

# Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee November 20, 2020

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# **COVID-19: Current State**

Case Counts

Hospitalizations

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Outbreaks



### **COVID 19 and Persons with Disabilities**

#### Sociodemographic Information:

Collaboration with partners to collect data retrospectively

# COVID – 19 Operations

#### Hotline and Case and Contact Management examples:

- Provide COVID-19 test results,
- Consult and refer clients to services and resources in the community where people reside,
- Ensure an adequate number of accessible rooms at Toronto Voluntary Isolation Centre.



# **COVID – 19 Stakeholder Engagement**

 Community Outreach Rapid Response Team e.g. outreach to community agencies

- Consult and provide advice on COVID-19 guidelines to create adaptive and inclusive programs
  - Community Organizations
  - City Services and Schools



### **COVID-19 Communication Activities**

Publish advice for specific needs

Create infographics

Provide ASL interpreters

Ensure accessible website



# **COVID-19 Health Equity Action Plan**

 Contribute to the City of Toronto Health Equity Action Plan

 Advocate for Provincial Health Equity Action Plan





## **Advocacy to Health System Partners**

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- Advocate for:
  - Options for COVID-19 testing to homebound individuals
  - Accessibility of COVID-19 Assessment Centres
  - Testing options for individuals with medical complexities

# Closing Remarks

Knowing the need there is in our community, we know there is more that we can do and more that we can encourage other partners to do.

We look forward to learning and working with you.