

Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

As you know, from the outset of COVID-19 in Toronto, our teams have been responding to complaints that arise as a result of the various provisions of the Reopening Ontario Act.

The framework that was announced yesterday afternoon, by the Province of Ontario, includes a number of significant Regulatory amendments.

It also introduces a number of new restrictions and conditions that we will need to deal with on an ongoing basis.

As soon as we receive the final Regulations from the Province of Ontario, we will develop comprehensive plans for the implementation and enforcement of the specific restrictions, provisions and conditions contained within the new framework.

We are already convening our enforcement, legal and communications teams in order to begin to develop our amended response and enforcement strategy, in advance of receiving the revised Regulations.

As always, we remain directly connected with each of the City's divisions, agencies and corporations on a daily basis, and remain committed to ensuring that City services continue to be provided in a safe and effective manner, that meet the needs of our residents.

Toronto is home to roughly 7,500 restaurants, bars and nightclubs, in addition to many gyms and other facilities where people gather.

While responding to the revised restrictions and provisions, contained in the Provincial framework, will be a challenge, I am confident that our team will continue to respond quickly to these changes.

Our operational and enforcement plans will continue to prioritize public health and safety for all Torontonians.

We will provide additional updates and specifics in the coming days as we develop and finalize our revised plans.

Thank you.