

SCS Closures and TPH Response

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Board of Health

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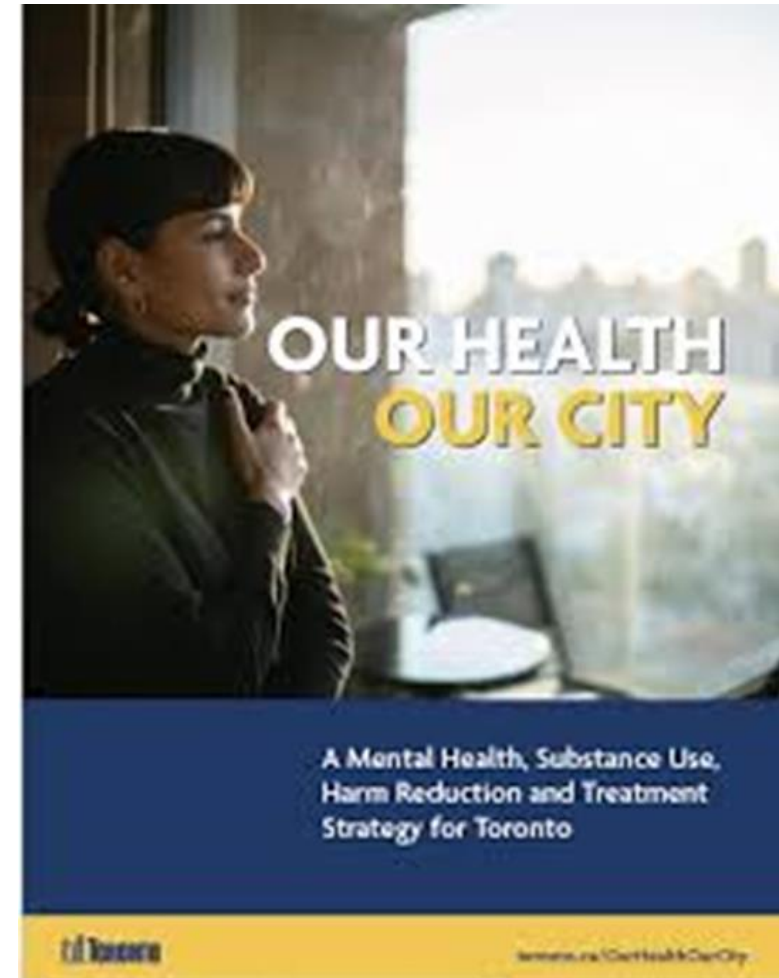


Drug toxicity epidemic

- Between 2015 and 2023, approximately 3,400 people died of opioid-related toxicity in Toronto
- In 2024: Toronto Paramedic Services attended 4,302 calls for suspected opioid overdoses
- In 2023:
 - Toronto's supervised consumption site (SCS) staff responded to 2,296 overdoses and supported 94,872 client visits (across 10 sites); and,
 - Emergency departments received 2,941 visits and 456 hospitalizations due to opioid poisoning at Toronto hospitals.
- In 2023, 26 percent of accidental opioid deaths in Toronto were among people experiencing homelessness

Our Health, Our City

- [Our Health, Our City](#) is the City of Toronto's comprehensive strategy to reduce substance use related harms and promote mental health and well-being
- The Strategy offers a range of recommended actions across seven strategic goals
- An Implementation Panel provides advice to support the implementation of the strategy



TPH's supervised consumption site

- While other supervised consumption sites in the city can continue to operate as the court considers the Charter challenge, Toronto Public Health's supervised consumption services will close effective April 1, 2025, due to the sale of the building

Toronto Public Health harm reduction work will continue

- TPH is committed to reducing drug-related harms, preventing the spread of communicable diseases, and supporting the health and well-being of people who use drugs and the wider community.
- TPH's harm reduction service model is concentrating on providing on-the-ground community support through outreach teams that meet clients where they are.

Toronto Public Health's Harm Reduction Services

Ongoing Programs	Description
Street and Mobile Van Outreach	Distribute harm reduction supplies, including naloxone, and connect clients to services offered at the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub
Harm Reduction Supply Distribution for Partners	Distribute harm reduction supplies to agencies, including naloxone
Harm Reduction Supply and Naloxone Training	Support community training needs including recognizing, preventing, and responding to an overdose, harm reduction training and safer sharps disposal
Drug Alerts	Issue drug alerts through TPH's regular communication channels
Downtown Community Outreach Response and Engagement (CORE) Team	Street outreach-based pilot program operates in the Yonge-Dundas area throughout 2025

Supervised Consumption Sites- Service Reductions

- On December 4, 2024, the Government of Ontario passed the Community Care and Recovery Act, 2024, which introduced new requirements for operating supervised consumption service (SCS) sites and Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) sites
- Five SCS sites open to the public in Toronto would be impacted by this legislation
- SCS closures could reduce access to an evidence-based clinical health care service, leading to a potential increase in preventable fatal and non-fatal overdoses
- TPH has been convening partners to prepare for and respond to these service reductions

Court Application

- On December 9, 2024, a Notice of Application was issued in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice challenging the constitutionality of the Community Care and Recovery Act.
- On January 20, 2025, the Board of Health authorized the City Solicitor to seek leave to intervene on behalf of the Board.
- The City Solicitor on behalf of the Board submitted written arguments, focusing on the impacts and constitutionality of the Community Care and Recovery Act.
 - Oral arguments were heard in court on March 24 and 25, 2025
- On March 28, 2025, an injunction was granted
 - This means that all existing Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs) in Ontario can remain open until 30 days after the release of the final decision on the Application.

