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# AGENDA ADDENDUM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

## PUBLIC SESSION

Angela Kennedy, Chair

Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair

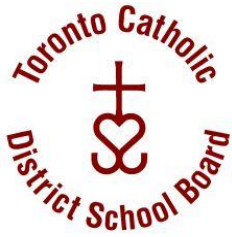
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

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# **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

## **DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES**

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Name	Grace (Graziella) Nesci	
Committee	Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property	
Date of Presentation	1/21/2021	
Topic of Presentation	Proposed Bell Time optimization at 15 schools	
Topic or Issue	Changing start time from 8:30am to 9am. I am a parent of St. Simon school	
Details	Parents are struggling with unstable work environments therefore this would create a challenge with dropping off children and arriving to work on time.	
Action Requested	Keep school start time to 8:30am	
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	No	
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC)	No St Simon	
I am an official representative of student government	No	
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	Yes Parents of St. Simon School	
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes	
Submittal Date	1/21/2021	



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Name	Mily Guzmsn
Committee	Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee
Date of Presentation	1/21/2021
Topic of Presentation	Time change
Topic or Issue	Proposed start time change from 8:30 to 9am
Details	We received an email from our principal that due to bussing issues, in the fall, the start time of the school will change from 8:30 to 9am. As a single mother, without help or backup, I have worked my life around their schedule. This proposed change, would force me to put my daughter in a before school program (if any space is even available) which i simply cannot afford on my budget. I would have to pay thousands of dollars a year for 30 minutes of child care. I find this change to be unfair and I am frustrated that this kind of decision would be made without consulting the people affected by this change.
Act on Requested	I request that the start time of the school day remain at 8:30am
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	No St Simon
I am an official representative of student government	No
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	No
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes

Submittal Date	1/21/2021
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*Markus de Domenico  
Trustee Ward 2*

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**To: Corporate Services: January 21, 2021**

**From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2**

**Subject: Notice of Motion – Proposed Bell time optimization at 15 schools**

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**MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board**

**WHEREAS:** Parents have recently been made aware of the Board's Policy to optimize bell times in 15 schools; St. Angela, St. John Vianney, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius, St. Simon, St. Josaphat, St. Jerome, St. Raphael, St. Robert, St. Clare, D'Arcy McGee, St. Bernard, St. Francis Xavier, St. Matthew and St. Brigid;

**WHEREAS:** This proposed Bell Time optimization will change the school start times at these 15 schools from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. effective September 2021;

**WHEREAS:** Parents are struggling with a precarious employment environment during the COVID crisis and the proposed change in start times will put an unnecessary hardship on our families as they will struggle to balance getting to work with the proposed school start times;

**WHEREAS:** I have canvassed parents in my Ward and heard from many parents in other Wards through social media sites. The vast majority of parents object to the proposed change and to the lack of an opportunity to come to the Board and voice their opposition to it;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Board maintains the current Bell times at the affected 15 schools.

**Markus de Domenico**  
**Trustee, Ward 2**



## Procurement Award Report – Addendum 1

The following shall be **added** to the **January 21, 2021, Corporate Services Committee**, Agenda item **16.a Monthly Procurement Approvals** (Recommendation), Appendix A:

### Appendix A

No.	Report Name	Vendor Name(s)	Type	Description	Amount
9	Loretto Abbey HVAC Upgrade Contractor Award	Pipe All Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	New Procurement Award Budget Increase	Complete HVAC System upgrade at Loretto Abbey.	\$ 7,180,000.00 \$2,991,816.08
10	Purchase of Dell Chromebooks through SEA January 2021	Dell Canada	New Procurement Award	Purchase of 1000 Dell Chromebooks in support of student claims through Special Equipment Amount funding.	\$598,980.00





# Procurement Award Report

(for Purchases/Contracts over \$50,000)

## 1. Report Information

Report Name	Loretto Abbey HVAC Upgrade Contractor Award
Report #	Ren 2020 037
Division	Capital Development, Asset Management and Renewal
SO/Executive	D. Friesen, Superintendent, Capital Development, Asset Management and Renewal
Initiator/Requestor	H. Akhlaq, Project Supervisor
Report Type	New procurement award

## 2. Tender/RFP Information

RFP/Tender #	<b>T-004-21</b>	Value (exclude all Taxes)	\$ 7,180,000.00
Term Start Date	February 15, 2021	Term End date	August 31, 2022

## 3. Description of Goods/Service or Change

Complete Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade and steam to hot water conversion at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School. Project will be executed in two phases:

Phase 1 (Main School) – Replace the existing heating system (running on steam) and Domestic Hot Water (DHW) system in its entirety with new heating system including hot water boilers, terminal heating equipment, associated piping, DHW system, make up air units, and Building Automation System (BAS).

Phase 2 (Convent) – Install new heating terminal units, associated piping, glycol system for existing Air Handling Units (AHU), new Roof Top Unit (RTU) for auditorium, and BAS.

Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system installation for air conditioning for the school will be executed under Phase 2.

