

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

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

Good afternoon.

Effective this morning at 12:01 am, the City of Toronto has entered the Grey – Lockdown category of the Province of Ontario's COVID-19 response framework, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Since the announcement of these changes on Friday afternoon, our staff have been working around the clock to assess and modify service delivery models where necessary.

It is important to note that the City remains prepared to respond to emergencies throughout the lockdown period.

Emergency response service levels, by Toronto Police, Fire Services and Paramedic Services is not impacted and will continue without interruption.

Likewise, we will continue to provide the essential and critical services that our residents require, as we have throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City's coordinated enforcement teams were active all weekend, both proactively inspecting and enforcing the Provincial Regulations and Orders, as well as responding to complaints.

Over the course of the weekend, our enforcement teams inspected 44 restaurants and bars.

30 were found to be operating in compliance with the Regulations and Orders.

14 were found to be in violation, resulting in 5 charges being laid and 9 warning letters being issued.

We inspected 23 hookah lounges and 65 flea market vendors, resulting in 4 warning letters being issued.

Further, we inspected 113 personal service businesses, entertainment establishments and gyms.

I am pleased to advise that each of these 113 businesses were found to be operating in compliance with the Regulations and Orders.

We continued to actively patrol our beaches and parks this weekend, resulting in 33 charges being laid under the Trespass to Property Act for illegal activity on Toronto beaches and parks.

We extinguished 35 bonfires on Toronto beaches this weekend.

We responded to 106 complaints related to gatherings on private property over the course of the weekend.

47 of these were received via complaints submitted to 3-1-1 and the additional 59 were submitted directly to Toronto Police.

39 charges were laid as a result of these complaints.

I will provide you with a few examples of the situations being encountered by our enforcement teams.

On Friday night, Officers responded to a large gathering inside a storage unit on Trethewey Drive near Black Creek Drive.

As a result of the response to, and investigation of this incident, 1 charge was laid under the Reopening Ontario Act.

Also, on Friday night, Officers responded to a large gathering on Lawrence Avenue West in area of Allen Road.

As a result of the response to, and investigation of this incident, 15 charges were laid under the Reopening Ontario Act.

Finally, Officers responded to a large gathering on Saturday night in the Keele and Eglinton area.

As a result of the response to, and investigation of this incident, 1 charge was laid under the Reopening Ontario Act.

In closing, I am pleased to report that the work of our Immunization Task Force is continuing as a top priority for our City team.

We are continuing to work hard to ensure that we have comprehensive plans in place, such that we are ready to go once the Governments of Canada and Ontario make vaccines available for distribution.

I encourage everyone to continue to follow the advice of Toronto Public Health, and maintain compliance with the important public health measures as we do all we can, to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our city.

For details on the impacts to City services, in Toronto, that came into effect at 12:01 this morning, please access [toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) for the most accurate and up to date information.

Thank you.