

Update on COVID-19
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- Thank you Mayor Tory and good afternoon. Today there are 54 new COVID-19 infections in Toronto. I am encouraged to see this number continuing to decline. I am also pleased to share that to date, 11,611 people have recovered, an increase of 110 since yesterday. For more detailed data on the status of COVID-19 cases in our city, I encourage you to visit our website
- We have continued to see a steady decrease in our local COVID-19 cases and I'm encouraged by this good news which is the result of your continued efforts. Your continued physical distancing and diligent hand washing are helping us to move forward. For this, I am truly grateful to all of you.
- On another positive note, our COVID-19 monitoring dashboard was updated today and it shows our 7-day moving average of new cases has hit the goal of 14 days of consecutive decline. With this achievement, the virus spread and containment section of our dashboard has now been updated from a yellow to a green status!
- While the lab testing indicators show improvement, further progress is still needed in this area and as such our overall status remains yellow. However, given that we are at our goal for three out of four indicator categories, we should soon be able to join other communities across the province in stage 2 of reopening our city. But our continued progress rests on you and your actions to keep us going forward.
- There are many things we can all do to continue building on our progress towards safely moving forward to stage 2. The simplest actions you can take are to continue washing your hands frequently, continue practising physical distancing, and to stay within your social circle when going outside to enjoy the nice weather. This means essentially continuing to follow all of the advice we have been providing to you over the past several weeks.

- Another action you can take is to wear a cloth mask. I wear a cloth mask to protect you and I also strongly encourage you to wear one whenever you are in an indoor public space to protect those around you.
- So please, when you are at the grocery store, at the pharmacy, or taking public transit, please make sure you wear your cloth mask. More information on cloth masks is on our website.
- And finally, as we move towards stage 2 of reopening our city, and more people are mixing and moving around, the last action I'm asking you to take is to keep track of where you are when you are outside your home. Whether it is by using a mobile app, like the one announced yesterday, or keeping a log of where you have been by taking photos with your phone with your location settings on or by recording your activities in a daily log, or calendar, please take note. Should you be diagnosed with COVID-19, this information will help public health to quickly identify your close contacts and help us work together to stop virus spread and keep our residents safe.
- I know that we are all looking forward to getting our city back. At this time, based on our continued improvements on our dashboard indicators, we are clearly moving towards the next phase of reopening.
- If you are a business owner, operator or community organization that will reopen or resume service when we reach stage 2, I encourage you to review the guidance documents on our website to prepare your setting.
- In closing, last but certainly not least, with Father's Day this weekend, I would like to close by saying Happy Father's Day and offer my sincere thanks to all fathers, fathers to be and father figures in our city. I hope that you enjoy some time with your family and those in your social circle this weekend. And if you are outside of your social circle, please remember to practise physical distancing and please continue to take care of each other.