



Toronto College[™]
of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries^{Inc.}

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

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RATIONALE FOR THESE GUIDELINES

The Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. (TCDHA) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, faculty, clients and guests. TCDHA will work within both provincial and local health guidelines in regards to the reopening plans in Ontario and will remain updated on all changing policies and procedures.

Any students, staff, faculty, clients and/or guests experiencing potential COVID-19 related symptoms cannot enter the building. For more information on COVID-19, please review the following options:

- Visit Telehealth Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-medical-advice-telehealth-ontario>
- Visit a physical assessment site close to you
- Virtual visit with a physician or nurse
- Take the Ministry of Ontario Covid-19 self-assessment: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- If you have questions related to COVID 19 testing and isolation guidelines, please call the Provincial Testing and Isolation Information line at 1-888-777-0730
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-health-measures-and-advice>



COVID-19 Symptoms

If you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below, assume that you may have the virus and may be contagious:

- Any one or more of:
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - decreased or loss of taste or smell
- Any two or more of:
 - runny nose or nasal congestion
 - headache
 - extreme fatigue
 - sore throat
 - muscle aches or joint pain
 - gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)

If you develop severe symptoms requiring medical attention, such as shortness of breath or chest pain, call 911 and inform them that you may have COVID-19.

What to Do: COVID-19

If Students, staff, faculty, clients and guests are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home to prevent transmission to others.

You should stay home until **all** of the following apply to you:

- Symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- You do not have a fever.
- You have not developed any additional symptoms.

Once symptoms have improved, please do the following for at least 10 days as extra protection against COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses:

- Wear a well-fitted mask in public settings.
- Avoid non-essential activities where you need to remove the mask.



- Avoid non-essential visits to anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness including visits to highest risk settings (hospitals or long-term care homes).

PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19

TCDHA has designed and implemented guidelines that are in place to protect students, staff, faculty, clients and guests upon arrival to the college.

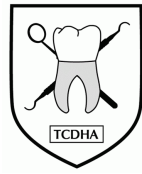
Client Entry:

- a. Students will ask their client pre-screening questions the night before the client's appointment. If a client says 'Yes' to any of the screening questions the student explains they cannot enter the college for their appointment and recommends they speak with their physician. If the client says 'No' to all of the questions they will be allowed to enter the college.
- b. Once inside they will go straight to the check-in desk and sanitize their hands.
- c. TCDHA has implemented Scattered entry for clients, ensuring that they do not all enter the clinic at the same time. The upstairs clinic starts 30 minutes after the downstairs clinic to ensure waiting areas following social distancing guidelines.
- d. Clients are also provided with a chair number to ensure they are brought directly to their correct chair. The monitor assisting with the clinic will come out and call their number to bring them inside.

Students, Staff, Faculty, Clients and Guests

All students, staff, faculty and guests must:

- a. Practice proper hand washing; techniques are posted on the washroom doors and hand sanitizer bottles are placed throughout the college. TCDHA has implemented a 'COVID-19 Response Hand Hygiene Protocol' manual explaining hand hygiene protocols along with *How to Wash Hands* and *How to Use Hand Rub*. This manual states that anyone entering the building must conduct proper ABHR (Alcohol Based Hand Rub; Hand Sanitizer).



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b. Practice Social Distancing when possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

TCDHA has implemented several cleaning procedures and staff use a combination of sanitization wipes and sprays to ensure all high touched areas (knobs, elevator buttons, desks and chairs) are cleaned regularly. If there is an increase in students in a designated area (ex. during final exams), surfaces (desk and chair) are wiped as soon as the student leaves the room.