ministry of Health released guidelines for [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Health Care Workers and Health Care Entities](#) (including oral health care facilities) to accompany the lifting of most mask mandates on June 11<sup>th</sup>. You will find that masks are still recommended for all health care workers and staff, as well as for clients with suspect or confirmed COVID-19. As a Registered Dental Hygienist, you can use that document, along with the

previously released [Interim IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19](#) to help guide your practice.

Registered Dental Hygienists should continue to work collaboratively with their oral health colleagues while continuing to follow the College's current [Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) Guidelines](#) and the [CDHO Guidance on IPAC in Dental Hygiene Practice \(formerly Guidance on Returning to Practice\)](#).

The College continues to work with the other Oral Health Profession Regulators to review existing and evolving guidance, providing timely, current, and concise information to all Registered Dental Hygienists when we can. I appreciate that some of these documents are directed to a wide variety of health professionals so finding the information that you are seeking, which applies directly to dental hygienists and dental hygiene practice, can be tough. Referring to the CDHO specific guidance documents should help focus the information in this regard. However, if you have ANY questions or difficulty finding the answer(s) to your question(s), please get in touch with the College's Practice Advisors, Carolle Lepage and Tasneem Pirani. They can be reached via email at [advice@cdho.org](mailto:advice@cdho.org) or telephone at 416-961-6234 or 1-800-268-2346. Carolle (**Ext. 226**) and Tasneem (**Ext. 266**) are very informed and helpful!

As we move forward from this point, the Oral Health Profession Regulators are actively engaged in reviewing existing guidance and guidelines to identify areas where modifications make sense, given our current knowledge and the existing COVID-19 dynamics. There will be more changes coming. There may be times when it feels like the CDHO is not being timely in communications, but please know that we are all working hard to make sure that any guidance we provide is accurate; sometimes, it takes time for us to do our research. Trust that we haven't forgotten about you and if you are experiencing a sense of urgency in your need for information, feel free to get in touch with the Practice Advisors.

Under the “**Good News**” category, I am happy to report that at its meeting last Friday, June 10, Council approved the amendment to Bylaw No. 5 that will remove the increase in Registration fees for this year. There will be **NO** increase in Registration fees for the 2023 Registration period – a good thing. Council also approved moving the Registration renewal deadline for the 2023 Registration period to December 1, 2022. This means that the **online Registration renewal period will begin on October 15, 2022, and will close at midnight on December 1, 2022**. I think it's important to clarify that there is a difference between the Registration period (which runs from January 1 to December 31 – the period for which a Certificate of Registration is valid) and the Renewal period (the period during which RDHs are required to renew their Certificate of Registration for the upcoming Registration period). **The renewal of your Certificate of Registration for 2023 has nothing to do with your 2022 Registration**. Some people were concerned that they were double paying for December 2022 – not true. The only thing that has shifted (by one month) is the Renewal period, not the Registration period. This change in the Renewal period will be in effect on a go-forward basis. This change may not be under the “Good News” category for everyone, but we do try to balance everyone's interests against the need for our administrative processes to be efficient and effective.

Thanks for your attention to these communication pieces. Please feel free to get in touch with us – we are here to help where we can. There is a lot of change in some areas of our lives right now and this change can bring confusion too. It seems like there is no easy resolution, but we can continue to pay attention to the well-being of ourselves, our families, and our clients.

Best regards,

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