The tender price is higher than the original project budget estimate included in the Renewal Plan for the follow reasons:

- The original scope of work consisted of complete heating system upgrade, installation of new VRF System and Make Up Air (MUA) Units for classrooms, and associated BAS; however, during the design stage, further deficiencies were revealed that upon consultant's recommendation were included in the main scope to ensure that upgraded HVAC system delivers optimum performance to promote human comfort and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ); additional scope includes:
  - replace existing science room make-up air unit which was not operational;
  - new AHU for the Auditorium;
  - extend air conditioning beyond classrooms to other areas
  - extend ventilation beyond classrooms to other areas;
  - provide drywall enclosure for all new pipes and ducts (initial assumption was that they would be exposed);
- Unforeseen site conditions; the existing roof structure and building wall construction could not support the new rooftop units, so additional steel structure had to be designed; the structural work is quite extensive as new steel beams and columns had to be installed through the 4th floor.
- Equipment and labour cost increased in the last year mainly to the COVID19

The additional funds for this project will be taken out of the Renewal contingencies. **However, it is important to note that this will exhaust the whole contingency amount in the 2021 Renewal Plan.**

This was a two stage tender. The first stage consisted of evaluation of the following submissions:

- a. Experience/past projects/references – 40 points
- b. Construction Management Plan – 20 points
- c. Preliminary project schedule and narrative – 20 points
- d. Site and administrative personnel qualifications – 20 points

A minimum score of 70% was required in each category for bidders to move in to the second stage. Price bids were opened only for successful 2<sup>nd</sup> stage bidders and the low 2<sup>nd</sup> stage bid is recommended.

#### 4. Procurement Process

Procurement Type	Tender – Two Stage
Consortium/Group Purchase	No
# of Compliant Bidders/Respondents	5 submissions; 2 bidders moved on to 2nd stage
Name of Recommended Vendor/Bidder	Pipe All Plumbing & Heating Ltd.
Winning Bid Value (excl. all Taxes)	\$ 7,180,000.00
Budget Source	School Renewal Allocation
Budget Source approval (Report & Date)	Ren 2015 155 (June 6, 2016), Ren 2019 002 (Oct 10, 2019), Ren 2020 010 (Nov 12, 2020)
Under/Over Budget	Budget Increase required

#### 5. Formal Award Recommendation

1. That a contract be awarded to Pipe All Plumbing & Heating Ltd for complete HVAC and DHW system upgrade including steam to hot water conversion and installation of air conditioning and BAS in two phases at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School in the amount of \$7,180,000.00, plus net HST of \$155,088.00, for a total cost of \$7,335,088.00.
2. That SAB Engineering's (consultant) fee be revised to \$251,300.00 (plus net HST) @ 3.5% of the construction cost (as previously approved) and later adjusted based upon the final construction cost of the project.

# Project Funding Update

## Funding Statement

Loretto Abbey CS - (All amounts include net HST)		
	Cost	Balance
Approved Project Budget		\$4,950,000.00
Construction Cost	\$7,335,088.00	
Consulting Fees @ 3.5% of construction	\$256,728.08	
Technical Development Allowance	\$10,000.00	
Contingency Allowance	\$340,000.00	
Total Project Cost		\$7,941,816.08
<b>Balance</b>		<b>(\$2,991,816.08)</b>

Project Budget Change Needed?	Yes
Budget Change Amount	\$2,991,816.08

## Formal Budget Change Recommendation

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the project budget for the HVAC and DHW system upgrade at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School be increased to \$7,941,816.08 to cover a budget shortfall of \$2,991,816.08.</li> <li>2. That a Technical Development Allowance of \$10,000.00 and a Contingency Allowance of \$340,000.00 be included in the project budget.</li> <li>3. That the funding for this project be made available from the School Renewal Plan.</li> </ol>
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# Procurement Award Report

(for Purchases/Contracts over \$50,000)

## 1. Report Information

Report Name	Purchase of Dell Chromebooks through SEA January 2021
Division	Special Services
SO/Executive	M. Meehan Superintendent, Special Services
Initiator/Requestor	D. Reid Principal, Special Services
Report Type	New procurement award

## 2. Tender/RFP Information

RFP/Tender #		Value (excl. all Taxes)	\$598,980.00 plus HST
Term Start Date	January 22, 2021	Term End date	March 1, 2021

## 3. Description of Goods/Service or Change

<p>Purchase of 1000 Dell Chromebooks in support of student claims through Special Equipment Amount funding in the amount of \$598,980.00 plus NET HST.</p> <p><b>As per SEA Ministry Guidelines (2019-20) - PPA and Claims-Based Funding:</b></p> <p><i>It is expected that equipment will be initiated, replaced or upgraded as needed to accommodate changes in students' needs, due to changing technology, and/or to better meet the students' strengths and needs as documented in the current IEP. (p.5)</i></p> <p>As per previous procurement request in November, given the pivot to virtual learning and the competition among Boards for device stock, this additional purchase will allow us to fulfill existing SEA claims and meet the needs of claims currently under review for the current school year. It will all for the maintenance of stock to into 2021. Claims are received on a continuous intake basis as student needs arise. Note the new quote includes imaging and delivery to schools directly from the vendor.</p>
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#### 4. Procurement Process

