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Dear Member,

The College is very disappointed with the Premier of Ontario's message that was delivered on May 14, 2020. In it the Premier announced that there likely would be changes made in the near future to the restrictions that prevent our members from offering any personal in-person services to their patients in circumstances that do not amount to "urgent" care. In light of this, the College sought clarification from the Health Profession Regulators of Ontario, and the College's legal counsel. No further changes were noted by the Premier of Ontario at todays news briefing.

In summary we understand the Directive No. 2 of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Regulation under the Emergency Management Legislation (Closure Order) would both have to be amended or revoked. There is presently no information available as to when this precisely will occur and the Premier has indicated that the changes would be contingent on the general trend of health indicators continuing to improve. The College has not received any information from the Government other than that what has been widely reported. If such information is received we will immediately circulate it to members. In conclusion Members should not be opening offices to non-urgent care until the appropriate amendments to the Directive and Closure Order has been made.

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