



To: SCO Membership

From: Arlene Miller, SCO Vice President & NIRO Representative

Date: May 11, 2021

Re: Opticians to continue to follow safety protocols after vaccination phases

As the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) work diligently at ensuring Saskatchewan residents receive their vaccinations, I would like to remind all licensed members to remain vigilant in practicing all safety protocols. The SHA urges everyone to continue following public health measures and personal safety precautions, even after receiving the first doses of the vaccine. The administering of second doses has not commenced yet (bookings will start to commence May 17 for anyone 85 and older or anyone who received their first dose before February 15), and therefore public health measures will remain in place.

Please remember that our primary mandate is to serve and protect the public. The College would like to remind its members that regardless of this pandemic, it is your responsibility to ALWAYS carry out proper hygiene and infection control as outlined in our <u>Standards of Practice</u>. As a licensed member, it is your responsibility to provide safe and ethical care to the public in compliance with the standards of your profession, and with the recommendations and public health orders implemented by the MOH and SHA during this pandemic.

Please continue to ensure the safety of the public and yourselves. We will successfully endure these challenging times together!

- Public Health Measures
- COVID-19 Vaccine

#13 – 350 - 103rd Street East, Saskatoon, SK. S7N 1Z1 Email: office@scoptic.ca Phone: 306-652-0769 Fax: 306-652-0784 www.scoptic.ca