



THE COLLEGE OF  
OPTOMETRISTS

## Press Release

For immediate release

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, ABDO and the College of Optometrists confirm that the current clinical advice to deliver essential / urgent / emergency eyecare only remains in place and to fully utilise remote consultations to provide support to the public in the first instance. Routine sight tests continue to be suspended until further notice.

We request that all practitioners continue to adhere to each nations' guidance on the provision of eyecare services.

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### Notes to Editors

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2. ABDO represents over 6000 qualified dispensing opticians in the United Kingdom. Registered office, 199, Gloucester Terrace, London W2 6LD.
3. About the College of Optometrists  
The College is the professional body for optometry. It qualifies the profession and delivers the guidance and training to ensure optometrists provide the best possible care. We promote excellence through the College's affixes, by building the evidence base for optometry, and raising awareness of the profession with the public, commissioners, and health care professionals.
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