

## Update on COVID-19

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

Good afternoon.

Before I provide my update today, I would like to begin by extending my congratulations and thanks to everyone in Toronto for achieving the impressive vaccination rates that we have achieved together.

With more than 80% of our eligible residents now fully vaccinated and more than 85% of eligible residents having received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine, we are moving ever closer to our 90% goal.

I am deeply appreciative of everyone who has made the effort to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and for the incredible number of people who have, and continue to work so hard to make that possible in our city.

Thank you one and all.

As the situation with COVID-19 in our City continues to evolve, we continue to respond and plan accordingly.

We continue to operate 5 mass COVID-19 immunization clinics that are strategically located across Toronto.

These clinics are located as follows:

- Metro Toronto Convention Centre;
- Scarborough Town Centre;
- Woodbine Mall;
- Cloverdale Mall; and
- Mitchell Field

Each of these clinics are open from Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Our Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Scarborough Town Centre, Woodbine Mall and Cloverdale Mall clinic locations are each able to administer 1,080 doses of vaccine daily.

Our Mitchell Field clinic location is able to administer 360 doses of vaccine daily. In total, more than 23,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine are available each week in our City-operated clinics alone; with many more doses of vaccine being available in Team Toronto partner clinics as well.

All 5 of these clinics now operate as walk-in clinics only – no appointment is necessary. Both the Comirnaty (Pfizer) and SpikeVax (Moderna) mRNA vaccines are available in all 5 clinics.

Our Team Toronto partners, supported by our Toronto Public Health and City of Toronto teams are also operating a number of hyper-local mobile and pop-up clinics each day across our City.

Details on each of these clinics are available on our website at [www.toronto.ca/COVID19](http://www.toronto.ca/COVID19) as well.

The Province of Ontario recently implemented the mandatory proof of vaccine requirements, in accordance with Regulations made under the Reopening Ontario Act.

Since that time, City staff have worked hard to put responsive processes in place that both meet the requirements of the Regulations while also providing as good an experience as possible for residents and businesses.

Our coordinated enforcement teams continue to respond to complaints and concerns, bringing an education and assistance-first approach to this important work.

In general, the majority of the issues our teams are seeing arise out of confusion or where people haven't brought the required documentation with them.

I encourage everyone to bring your proof of vaccine certificate and identification with you when you are attending indoor facilities that require proof of vaccination. A digital copy of the proof of vaccine certificate is acceptable.

Our staff continue to work with businesses and residents to ensure that safety is maximized and the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

When a situation escalates or where there are public safety risks, security staff and/or Toronto Police respond and engage as required.

As always, enforcement action is only taken when the investigating enforcement officer determines it is warranted based on the specific situation at hand.

I would like to, once again, thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding as we all work together to keep services and businesses running to the greatest extent possible, while also doing all we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our COVID-19 Strategic Command Team, Immunization Task Force and our Demobilization and Recovery Command team all continue to work every day to ensure that we have responsive, nimble and scalable plans in place as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

Please continue to make [Toronto.ca/COVID19](https://toronto.ca/COVID19) your first choice for accurate, timely and reliable information on vaccinations, and the response to COVID-19 in Toronto.

Thank you.