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Covid-19 Guidelines for Optometrists in Nova Scotia

On May 23, 2023 the province of Nova Scotia has dropped the Health Protection Act which was initially brought into effect in the early days of the COVID pandemic. Mandatory vaccination and masking is no longer required, even in high risk settings. These settings are now responsible for developing their own policies.

In accordance, the NSCO is modifying our COVID guidelines. The NSCO no longer requires optometrists, staff or patients to wear masks. Individual offices may develop their own policies, however **the NSCO is not enforcing masking.**

Communication with patients is very important. Patients should be aware of office policies and clinics should try to accommodate patients who ask for additional precautions.

All members should continue to follow the public health recommendations and stay up to date on any changes.