



**Optometry Day at the Statehouse  
April 5, 2017  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is the agenda for the event? What is my time commitment for the day?**

**A:** Optometry's Day at the Statehouse is designed with flexibility in mind. The OOA has reserved the Columbus Athenaeum in downtown Columbus for the entire day. A legislative briefing including a review of priority issues, discussion of tips for meeting with legislators and a question and answer session will take place at approximately 9am then repeated at noon. You are free to schedule your meetings with legislators at a time convenient to you but are encouraged to attend at least one of the sessions prior to your meetings. The Athenaeum will be available to you all day. A summary of the event is as follows:

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| 8:30am       | Registration Opens   |
| 9:00am       | Legislative Briefing for those with early meetings           |
| 9:30am       | Training for new attendees                                   |
| Morning      | Meetings with Legislators                                    |
| 11:30-1:00pm | Lunch and Legislative Briefing for those with later meetings |
| Afternoon    | Meetings with Legislators                                    |

**Q: What is the suggested attire for the event?**

**A:** Business professional dress is recommended for meetings with legislative offices. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged as it is a half mile walk from the Athenaeum to the Riffe Center.

**Q: How should I prepare for my meetings with legislative offices?**

**A:** The OOA will make sure that you are well-prepared to deliver an effective message to policymakers. In advance of the event, the OOA will send you detailed talking points on our priority legislative issues we will be asking you to discuss with legislators. Additionally, the OOA will hold a conference call on **Monday, April 3** that will give you a preview on what you can expect during your meetings, provide a legislative briefing and provide tips on how best to deliver your message to policymakers. The OOA lobbying team will also hold two legislative briefings the day of the event to provide additional instruction.

**Q: Should I bring anything to my meetings with legislators?**

**A:** The OOA will have leave behind materials for legislative offices at the registration desk for you to hand out during your meetings. Additionally, it is recommended that you bring business cards to provide to legislative offices should they have questions or need information after your meetings.

**Q: Will there be food and beverages available?**

**A:** Beverages and food, including a lunch buffet, will be available throughout the day at the Columbus Athenaeum and is included in registration.

**Q: Where should I go?**

The Columbus Athenaeum: 32 N Fourth St, Columbus, Oh 43215, Columbus, OH 43215  
We recommend parking at the [4th & Elm Parking Garage](#)

**Additional questions**

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