

# COVID-19 OCULAR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE: SYNOPSIS 16

The COVID-19 pandemic began in December and has affected people in nearly every country in the world. We provide a summary of ocular-related associations with COVID-19 in the literature, and we plan to update this as we become aware of new manuscripts. Thus far, it appears that approximately 1-5% of COVID-19 patients experience conjunctivitis and very few COVID-19 patients exhibit virus in their tears.

**Minocha A, Sim SY, et al. Survey of ophthalmology practitioners in A&E on current COVID-19 guidance at three major UK eye hospitals. Royal College of Ophthalmologists. 2020**

- Letter to Editor
- Survey completed by 80 ophthalmologists, 11 optometrists, 8 nurses, and 1 healthcare assistant
- 80% felt at high risk of COVID-19 transmission at work
- 55% felt they did not have appropriate guidance from Public Health England
- 79% did not have any training on using PPE
- Conclusion: "Our survey demonstrates a lack of confidence in and understanding of COVID-19 PHE guidance amongst ophthalmic practitioners, together with significant anxiety regarding exposure risk in the ophthalmic setting."



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