



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

## Information for Council Meeting Observers

### Mandate of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario

The Council is responsible for operating, managing and administering its statutory obligations under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, (RHPA)* and the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*, to regulate the profession of naturopathy in the public interest.

### Guidelines for Observers Attending a Virtual Council Meeting

1. Council meetings are open to the public. However, the public may be excluded from any Council meeting or part of a meeting pursuant to section 7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code.
2. Individuals attending as observers are requested to:
  - Turn off or mute all electronic devices;
  - Refrain from recording proceedings by any electronic means;
  - Ensure that your audio is on mute for the duration of the virtual meeting;
  - Stop streaming video so that only Council members are visible to the Council;
  - Avoid using of any of the virtual meeting features such as chat, reactions, etc.;
  - Do not engage in conversation with the Council or any part of its discussion and do not display any disruptive behaviour;
  - Respect that observers are not allowed to participate in debate of any matter before or ask any questions of the Council; and
  - Respect the authority of the presiding officer.

### Important Notes

The College reserves the right to remove any observer from a Council meeting if these guidelines are not met. Once removed, you are prohibited from returning to the meeting.

On July 29, 2020, the Council will go in-camera pursuant to Paragraph (d) of Section 7(2) of the Code. During this time, all observers will be returned to the “waiting room” until the Council completes its in-camera discussions. When Council returns, observers who remain in the waiting room will be returned to the meeting.