Procurement Type	RFP
Consortium/Group Purchase	Yes - OECM
# of Compliant Bidders/Respondents	N/A
Name of Recommended Vendor/Bidder	Dell Canada
Winning Bid Value (excluding all Taxes)	\$598,980.00
Budget Source	771
Budget Source approval (Report & Date)	
Under/Over Budget	Within approved budget

#### 5. Formal Award Recommendation

<p>It is recommended to Board that the acquisition of 1000 DELL Chromebooks in support of individual assistive technology claims, purchased through DELL Canada with funding to come through SEA (Special Equipment Amount) be approved at a cost of \$598,980.00 plus net HST.</p>
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# **Response to COVID-19: Update Presentation to the Board of Health**



**Toronto Public Health  
January 18, 2021**

# We have surpassed 75,000 cases in Toronto

## SUMMARY OF COVID-19 CASES IN TORONTO



All Cases

Case Count*	77,327
Recovered Cases	66,398
City Incidence Rate per 100,000 People	2,607
Fatal Cases	2,206
Ever Hospitalized	4,912
Ever in ICU	961



Currently Hospitalized	491
Currently in ICU	113

As of January 17, 2021



CASES IN THE COMMUNITY	83%
Recovered Cases	55,100
Median Age At Time of Illness	38
Percent Female	49%
Percent Male	51%
Fatal Cases	627
Median Age of Deaths	74
OB ASSOCIATED CASES**	17%
Recovered Cases	11,298
Median Age At Time of Illness	60
Percent Female	61%
Percent Male	37%
Fatal Cases	1,579
Median Age of Deaths	88

\*Includes confirmed and probable cases

\*\*Outbreak associated cases include persons with COVID-19 within a defined group or setting. These are generally in healthcare (e.g., long-term care homes, hospitals) and residential or congregate settings (e.g., homeless shelters, group homes), but can also be in workplaces and other settings

†Gender was unknown or other for some cases



# Cases continue to increase in Toronto

## Virus Spread and Containment

Status: RED - Indicators trending away from goals

New COVID-19 cases, 7 day moving average<sup>1</sup>

**852**

Goal: A 14-day decline\* OR a stable trend with less than an average of 1 case per 100,000 per day (30 cases).

New Hospitalizations, 7 day moving average<sup>1</sup>

**36.9**

Hover over number for recent calculation change  
Goal: A 14-day decline OR a stable trend with less than an average of 2 hospitalizations per million population per day (6 hospitalizations).

Active daily COVID-19 outbreaks in institutions<sup>1</sup>

**106**

Goal: A 14-day decline\* OR a stable trend AND below 10% of healthcare institutions with an active outbreak (18 facilities).

Effective Reproductive Number for COVID-19 Cases<sup>2</sup>

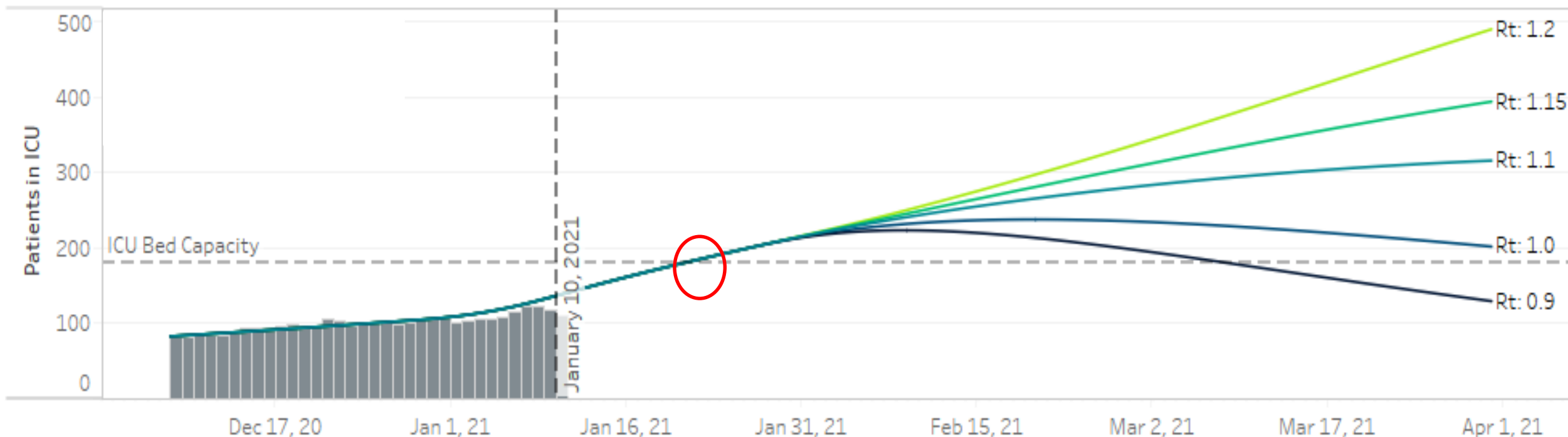
**$R_t = 1.05$**

(90% CI 0.81 to 1.27)

