

Update on COVID-19

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Members' Lounge, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W

Good afternoon.

All aspects of EOC operations continue on a 24/7 basis, to ensure that both critical and essential services are being provided without interruption.

Further to my update yesterday, our personal protective equipment levels continue to remain stable today. We are working with our City partners in Technology Services on the development of a comprehensive city-wide PPE management portal and dashboard in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an incredible tool that has been built and launched to meet our needs during these unprecedented times. I would like to both acknowledge and thank our Technology Services team, along with our EOC and Purchasing and Materials Management teams for collaborating to develop this leading-edge tool. We expect to formally launch this tool later this week.

Shortly after 8:00 last night, our fire, paramedic and police services responded to a residential fire, in a detached bungalow, located at 371 Rathburn Road, just east of Highway 427. The fire was quickly controlled by our crews, without spread to the neighbouring homes.

During search and rescue operations, one female occupant was located inside the residence and was immediately rescued and transferred to the care of Toronto Paramedics. Unfortunately, I am sad to report that we later received word that she passed away as a result of her injuries.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family, friends and all those impacted by this tragic fire. As always, a comprehensive investigation into the origin, cause and circumstances of the fire is now underway, in collaboration with Toronto Police and the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the two leading causes of fires in Toronto are unattended cooking and careless smoking.

Please ensure that you never leave your cooking unattended and, if you must smoke indoors, that you do so safely and safely discard your smoker's materials.

Never smoke in bed.

Please take this opportunity to ensure that you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and that you have tested them to ensure that they are in good working order.

Also, please ensure that you have a working CO alarm in your home and that it has also been tested.

As a city, we continue to provide the essential and critical services that our residents both need and rely on each and every day in Toronto.

Please continue to make [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) your first source of information relating to city services and all COVID-19 related information.

Thank you.

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