

Managers and Supervisors: Please share this message with staff who do not have access to a computer at work and encourage them to visit the [employee portal](#) on ELI frequently for updates.

COVID-19 Updates & Resources – April 9

If you have questions about how COVID-19 is impacting you in the workplace, please feel free to send them to covid19staffsupport@toronto.ca.

The City Manager's virtual town hall

City Manager Chris Murray held our first virtual town hall about COVID-19 today with thousands of City staff attending online and by phone. Chris answered staff questions and acknowledged the significant impact this pandemic is having on City staff and how there's never been a better time to demonstrate how valuable public service is. If you missed the town hall, it will be available with captioning online this weekend. The link will be posted on ELI and on the intranet

Masks in the workplace

Staff may wear their own non-medical masks in the workplace if they choose to do so. However, it's imperative that we save medical masks (personal protective equipment) for health care workers and other essential City staff who need them.

Wearing a non-medical mask has not been proven to protect the person wearing it, however, the use of a non-medical mask can be an additional measure you can take to protect others around you. It's also important to keep in mind that wearing a non-medical mask is not a replacement for following proven COVID-19 prevention measures, such as hand washing and maintaining physical distancing. If you choose to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while at work, follow these [guidelines](#) to ensure you're wearing your mask properly.

https://toronto.csod.com/clientimg/toronto/KB/Guidelines%20for%20wearing%20masks%20in%20the%20workplace_637220509443960102.pdf

Happy Easter

To those of you celebrating Easter this weekend, we wish you happiness and health! Please stay safe and celebrate virtually.

Occupational Health & Safety Act during COVID-19

It's important for staff to remember that the Occupational Health & Safety Act is still in effect during a pandemic – and maybe even more vital than ever. Supervisors are legally bound to take every precaution reasonable to protect employees and are responsible for making sure their staff work in a safe manner respecting the safety measures and procedures in place to protect them. During COVID-19, physical distancing is essential and it's the responsibility of all City staff to practice proper physical distancing and for managers/supervisors to enforce these measures.

Tip sheet for outside workers

Occupational Health & Safety has produced a COVID-19 [tip sheet](#) for the City's outside workers. It includes information on ways to practice physical distancing while on the job, how to properly clean and disinfect vehicles and more.

https://toronto.csod.com/clientimg/toronto/KB/2020-03-30-COVID-19%20tip%20sheet%20for%20outside%20workers_Final_637211814588582386.pdf

Celebrating our everyday heroes

Here are two of our heroic paramedics. An ambulance apart (yay physical distancing!) but still serving our community!



Have an inspiring story to share about our everyday heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic? Send it to news@toronto.ca.

Questions? Email: covid19staffsupport@toronto.ca / Information line: 416-338-0016

Useful resources

ELI (toronto.csod.com)

InsideTO (<http://insideto.toronto.ca/coronavirus/index.htm>)

toronto.ca/covid19