

# Frequently Asked Questions

To further support RDTs, the College has created another list of frequently asked questions below:

## **How do I register for the COVID-19 vaccination?**

The College has created the following webpage to provide our members with vaccination updates and information. All information was provided to us by public health units: <https://cdto.ca/covid-19-vaccination-information-for-dental-technologists/>

Please visit this page regularly for the latest updates on vaccination roll-out plans.

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## **Do I still need to wear PPE after being vaccinated?**

Yes, you need to continue wearing PPE and follow public health advice even after you are immunized, as outlined in [Return to Practice Guidance for RDTs](#). At this time, we are unaware whether vaccinated people can spread the virus or not. It is important to note that some individuals are unable to receive a vaccine and thus, are less protected (e.g., children not of an age, those allergic to an ingredient in an available vaccine, immunocompromised individuals, etc.). Studies are underway to determine the effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing asymptomatic infection and reducing the transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, it is critical that everyone continues to adhere to public health measures to keep the community safe.

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## **Can the daily record of screening results and other required information outlined in the [Return to Practice Guidance for RDTs](#) be maintained electronically?**

Yes, RDTs are permitted to maintain the required records in an electronic format and must comply with all related requirements, particularly with respect to accuracy, authenticity, and privacy of personal and patient health information. [Personal Health Information Protection Act \(PHIPA\), 2004](#) sets out these duties.

RDTs who convert their paper records to electronic formats should save the scanned copies in “read-only” format to prevent alteration. The paper records may only be destroyed after ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the electronic copies (i.e., no loss of information). The paper records must be destroyed in a secure manner that prevents anyone from accessing, discovering, or otherwise obtaining the information (i.e., shredding, complete electronic destruction).

## **Additional Resources:**

Personal Health Information Privacy Act -Explanatory Note

[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/phipa/bill\\_159.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/phipa/bill_159.pdf)

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<https://www.ipc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/phipa-faq.pdf>