

Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

As you know, managing the supply and inventory of PPE during COVID-19 has been very challenging.

We continue to deal with significant global supply chain issues in response to the extraordinary demand for PPE around the world.

I am very proud of the exceptional work that our team has done, and continues to do, in order to ensure that we have the supply of PPE that our frontline workers require.

Our present PPE inventory levels, based upon our current consumption rates, which remain consistent this week, are as follows:

- We have a 15 day supply of N-95 respirators;
- A 751 day supply of surgical masks;
- A 245 day supply of isolation gowns;
- And a 20 day supply of face shields.

You will note that our supply of N-95 respirators stands at 15 days.

We have a number of PPE orders that have been placed and we are awaiting delivery of those items.

Should delivery be delayed such that we deplete our current inventory, we have contingency plans in place that include deploying our pandemic stockpile of N-95 respirators.

PPE is being monitored on a daily basis and we will continue to proactively manage this ever-evolving situation.

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.

Our EOC continues to operate 7 days per week, ensuring that both critical and essential services are being provided without interruption.

The Strategic Command team continues to convene on a daily basis, ensuring that clear strategic direction is being provided and that issues that arise are well coordinated and addressed without delay. Today is the 64th day of continuous EOC operations in Toronto.

As additional retailers continue to open in our City, I am pleased to advise that, once again, we have not received any complaints relating to curbside pickup operations in Toronto.

Our CurbTO team, led by our Transportation Services Division and in collaboration with our Emergency Operations Centre, are also hard at work to ensure safe and effective physical distancing on our streets.

Staff continue to install various interventions, including Curb Lane Pedestrian and Temporary Parking Pick-Up Zones, and have successfully implemented 49 installations to date with over 200 additional requests currently under consideration.

A couple of examples of successful CurbTO interventions include:

The Yonge Street Mission, at Parliament and Gerrard Street East, was exploring options to provide better physical distancing for clients waiting to access their Food Bank.

Staff worked with the Mission, and the local Councillor, to quickly accommodate with a curb lane closure on the north side of Gerrard Street East.

Additionally, a Food Basics store at Lansdowne Avenue and Dupont Street was concerned about the potential for long line-ups, on a narrow sidewalk, with a number of pieces of street furniture present. Staff implemented a solution for a north side curb lane closure, including the installation of three asphalt ramps to ensure continued accessibility.

I thank each of our residents, business owners and everyone in our City for continuing to respect these very important public health guidelines. As the weather gets nicer, I encourage everyone to stay the course to ensure we stop the spread of COVID-19.

We are truly all in this together.

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

Thank you.

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