

CDC Updates on COVID-19

The Florida Optometric Association respects the physician-patient relationship. However, the FOA wishes to provide you with current resources for COVID-19 information in this rapidly changing healthcare environment. Please review the checklist for physicians as provided in the CDC update as well.

[Click here for the CDC Update as of March 16, 2020.](#)

Furthermore, the CDC has, since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, recommended that routine eye exams be postponed. This is not a recommendation to close offices but to prioritize patient visits in order of essential medical visits versus routine care for dental and vision providers.

Public Health Reminder from the CDC:

Healthcare facilities and clinicians should prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The following actions can preserve staff, personal protective equipment, and patient care supplies; ensure staff and patient safety; and expand available hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Delay all elective ambulatory provider visits
- Reschedule elective and non-urgent admissions
- Delay inpatient and outpatient elective surgical and procedural cases
- Postpone routine dental and eyecare visits

[Tools](#) and [resources](#) exist as part of healthcare system preparedness plans and are often referred to as Pandemic Plans. Consult your state or local health department about specific plans for your community.



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