



OAO Symposium and InfoMart, April 1 – 3, 2022

Know Before You Go - Duty of Care

Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) is excited to host the OAO Symposium and InfoMart 2022 as a live, in-person conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. This will be the first time we are coming together in three years.

This year's OAO Symposium and InfoMart, will be different from others. Not just because of the pandemic. We will also be meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The OAO Symposium will deliver the traditionally robust education program you have come to expect and a dynamic InfoMart trade show where you can reconnect with your suppliers. The destination will also enable us to offer unique and exciting social events and activities. Niagara Falls is the perfect location for us to come together again. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

The information outlined in this Duty of Care document is of vital importance for you and your safety. Please read the document thoroughly and be sure to check back regularly to keep up with evolving requirements to participate safely.

Duty of Care

The health and safety of everyone attending the conference including attendees, staff, volunteers, and suppliers is the top priority for OAO. As such, we are undertaking preventive measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at the OAO Symposium and InfoMart April 1 – 3, 2022, in accordance with COVID-19 regulations provided by the [Ontario Government](#) and guidelines provided by [Ontario Ministry of Health](#), local health authorities and the Niagara Falls Convention Centre (NFCC) and the Hilton host hotel along with and other venues offering extended social activities to delegates .

OAO will update this Duty of Care reflecting our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and comfort of those joining us at the conference.

Personal Accountability Commitment

We are committed to following government regulations and guidelines as they apply to the COVID-19 as well as the requirements of local health authorities and our suppliers. Additionally, we ask all those attending to follow the attendance requirements and help us host a safe and successful OAO Symposium and InfoMart 2022.

OAO Symposium attendees, speakers, event organizers and partners agree to engage safely which includes, but is not limited to; proof of full vaccination, contact tracing, health screening, wearing a face mask at all times in public areas, engaging in appropriate physical distancing and not attending the event if you are experiencing any [signs, symptoms](#) (including a



sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion), or have recently been exposed to, or diagnosed and not yet cleared by provincial health authorities as non-contagious with COVID-19.

OAO Vaccine Policy

OAO requires conference attendees (including delegates, speakers, vendors, OAO staff members and volunteers) to be fully vaccinated (in accordance with the [Ministry of Health](#)) against COVID-19, unless they have a medical exemption. All attendees will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination along with government-issued photo ID. Additionally, all attendees must wear a face mask and not be experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Conference Hotel

The Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites is our dedicated conference hotel with a special group rate for OAO Symposium attendees. The [Hilton StayClean Program](#) provides an overview of how they are preparing for your stay.

Group Transport by Bus:

Bus drivers will ensure their vehicles are sanitized between and well-ventilated during trips. Please be sure to sanitize your hands before boarding and wear a mask at all times. Drinking and eating is not allowed while on the buses.

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