

Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

This week is Police Week in Ontario.

Since 1970, we have taken pause during this week to thank & acknowledge our police officers for their dedicated service. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank Chief Saunders and each of the women and men of the Toronto Police Service for all that they do to keep us safe each day.

Today, as you know, curbside pick-up for retailers was launched across the City.

The EOC, working with Toronto Public Health and local BIAs, developed guidelines to help ensure public and employee safety. These are available on [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) for anyone who would like to access them.

This is new for everyone, and I want to thank the public and businesses for their cooperation and understanding as we work through all of this. We are monitoring and adapting where necessary.

As more parts of the city slowly begin to reopen, whatever the model, the EOC will help ensure we are in a strong position to implement a plan that best fits Toronto's needs. We can learn from other jurisdictions, but each is, of course, unique, so Toronto will build on the learnings of others.

We will continue to create our own plans – each under the guidelines of Toronto Public Health.

As I have said many times here, the Toronto Public Service has been here for Torontonians from the very beginning of this pandemic.

We know that the TTC, Solid Waste, Toronto Water, Shelters, Long-Term Care homes, and first responders have continued to meet the needs of the city.

But there are others within the City family that work behind-the-scenes to ensure we function efficiently and effectively.

This includes:

- Finance;
- Technology Services;
- Facilities;
- Our administrative support staff;
- And Toronto Community Housing staff – Canada’s largest landlord who are doing everything they can to ensure their residents are well looked after.

The response to COVID-19 in Toronto continues to be both a sprint and a marathon.

We will continue to ensure things like PPE are actively monitored and that we always have an eye toward the immediate short-term needs, while also ensuring that we are planning for the long-term.

As we adapt and evolve our response to the pandemic, please check back frequently at toronto.ca/covid19 for the latest developments from the City of Toronto.

Thank you.

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