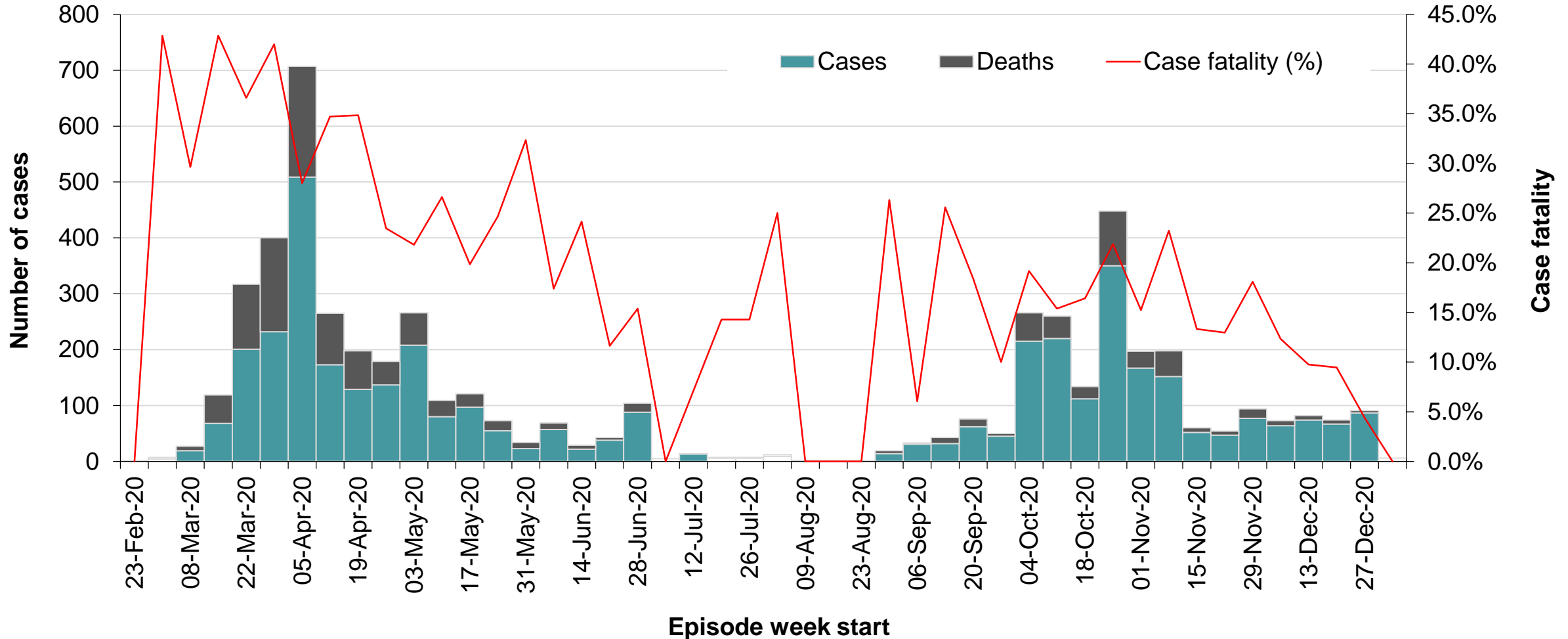
Goal: Under 1.0

# Current projections suggest Toronto will surpass ICU capacity before the end of January

Estimated number of cases in ICU if transmission remained similar to current estimates, increased, or decreased

