

Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

February 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Good afternoon.

Our coordinated enforcement teams continue to work diligently to enforce the Regulations relating to COVID-19.

The City has taken formal enforcement action more than 2,100 times to date.

This weekend, our enforcement officers continued to monitor compliance with the Reopening Ontario Act.

As a result, 3 charges were laid against the owner and operator of a cosmetic store.

Our officers also proactively inspected 236 bars and restaurants, with no violations being observed and no enforcement action being required.

Over the course of the weekend, our enforcement teams responded to 122 complaints related to large gatherings on private property and in private residences.

Following response and investigation by our Municipal law enforcement officers, and Toronto Police officers, 37 charges were laid.

This weekend, Toronto Police also responded to a number of protests, resulting in 6 charges being laid under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and a further 6 charges being laid under the Criminal Code.

I would like to extend my thanks to each of our enforcement officers who do their best to meet the challenges associated with COVID-19 regulations each day.

Finally, we are aware of a small number of businesses that have indicated their intent to open this Thursday, in contravention of the Provincial orders requiring them to remain closed.

The City's integrated enforcement team, including Municipal Licensing and Standards, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Police Officers are actively monitoring this situation and are prepared to respond as required.

We will take appropriate enforcement action against any business that operates in contravention of the Regulations governing the operation of non-essential businesses, as we have done throughout this pandemic.

We know that the vast majority of businesses and residents continue to do the right thing in support of our collective public health.

By complying with the public health Regulations, we save lives and protect the capacity of our health care system.

Finally, I remind everyone that www.toronto.ca/covid-19 is the best, and most reliable source of information, relating to COVID-19 in Toronto.

Thank you.