

Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

Today is the 317th day of continuous Emergency Operations Centre operations.

Our EOC continues to operate, ensuring that both critical and essential services are being provided without interruption.

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

From the outset of COVID-19, our overarching incident management system priorities have remained unchanged: to save lives and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our city; and to prevent our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed.

These priorities continue to guide all that we do in planning for and responding to COVID-19.

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.

Based on current consumption rates, our PPE inventory levels are as follows:

- A **281** day supply of N-95 respirators;
- A **1,907** day supply of surgical masks;
- A **102** day supply of isolation gowns;
- A **573** day supply of face shields; and
- Between a **117** and **663** day supply of disposable gloves, depending on the specific model – as you can appreciate, we require a number of styles and sizes of gloves to meet the variety of needs on our frontlines.

At present, our emergency PPE reserve includes an inventory of both N-95 respirators and surgical masks.

Based on current consumption rates, our emergency PPE reserve inventory levels are as follows:

- A **1,782** day supply of N-95 respirators;
- A **2,535** day supply of surgical masks;

This emergency PPE reserve is maintained for use in the event that we are unable to maintain normal operating inventories.

The Province of Ontario provides the PPE required in order to operate COVID-19 immunization clinics, preventing the need for the City of Toronto to draw these items from our operating inventories.

The enforcement of public health-related Regulations continues to be a top priority for the City of Toronto since the outset of COVID-19.

Our coordinated enforcement teams have been working diligently to enforce the Regulations relating to COVID-19.

The City has taken formal enforcement action 1,991 times to date, in response to COVID-19.

Since our last update, and as a result of violations of the Reopening Ontario Act, 6 charges were laid and 45 notices were issued against owners/operators of retail stores, personal service settings, and an automobile detailing service.

Additionally, 9 charges were laid as a result of large gatherings on private property and in private residences.

I thank the vast majority of residents and businesses who continue to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our City.

The City also reminds residents that when using parks, to practise physical distancing and to always wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.

If an amenity like a tobogganing hill, playground or dog off-leash area is crowded, please wait until there is enough space to physically distance or return at another time.

I remind you that toronto.ca/covid19 remains the best and most credible source of information for city residents and businesses.

Thank you.