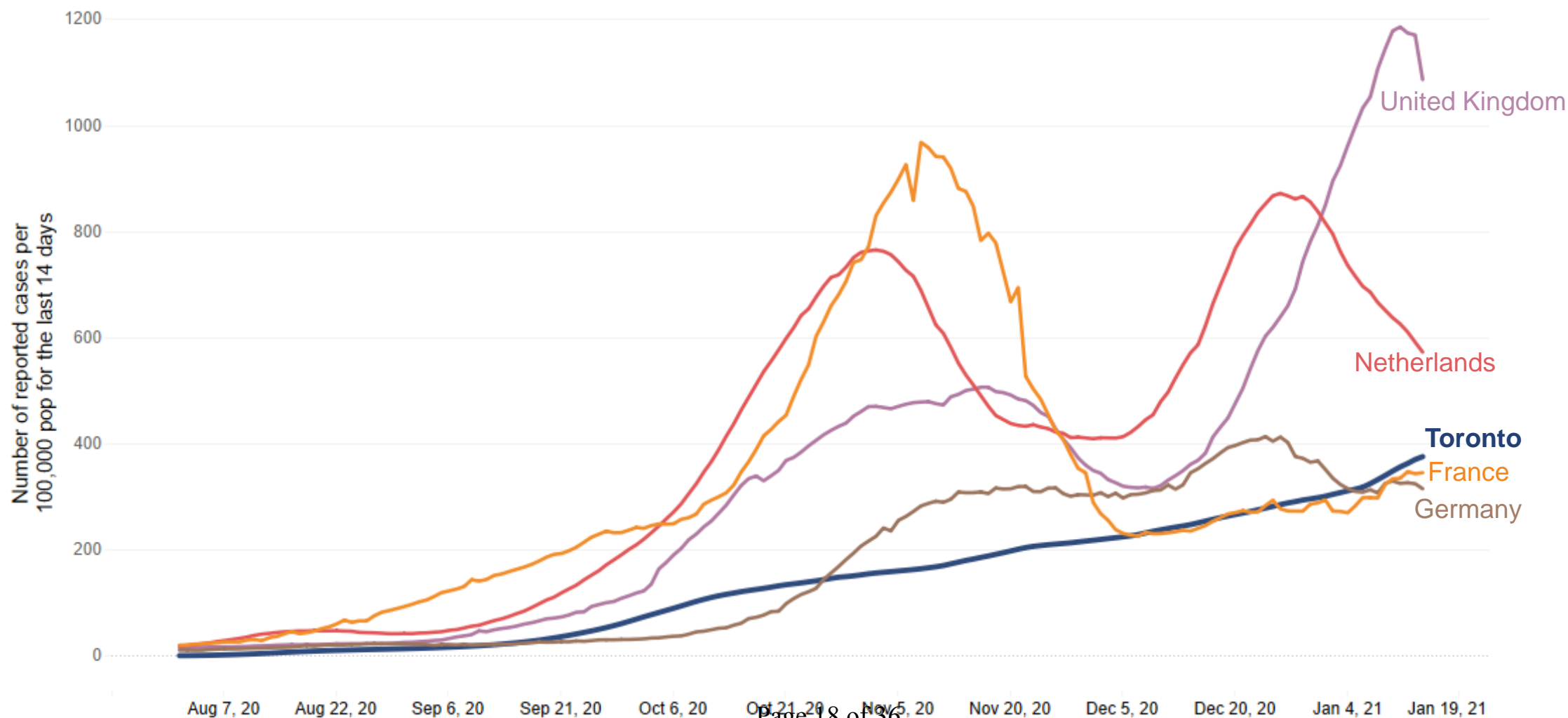


# Case fatality in LTCH/RH residents continues to be much higher than the general population



# Comparison with peer jurisdictions

Number of reported cases per 100,000 pop for the last 14 days - Regional Comparison

