Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

May 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Members' Lounge, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W

To date, more than 1.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Toronto.

Last week alone, 280,434 people received their 1st dose of vaccine in Toronto - 93,249 of which were in a city-operated vaccine clinic.

This was the largest number of doses of vaccine administered on a weekly basis, across the network of 9 city-operated clinics, to date.

We were able to administer this increased number of doses of vaccine as a result of additional vaccine being made available to us by the Province of Ontario.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate our Team Toronto partners for successfully operating so many fantastic vaccine clinics, last week and over the course of the weekend.

This week, based on the present vaccine allocation, we will be able to administer slightly more than 65,000 doses of vaccine across the network of 9 city-operated vaccine clinics.

The number of appointments that are made available in city-operated vaccine clinics directly corresponds with the quantity of vaccine made available to us by the Province of Ontario.

This represents approximately 1/3 of the vaccine being provided to the City of Toronto this week.

The remaining 2/3 is being allocated to our Team Toronto partners, including Hospitals and Ontario Health Teams.

As of this morning, while our city-operated clinics are very close to being fully booked for a number of weeks, there are still some appointments times remaining available between today and June 13.
For the remainder of this week, our clinics are 97% booked with approximately 1,718 appointment slots remaining available, as of this morning.

For the week of May 24, our clinics are 97% booked, 97% booked for the week of May 31 and 70% booked for the week of June 7.

Tomorrow at 08:00 AM, the Province of Ontario will expand vaccine eligibility to anyone who is 18 years of age or older.

Available appointments in city-operated clinics can be booked via the Provincial Booking System by accessing Toronto.ca/covid19 and clicking on the blue "Book a Vaccine" button on the top of the page or by calling the Provincial Call centre at 1-833-943-3900.

Should the Province of Ontario make additional vaccine available to us for any of these periods of time, we are able to open additional appointments to match.

We have both the capacity and ability to increase the number of appointments in our city-operated clinics by at least 30,000 doses per week, as soon as additional vaccine is provided to us.

I remind everyone that, in addition to the vaccine opportunities in city-operated clinics, our hospital and Ontario Health Team partners are also administering vaccines each day.

Please go to vaccineto.ca for opportunities that may exist across their network of clinics.

Thank you for all that you do to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our City.

Please continue to monitor Toronto.ca/COVID-19 for the most up to date information on Immunizations in Toronto.