

Update on COVID-19

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Good afternoon.

All aspects of EOC operations are continuing and our teams are doing an extraordinary job of ensuring that critical and essential city services are being provided without interruption. Today, I have been asked to provide an update with respect to our personal protective equipment levels.

Our PPE inventory levels continue to remain stable although we are seeing increased PPE consumption rates in both Paramedic Service and Long Term care. This is as a result of increased demand and in response to some recent protocol changes relating to the use of both N95 respirators and face shields.

I am pleased to report that our recent delivery of face shields has successfully gone through our increased verification and quality assurance process, and we have now placed 45,000 face shields into active inventory. We also have more on order.

Our present PPE inventory levels, based on current consumption rates are as follows:

- 19 day supply of N-95 respirators;
- 509 day supply of surgical masks;
- 264 day supply of isolation gowns; and
- 20 day supply of face shields

The City is continuing to source and manage PPE in support of our continuing response to COVID-19.

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.

For example, our City's Fleet Services team has been and continues to be hard at work through-out the pandemic.

Fleet services increased operational capacity in maintenance, fuel management and support services to ensure that our front line workers are able to continue to deliver essential and critical services, both safely and effectively.

They also continue to support the work of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration by providing vehicles, drivers and training to facilitate the essential transfers of clients.

And, they led the design of physical distancing solutions for City vehicles and supported the design and execution of operational strategies for food banks and other community partners' services with the support of various partners and stakeholders.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our division-specific fleet and mechanical maintenance services that are also supporting essential services around the clock. This includes the Fire Services, Paramedic Services, Police Service and TTC vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair teams.

It is important to acknowledge the great work of all City Divisions and Agencies throughout this response. I have the privilege of witnessing the continuous collaboration and innovation that is at the forefront of the City's public service during these unprecedented times.

In closing, 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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