Informing the community about service changes

- Educate residents on what to do if they encounter someone experiencing an overdose
- Encourage residents to take online naloxone training
- Inform people where to seek services (e.g., street outreach before and after closure, flyer, signage)
- Provide health care workers information on where clients will be re-directed

TAKE FREE ONLINE TRAINING. GET A FREE KIT.



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IMPORTANT UPDATE
We're moving out April 1, 2025

Toronto Public Health programs & services will no longer be available at this location. The Works will be moving its services and will no longer offer supervised consumption services.

WHERE TO GO?

Supervised Consumption Services:

- Street Health (338 Dundas St. E.)
- Fred Victor (139 Jarvis St.)
- Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (1229 Queen St. W.)

Drug Checking Sites:

- Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (1229 Queen St. W.)
- Moss Park of South Riverdale Community Health Centre (134 Sherbourne St.)
- Street Health (338 Dundas St. E.)

TPH harm reduction services will be available through outreach teams.

We're Here to Help:

toronto.ca/SubstanceUse
416-338-7600

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Service Update
NOTICE

As of April 1, 2025, Toronto Public Health (TPH) programs and services will no longer be available at 277 Victoria Street, including supervised consumption services.

Harm reduction supplies (bustions, needles) exchanged are available through TPHs on the ground outreach teams.

Service operating hours may change without notice.

LEGEND

- 277 Victoria Street
- Healthy Services
- Offers Drug Checking
- Harm Reduction Supplies
- Needle Drop Box Locations (See list on page 2)

SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SERVICES (SCS):

- 1 The Victor Centre & SCS 260 Dundas St. E. Phone: 416-338-7600
- 2 Fred Victor 139 Jarvis St. Health services/harm reduction SCS Hours: 7 days a week - 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
- 3 Street Health 338 Dundas St. East Monday - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Website: streethealth.ca
- 4 SCS Hours: Saturday - Closed Sunday - Closed
- 5 Change House (Street only) 11 Lubeca Street Phone: 416-338-7600 Website: changehouse.ca
- 6 Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (Public Use Only) 1229 Queen St. West Phone: 416-527-3465 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9 AM to 8 PM Wednesday - 1 PM to 8 PM Friday - 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday, Sunday - 10 AM to 8 PM

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS:

- 1 St. Michael's Hospital 3800 Sheppard Ave. E. Phone: 416-363-4000 Website: [stmichaelshospital.com](https://www.stmichaelshospital.com) Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
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HOUSING SUPPORT:

- 1 Central Intake Line Phone: 416-321-4514 or 1-877-338-5988 or 311 Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- 2 Intergovernmental & Community Services 123 Dundas Street East Phone: 416-364-2128 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- 3 Healthline 1-800-468-8827 (days a week)
- 4 Westside 416-527-3465
- 5 Community Health Services 25 Charles Street East Phone: 416-321-3628 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: Community Health Tuesday - 9 AM to 3 PM Community Senior Thursday - 9 AM to 3 PM Health Clinic Tuesday, Thursday - 9 AM to 3 PM and 1 PM to 5 PM

ALL Health Centres:

- 1 All South Centres 315 Dundas Street East Phone: 416-360-7300 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM Wednesday - 10:30 AM to 3 PM (drop-in service)
- 2 Trillium Health Centres 442 Dundas Street East Phone: 1-866-977-0827 or 311 Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- 3 Regent Park Community Health Centre 442 Dundas Street East Phone: 416-364-2128 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday - 12 PM to 4 PM Friday - 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- 4 St. Lawrence Health Centres 333 Sheppard Avenue East Phone: 416-324-4300 Website: toronto.ca/overdose-response Hours: Monday to Wednesday - 9 AM to 5 PM Thursday - 9 AM to 3 PM and 4 PM to 6 PM Friday - 9 AM to 3 PM Saturday - 9 AM to 3 PM (for registered clients)

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5 STEP OVERDOSE RESPONSE

STEP 1 SHOUT & SHAKE
their name their shoulders

STEP 2 CALL 911
if unresponsive

STEP 3 ADMINISTER NALOXONE
1 spray into a nostril and/or 1 ampule into arm or leg

STEP 4 START CPR

STEP 5 IS IT WORKING?
If NO improvement in 2-3 minutes repeat steps 3 & 4

STAY WITH THE PERSON
Clean your hands after providing care

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