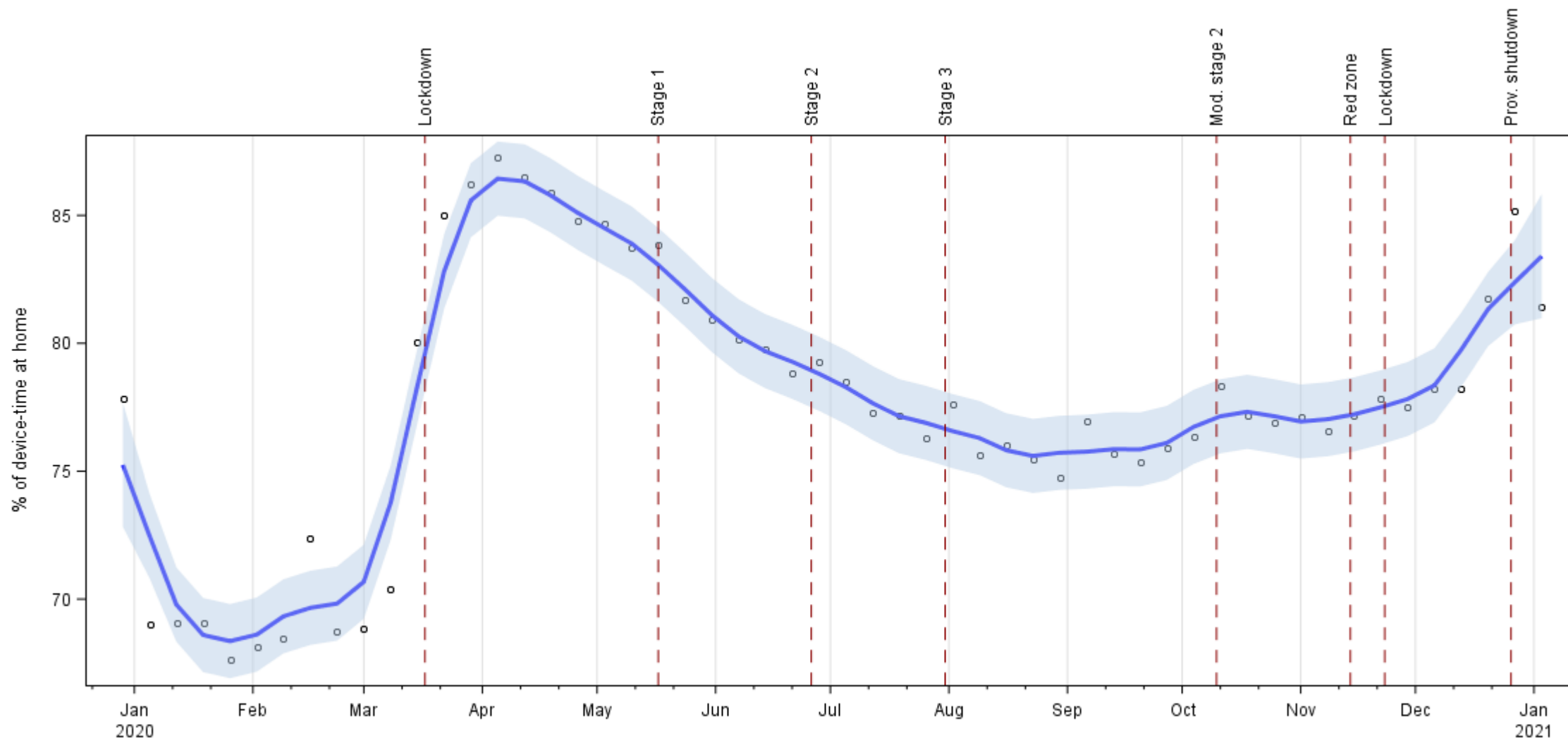


# Key components of hard lockdowns in peer jurisdictions

	Victoria, Australia	France (Fall)	UK*	Germany*	Netherlands*
Strict stay-at-home order / movement restrictions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-essential retail closed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bars, restaurants , gyms etc. closed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Most workplaces closed	✓	✓	✓ → ✓	✓	✓
Schools closed	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Mandatory masking outdoors	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Testing blitz in high-risk areas	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Curfew	✓	✓	✗	✗ → ✓	✗
Enforcement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ → ✓

✓ = fully imposed, ✓ = partially imposed, ✗ = not imposed, \*Currently in lockdown

# Time at home for Toronto residents for the week of Jan 3-9 is almost at March 2020 lockdown levels



# In Summary

- We continue to see significant impact of COVID-19
- We continue to see challenges in hospitals, ICUs, and LTCHs
- Mobility data are suggesting that we are staying home
- Given these observations we all need to continue to follow public health measures, with due consideration for those with equity issues

Important for everyone to follow the Stay-at-Home Order and:

- If you are symptomatic, please isolate and get tested
- If you are a case, protect your family and consider isolating in a voluntary isolation centre
- Get vaccinated when you become eligible

The Medical Officer of Health recommends the Province of Ontario respond to the current level of transmission by:

1. Continuing to carefully monitor the provincial circumstances and other evidence in order to adjust public health measures accordingly; and
2. Proactively planning to reopen schools and other sectors safely.



# Isolation Supports for Families

The City, as part of the TO Supports: COVID-19 Equity Action Plan, has consulted with community-based agencies to identify appropriate supports to enable vulnerable families to quarantine together.

Support includes:

- Access to appropriate isolation facilities; and
- Delivery of food and essential items to the home.

- COVID-19 Vaccination to date
  - Long Term Care Home (LTCH) and Retirement Home (RH) (residents, staff and essential caregivers) and health care workers (high risk)
  - Collaborative effort between TPH, Hospitals and LTCH/RH
- Recent Pfizer announcement will result in a 20 to 80% decrease in delivery of vaccine over the next four weeks
- As a result, main vaccination focus in Toronto now is on completing the vaccine series for those who have received dose 1 (LTCH, RH, health care workers)

# Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Roll Out

## Balance of Responsibilities

The delivery of a successful COVID-19 immunization campaign requires the well-coordinated work of all three levels of government.

- The **Government of Canada** is responsible for approving, procuring and distributing COVID-19 vaccines to the Province of Ontario.
- The **Province of Ontario** is responsible for receiving approved vaccines from the Government of Canada, establishing the vaccine distribution priorities, and distributing the vaccines across the Province.
- Once the **City of Toronto** is provided with COVID-19 vaccines, by the Province of Ontario, we are responsible for administering these vaccines in accordance with the prioritization framework developed by the Province.

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

- The City of Toronto's COVID-19 Immunization Task Force (ITF) continues to work to support TPH, ensuring that Toronto residents are able to get vaccinated, in order to protect everyone against COVID-19 infection and to end the pandemic.
- The ITF is working closely with the provincial government to coordinate and collaborate on the plan for COVID-19 vaccination in Toronto.
- Toronto's ITF leaders, which includes Toronto Public Health (TPH) representation, meet often with the Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force leaders to ensure planning is aligned and the City's actions are coordinated with provincial direction.
- As of the end of 2020, over 50,000 doses have been received in Toronto and these are being administered to residents, essential care providers and staff of long-term care homes and retirement homes.
- In early 2021, it is expected that another 50,000 doses of the Pfizer/BionNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will be available for administration in Toronto.

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Immunization Task Force - Balance of Responsibilities

The **ITF** is primarily responsible for organizing the planning and logistics of the City's COVID-19 vaccination campaign, including:

- Supporting the documentation of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign's Phase Two planning for the highest risk groups;
- Assisting TPH with the drafting of a broader City vaccination plan (e.g. a mass immunization clinic plan) and ensuring this broader plan is prepared for presentation to the Province when requested;
- The TPH-led mass immunization clinics that will be operational when a sufficiently large supply of vaccine is available in Phases Two and Three of the Province's COVID-19 vaccination campaign;
- Activating City resources such as human resources and logistics support for vaccination administration, storage and handling requirements; and,
- Collaborating with the City of Toronto's strategic communications team to ensure general messages about the vaccine and the campaign are aligned with the Province and supports broader community understanding of the vaccine.

