



REPORT FOR ACTION

Response to COVID-19: Persevering Through Resurgence

Date: November 4, 2020

To: Board of Health

From: Medical Officer of Health

Wards: All

SUMMARY

On November 3, 2020, the Ontario Government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, released the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#). It ensures that public health measures are targeted, incremental and responsive to help limit the spread of COVID-19, while keeping schools and businesses open, maintaining health system capacity and protecting vulnerable people, including those in long-term care.

An updated report on COVID-19 will be provided prior to the November 16, 2020 Board of Health meeting. This report will provide an update on the Province's new framework, highlight Toronto's COVID-19 activity, including vaccination campaigns, and highlight key research findings about mental health and COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On October 19, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a report and presentation to the Board of Health on the Response to COVID-19: Response to Resurgence. <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL22.1>

On September 21, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a report and presentation to the Board of Health on the Response to COVID-19: Reopening and Preparations for a Potential Resurgence.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL20.1>

On July 26, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a Supplementary Report to City Council on Establishing a COVID-19 Isolation Site.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL18.1>

On July 2, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a report and presentation to the Board of Health on an update regarding COVID-19.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL18.1>

On June 8, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a report and presentation to the Board of Health regarding the City of Toronto's COVID-19 Response and Recovery.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL17.1>

On May 7, 2020, the Medical Officer of Health delivered a presentation at a special meeting of the Board of Health.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.HL16.2>

COMMENTS

This report will provide an update on the following topics:

- Status of Pandemic Resurgence
- Summary of the Ontario Government's new response framework, "Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework"
- Long-Term Care Home Response during Resurgence
- Public Health Measures and Testing in Response to Resurgence
- Health Effects of COVID-19
- Update on Safe Reopening of Toronto Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-out
- Respiratory Virus Season in Toronto

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