

Update on COVID-19

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Good afternoon.

Today is the 92nd day of continuous Emergency Operations Centre operations.

We continue to ensure that both critical and essential city services are being provided without interruption, as they have throughout the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

I am proud of every member of our team, who continues to work hard in support of our residents each day.

This afternoon, I will provide our weekly personal protective equipment update.

At present, our PPE levels remain stable, and our team continues to work hard to source the equipment that we need on a go-forward basis.

Our current PPE inventory levels are as follows:

- A 35 day supply of N-95 respirators;
- A 163 day supply of surgical masks;
- A 204 day supply of isolation gowns;
- A 135 day supply of face shields; and
- A 49 day supply of bloodborne pathogen resistant medical gloves.

Our pandemic reserve stockpile, which is in addition to the current inventory I outlined previously, is as follows:

- A 628 day supply of N-95 respirators; and
- A 740 day supply of surgical masks

As you know, managing PPE has been a constant challenge throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have encountered, and dealt with, numerous quality control and supply chain issues with items of PPE that we rely on.

We have implemented consumption mitigation measures for medical gloves until such time as our pending shipments arrive from the supplier.

I have been asked by a number of people as to why the inventory numbers fluctuate from day to day and from week to week.

As you know, we built and operate a comprehensive PPE management system that includes both live-time consumption rate and inventory count dashboard functionality.

The amount of PPE that is used from day to day, which we refer to as the PPE consumption rate, changes based upon emergency response volumes and varying levels of activity across many of our services.

As the consumption rates change from day to day and week to week, so do the corresponding number of days of current inventory that we report.

Likewise, as PPE is received and placed into inventory, our "Days of inventory" counts are automatically adjusted.

As we continue to transition from COVID-19 response to city restart, we are continuing to evolve and scale our processes and deployment models within the EOC.

Now that we are into the city service restart phase of operations, a number of lower-demand EOC services are being scaled to match demand.

The PPE Task Force continues to be one of the principal demand services operating within the emergency operations centre, and I expect that to continue as we lead the City through restart.

My teams, including the PPE task force, are continuing to support the Office of Recovery and Rebuild as they work with the various divisions and agencies to bring city services back online.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who continues to do their part to help us stop the spread of COVID-19.

As always, I remind everyone that toronto.ca/COVID19 is the best source for reliable and timely information on COVID-19 in Toronto.

Thank you.