**Toronto Public Health** is primarily responsible for strategically utilizing and disseminating its vaccine program expertise with key local stakeholders, including:

- Leading collaboration efforts with Ontario Health/Local Health Integration Network colleagues to vaccinate local long-term care home (LTCH) residents in partnership with Toronto's hospitals;
- Collaborating with Toronto's hospitals to ensure LTCH and retirement home staff and essential caregivers are among the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Supporting ITF work including mass immunization clinic planning and IT planning;
- Drafting key documents such as training materials, consent forms and fact sheets for the COVID-19 vaccines; and,
- Collaborating with the City of Toronto's strategic communications team to ensure general messages regarding the local COVID-19 vaccination plan and answering media questions about the vaccine and its use.

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

## The Immunization Task Force

- The City's Immunization Task Force (ITF) reports directly into the City's COVID-19 Strategic Command Team.
- The **ITF Command Team**, chaired by the COVID-19 Incident Commander, is comprised of the Medical Officer Health, the City Manager, the Chief Communications Officer and the City Solicitor.
- A **project management team** supports the ITF with robust project management processes.
- Dr. Michael Finkelstein, Toronto Public Health, provides medical subject matter expertise and leads the production of all recommendations with respect to medical oversight and vaccine administration.
- **Key supports** to the ITF include:
  - *Health and Safety* - IPAC, physical distancing, cleaning protocols, occupational health and safety
  - *Information* - Clear messaging, signage, external media/public, internal/City agencies
  - *Liaison* - Linkage to external stakeholders, community outreach and management.

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Planning for the Immunization Clinics

- The City of Toronto will be ready to launch COVID-19 Immunization Clinics as soon as vaccines are made available to us.
- The Province of Ontario both created the vaccine distribution framework, and requested that Toronto be prepared to open and operate immunization clinics to support the overall vaccination efforts.
- These clinics are planned to operate between the point where hospitals begin to immunize high-risk populations (currently ongoing now), and the point at which vaccines become readily available to anyone who wishes to receive one, by way of primary care physicians and pharmacies.
- The City of Toronto's COVID-19 immunization plan includes the establishment and operation of multiple immunization clinic sites, strategically located around the city. The network of clinics will include the use of large public facilities and a number of City-operated facilities, including community centres.
- In addition to the network of immunization clinics, the immunization plan also includes the provision of both mobile clinic capabilities and priority neighbourhood response teams.
- The Province asked that we be ready to launch our network of immunization clinics by **April 1, 2021**. This date remains fluid and largely dependent on the availability of vaccines. The City will be ready in the event that vaccines are made available to Toronto earlier than presently expected. **Plans and provisions are being put in place in advance of the estimated date of April 1.**

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

## MTCC Immunization Clinic Proof of Concept

- In response to a request by the Province, we are accelerating the launch of one clinic in a non-hospital setting.
  - This will be the opening of the first COVID-19 immunization clinic on **Monday, January 18, 2021** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre** (255 Front Street West).
  - This immunization clinic is planned to operate from **11:00 AM through 8:00 PM, 7 days a week**, for a period of approximately **8 weeks**. This remains subject to the continued availability of vaccine.
- In accordance with the allocation of vaccines by the Province of Ontario, we are planning to administer up to **250 1<sup>st</sup> doses of COVID-19 vaccinations each day for the first 4 weeks**. Over the course of the following weeks, we will focus on the administration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of COVID-19 vaccination for the same group of people.
- The group of people included in this initial COVID-19 immunization clinic will be primarily comprised of **healthcare workers who work on the frontlines of COVID-19 in support of some of our most vulnerable residents**, including **frontline healthcare workers in our shelter system**, including **harm reduction workers and streets to homes workers**.
- This accelerated immunization clinic is fully scalable and the scope of operations can be increased quickly, should the availability of vaccine increase as we move forward.



# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Community Liaison

- Social Development, Finance and Administration (SDFA) is implementing a grassroots strategy to address vaccine misinformation in communities most impacted by COVID-19. This is an extension of the COVID-19 Equity Action Plan that was presented at the December 14, 2020 Board of Health (BOH) meeting.
- This strategy will focus on mitigating vaccine hesitation in these populations and neighbourhoods caused by historical concerns related to vaccination. Neighbourhood leaders, including faith-based leaders and community elders with scientific expertise, will be mobilized to engage with their communities. The goal of this engagement will be to understand their concerns and address them to ensure Indigenous, Black, racialized and low-income communities have the information that they need in order to participate in the vaccination campaign with confidence.
- In combination with a grassroots media strategy, SDFA is creating a Subject Matter Expert Taskforce with Black community members who are specialists in the development, regulation and distribution of vaccines as well as specialists in knowledge translation, who will convey scientific concepts into informative materials. These experts have worked extensively in this field for decades and can engage networks to reach various communities within the city. TPH will support these individuals with materials, messages and logistics requirements in order to facilitate an impactful connection with these communities.

