

Update on COVID-19

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Good afternoon.

I would like to start off this afternoon by acknowledging our amazing city, for the way in which the #JusticeForRegis and George Floyd protests were carried out this weekend.

These are important, yet very difficult conversations, and I am so proud that, once again, the City of Toronto chose a path of peaceful and safe demonstration as opposed to the violence and devastation that has been all too common around the world.

I would also like to thank our Toronto Police Service members, and my colleague – Police Chief Mark Saunders, for their continued professionalism and public service; clearly evident in the way they managed this weekend's protests in Toronto. 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.

As we are now entering the restart phase of COVID-19, I am directly connected with Saad Rafi, and the Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild team.

We are working together to ensure that responsible, robust and comprehensive restart plans are in place, that prioritize public health and safety while we work together to restart our City as very soon as possible.

Our emergency operations Centre continues to lead the response-related aspects of COVID-19 in Toronto, and continues to operate vital services such as the PPE task force.

Our EOC will continue to support the work of our Office of Recovery and Rebuild as we move through these unprecedented times.

I would like to take a moment to provide an update on recent enforcement operations in our Parks:

Over the past weekend, we received 189 complaints relating to non-compliance in parks and issued a total of 15 tickets.

Over the month of May, our enforcement team engaged with 7,275 residents by providing education on Provincial orders that include physical distancing, in addition to issuing 45 notices and 187 tickets.

In closing, I also want to acknowledge and thank every resident, business owner and everyone in our city who is being impacted as we do our very best to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As always, 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.