

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

**April 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

On Monday morning this week, we opened the 6<sup>th</sup> city-operated COVID-19 vaccine clinic inside the Hangar in Downsview Park.

When operating at full capacity, this vaccine clinic includes 40 immunizers and a full complement of staff supporting efficient and effective operations.

As a reminder, the City of Toronto is currently operating 6 COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

These clinics are located inside:

- The Metro Toronto Convention Centre,
- The Toronto Congress Centre,
- The Scarborough Town Centre,
- Mitchell Field Arena, and
- The Malvern Community Recreation Centre, and
- The Hangar in Downsview Park.

All 6 of these clinics are open 7 days per week, with appointments available between 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM daily.

In designing and operating our city-operated clinics, we continue to prioritize the overall client experience.

Wait times for those who arrive shortly before their scheduled appointment are very short, with most people not having to wait at all.

In fact, the majority of people are checked in, vaccinated and checked out of the clinic, in about 30 minutes.

Our Immunization Task Force continues to be focused on vaccinating as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

This is a goal supported by our "Team Toronto" partners, including the City of Toronto, Ontario Health Teams, Hospitals, Pharmacies and Primary Care Physicians, all of whom are working in collaboration to maximize vaccine roll-out across Toronto, including supporting mobile clinics as part of Phase 2, as announced today.

In that spirit, I am pleased to confirm that we will open the final 3 city-operated vaccine clinics at 11 a.m. on Monday April 12.

These clinics are located:

- Inside the Cloverdale Mall;
- Inside the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre; and
- Inside the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

Community interest in these new clinics is very high, with all three being nearly fully booked for the first few days of operation.

This brings the total number of City-operated vaccine clinics to 9.

Since 08:00 Friday morning, more than 75,000 people have booked their appointments for COVID-19 vaccine in city-operated clinics.

Between now and May 9, there are approximately 193,000 appointments still available to be booked in city-operated clinics.

Anyone who was born in 1961 or earlier can book their appointment to receive their COVID-19 vaccine by accessing the online booking system, which is available at [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19).

Or, if you were born in 1961 or earlier, and would prefer to book by phone, please call 1-888-999-6488.

Please do not contact 3-1-1 nor Toronto Public Health for assistance in booking your COVID-19 vaccination appointment as our staff are not able to access the COVAX system on your behalf.

Please continue to monitor [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) for the most up to date information on Immunizations in Toronto.

Thank you.