

Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

During yesterday's update, I provided some information relating to our current PPE inventory, as well as some information pertaining to our PPE pandemic reserve stockpile.

I would like to provide some additional information relating to our pandemic reserve stockpile. At present, we have an approximate 220 day reserve inventory of N-95 respirators and a 120 day reserve inventory of surgical masks in our PPE reserve stockpile, based upon our current consumption rates.

This reserve stockpile is non-current inventory that has been maintained for use in the event that our current inventory stock levels are unable to be maintained.

This is done in accordance with Provincial guidelines and in collaboration with our joint occupational health and safety committees.

We have robust processes in place to manage both current and reserve PPE inventories and the work of our PPE task force continues daily.

We continue to deal with significant global supply chain issues in response to the extraordinary demand for PPE around the world. We have a number of PPE orders that have been placed and we are awaiting delivery of those items.

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.

In response to the announcements made by the Province of Ontario earlier this afternoon we are now developing the plans that are required in order for Toronto to respond. This work will continue around the clock.

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 65th 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.

I thank each of our residents, business owners and everyone in our City for continuing to respect these very important public health guidelines.

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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