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Dear Member,

PPE shortages are currently, and for the foreseeable future, posing an immense challenge to healthcare systems worldwide. College members are having difficulty accessing the required PPE and in many cases have closed their offices in response. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to generate new information daily that sometimes can lead to misinterpretation and misinformation. Unfortunately, this as well as other factors has contributed to a heightened sense of fear and anxiety for Members of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario (COCOO).

The COCOO Standards and Guidelines committee has reviewed the best and most current available evidence and guidelines on COVID-19 infection prevention and control from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Public Health Ontario (PHO)

In consideration of the College mandate to protect the public, and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 within our clinical settings, as well as provide the public with the safest access to Chiropractic and Podiatry Urgent/Emergency Care the following key updates were approved by the College.

**KEY UPDATES:**

- Continued triple screening of ALL patients (enhanced)
- Continued treatment of only patients without symptoms of COVID-19 or Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI)
- Continued use and monitoring of engineering and administrative control measures
- Continued organizational and point of care risk assessment (enhanced)
  
- Adapting standard precautions with additional droplet precautions (use of gloves, mask, and eye protection) at all times in consultation/treatment room
- Use of contact precautions (use of gloves, mask, gown, and eye protection) only when indicated from outcome of risk assessment
- Implementation of universal masking for patients in order to receive Chiropractic and Podiatry Care
- Continued hand hygiene by patient upon entering and exiting the practice/clinic
- Extended use of procedure/surgical masks
- Extended use and reprocessing of reusable goggles/eye wear/face shield protection

Please see below for the links:

Administrative and Engineering Controls (April 23) FINALv2

<http://cocoo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Administrative-and-Engineering-Controls-April-23-FINALv2.pdf>

PPE Checklist (April 23) FINALv2

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PPE Q&As (April 23) FINALv2

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Technical Brief PPE (April 23) FINALv2

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Take care and stay safe.

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