

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

**April 20, 2020 at 3:45 p.m.**

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

Good afternoon.

Our emergency operations centre continues to operate 7 days per week, ensuring that both critical and essential services are being provided without interruption. I extend my sincere thanks for their tireless work each day.

At present, our personal protective equipment levels remain stable, and our team continues to work hard to source the equipment that we need on a go-forward basis. I expect to provide additional PPE updates later this week.

I am also pleased to report that the supervised injection site at 277 Victoria St, also known as The Works, re-opened on Saturday. Our team in the emergency operations centre worked very closely with Toronto Public Health, and other City partners, to ensure that this facility was able to reopen and is able to operate in a safe and effective manner.

The current construction on Victoria Street, and the installation of the construction fencing in the area, required the development of a comprehensive operational plan that took into account the health and safety of both our clients and our staff at the site

Clients can now attend The Works Supervised Injection Site between the hours of 1:30 PM and 8: 00 PM, from Monday to Saturday and between 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Sundays. These services are accessible by appointment only, and will be provided from within 2 private booths, in 30 minute appointment increments.

Prioritizing the continued operation of this site, is part of the City's continuing efforts to ensure that our most vulnerable residents are being cared for during the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency operations centre is finalizing a number of proactive contingency plans for high water levels in Lake Ontario and I will provide additional updates on these plans later this week.

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. I am proud of every member of our City of Toronto team who continues to work hard in support of our residents each day.

As always, I remind everyone that [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) is the best source for reliable and timely information on COVID-19 in Toronto.

Thank you.

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