



Dear Fellow Optician,

As you know, our licenses will expire on December 31, 2020. As you also probably know, by Board rule a maximum of five of the twenty required CE hours are allowed to be taken as out-of-classroom hours.

Despite the fact that I have petitioned the Board of Opticianry to allow for all out-of-classroom hours for at least this biennium, they have failed to act. I have also petitioned the Governor to extend the renewal period, but he has yet to do so.

Therefore, I had to make a decision to present our live seminars or not. I postponed three events that were originally scheduled for March and April, but decided to resume them beginning with our Gainesville seminar that was held on May 17. All our attendees and instructors wore masks, maintained social distancing as much as possible, and everyone treated one another with respect and consideration. We will be holding our seminars in meeting rooms that are designed to hold twice the expected attendance, and sit in chairs. No tables.

Moving forward and until further notice, all attendees will be required to:

- Sign the affidavit regarding symptoms and the waiver of liability forms which appear below. Please print them and fill them out and bring with you the morning of the seminar. If you do not have the capacity to print them, blank forms will be available at the door.
- Have his/her temperature taken prior to admittance. Anyone with a temperature above 99.8° F will not be admitted.
- Wear masks in the seminar room.
- Maintain social distancing.
- If you cannot adhere to the above requirements, or if you would be more comfortable attending an event later in the renewal period anywhere in the state, the fees you paid to attend will be applied to a future event.

Thank you for your consideration, compliance, and understanding in these challenging times we find ourselves in. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Anthony Record, Director
Optical Seminars, Inc.



By attending today's continuing education event, I affirm the following:

- I have taken my temperature within the last eight hours, and it is 100.00°F or less.

I also affirm that I have not experienced any of these symptoms within the last 14 days. Please check one at a time:

- Fever or chills
- Dry cough or difficulty breathing
- Stomach troubles like diarrhea, cramps, or feeling sick to your stomach
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- I also affirm that I have not experienced any symptoms that are unusual for me in the last 14 days, and am now symptom free because I took medicine to ease the symptoms

(Signature of Participant)

(Date)



Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. Optical Seminars has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.

Further, attending the seminar could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the seminar and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the seminar may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, speakers, hotel employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the seminar. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Optical Seminars, its speakers, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Optical Seminars, its speakers, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Optical Seminars event.

(Signature of Participant)

(Date)