

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

**May 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

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

Before I begin my formal remarks this afternoon, I would also like to acknowledge that this is Paramedic Services Week.

Each and every day, our Toronto Paramedics are on the very front lines of emergency healthcare, community safety and community well-being.

The challenges of delivery emergency pre-hospital care in a City as large and busy as Toronto, are very significant.

But never before, have we seen the dedication, compassion, expertise and commitment of our Paramedics as we have during the response to COVID-19.

Chief McEachen and the entire Toronto Paramedic Services team have been unwavering leaders in both responding to COVID-19 and in administering vaccine, and have given us all so much to be thankful for.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Chief McEachen and each of my Toronto Paramedic colleagues who have given more of themselves than anyone ever thought possible.

We are blessed to work alongside each of you each and every day,

Over the course of the Victoria Day long weekend, over 125,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in our city.

Everyone, 12 years of age or older is now eligible to be vaccinated in our city.

As always, appointments in city-operated vaccine clinics can be booked via the Provincial Booking System by accessing [Toronto.ca/covid19](https://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.

I want to remind everyone who has booked an upcoming appointment, in a city-operated clinic, that should you wish to take advantage of the additional appointment availability by booking an earlier appointment, you can do that by accessing the "reschedule" link that is included in your appointment confirmation email that you received when you made your original appointment booking.

You can also reschedule your appointment by calling the Provincial Call Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

I am also very pleased that we are opening an additional 1,080 appointments, in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre clinic, for tomorrow – May 27.

These additional appointments went live in the Provincial Booking System, late this morning.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who has not yet received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine to do so tomorrow.

While our city-operated clinics are nearly fully booked over the next few weeks, as of 1:30 this afternoon, there are approximately 96,304 1<sup>st</sup> dose appointments still available, in city-operated clinics, between today and July 4.

I encourage everyone, who is 12 years of age and older, to book your appointment to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you are able.

Please go to [vaccineto.ca](https://vaccineto.ca) for vaccine opportunities that may exist in Team Toronto partner clinics.

For those active on social media, I also encourage you to follow Vaccine Hunters Canada on Twitter for additional information on opportunities to receive COVID-19 vaccine in Toronto.

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