
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON HEARINGS



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PROTOCOLS

This document outlines the protocols required of in-person participants attending CCO in-person hearings. In-person participants are required to comply with Ontario Government COVID-19 direction <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures#returning-to-our-plan-to-safely-reopen-ontario> and Ontario Regulation 364/20 <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>.

The only individuals permitted in the hearing room are those essential to the hearing:

- The panel
- Court reporter
- Lawyers for the member and the member
- Lawyers for CCO and the Registrar/General Counsel
- Independent legal counsel to the Discipline Committee
- Witnesses, if any

All other individuals must join via Zoom.

The following protocols must be followed for all in-person participants attending a CCO in-person hearing:

- All in-person participants must be fully vaccinated, unless they have a medical reason for not being fully vaccinated. A fully vaccinated individual is defined as any individual >14 days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (i.e., Johnson and Johnson).

If an in-person participant has a medical exemption for not being fully vaccinated, they must provide verification of a negative test result taken within 24 hours of the in-person hearing.

- All in-person participants must be actively screened for COVID-19 prior to in-person attendance, in accordance with the Ontario COVID-19 Customer Screening guidance https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer/?_ga=2.84744793.1970726615.1644842014-601665223.1622472110.

- All in-person participants must wear masks (K95 or higher grade) at all times, subject to the exceptions in Ontario Regulation 364/20, unless they are sitting and remain seated and are able to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from all other individuals.
- Transparent partitions will be placed in a manner to separate in-person participants.
- There will be HEPA filters running and hand sanitizer readily available in the hearing room.
- In-person participants must not move around or approach other individuals during the hearing.