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

## Community Liaison: Subject Matter Expert Taskforce

### Taskforce Members:

- *Dr. Akwatu Khenti* (Chair) – CoT Strategic Advisor/Consultant
- *Dr. Michael Finkelstein* – City of Toronto Associate Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health
- *Dr. Na-Koshie Lamptey* – City of Toronto Deputy Associate Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health
- *Nicole Welch* – City of Toronto, Director, Toronto Public Health
- *Aina-Nia Ayo'dele Grant* – City of Toronto, Director, Toronto Public Health
- *Dr. Candice Todd* - naturopathic doctor with expertise on health promotion and disease prevention
- *Dr. David Burt* - immunologist with leadership in vaccine development
- *Dr. Isaac Odame* - physician with expertise on sickle cell disease
- *Dr. Kwame McKenzie* - psychiatrist and Black mental health and health equity policy
- *Dr. Upton Allen* - infectious disease expertise; lead investigator on COVID at Sick Kids
- *Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman* - expertise in vaccine allergies
- *Celina Caesar-Chavannes* - expertise in clinical trials
- *Francis Jeffers* - expertise in vaccine marketing
- *Trevor Aldridge* - expertise in regulatory aspects of vaccine approvals

# City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign - Community Liaison Continued...

## **Community Liaison**

- SDFA is the lead, with support from TPH, SSHA and Strategic Communications

## **Community Engagement Planning Framework**

- Leverage TO Supports: Targeted Equity Plan to expand engagement and activities in implementing the City's immunization community engagement
- Collaborate with the community to enhance promotion and accountability throughout the immunization deployment process

## **Community Engagement Planning Goals**

- Taking a resident-centered design approach to vaccine promotion through community championing
- Using general COVID educational sharing and testing promotions to socialize residents to vaccine receptivity
- Acknowledging and recognizing ethno-racial diversity and inclusion
- Building trust and confidence in City's efforts to save lives and the recognition of systemic racism. Therefore, prioritizing life-saving efforts in Indigenous, Black and racialized group

## HL25.3 Response to COVID-19 - Update

1. City Council and the Board of Health urge the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to address the rising rate of new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and patients in intensive care units, including the following:

- a. provide additional supports to essential frontline workers, including paid sick leave, targeted support for temporary workers, and enhanced proactive workplace inspections;
- b. continue efforts to expand test, trace, and isolate systems;
- c. provide additional financial relief to ensure that affected businesses and workers are fully supported through the lockdown period;
- d. continue to carefully monitor the provincial circumstances and other evidence in order to adjust public health measures accordingly; and
- e. proactively plan to reopen schools and other sectors safely.

2. The Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to recognize supportive housing as a public health measure to protect vulnerable and marginalized residents who are experiencing homelessness and to provide \$48 million in annual ongoing operating funding to create and maintain 2,000 new permanent supportive housing opportunities by mid-2022, with \$12.24 million per year required immediately (and ongoing annually) to operationalize 510 supportive housing units and an additional \$14.11 million per year starting in September 2021 (and ongoing annually) to operationalize an additional 588 supportive housing units in Toronto in 2021, as requested by Toronto City Council in Item 2020.PH19.11, Emergency Housing Action, in December 2020.

3. The Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of Health to publicly provide a detailed breakdown of the proposed phased vaccine prioritization framework, including a specific breakdown of the individuals and groups who will be prioritized in Phase 2 of the Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan.

4. The Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development to require employers to ensure that existing and future sick leave provisions, including protections against repercussions by employers when

workers access sick leave and follow public health guidelines, are clearly communicated to workers and management in multiple languages.

5. The Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to consider and implement any additional measures or restrictions necessary to halt the spread of COVID-19, in partnership with Ontario's Public Health Units and the Province of Ontario or under their own powers under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

6. The Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to publicly post, on a weekly basis, the names of workplaces with COVID-19 outbreaks, as closely aligned with other summary reports as possible, in a manner that maintains and protects individual privacy and that is based on the provincial outbreak definition of two or more cases over a 14-day period.

7. The Board of Health amend Recommendation 4 by adding a new part so that it now reads as follows:

4. City Council and the Board of Health request the Government of Ontario to:

a. require employers in Ontario to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers, after three months of employment, through amendments to the Employment Standards Act, 2000 or through a different mechanism; ~~and~~

b. provide necessary funding, fiscal relief, and/or supports to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than 10 paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and

c. ensure that all workers in Ontario have access to protected and paid emergency leave so that care can be provided to children, parents, or other family members who may become ill.

#### HL25.4 2021 Board of Health Committees and Appointments

1. The Board of Health appoint the following Board of Health directors to the Board of Health - Budget Committee for a term of office starting January 18, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

Councillor Joe Cressy  
Trustee Stephanie Donaldson  
Councillor Mike Layton  
Trustee Ida Li Preti  
Councillor Gord Perks

2. The Board of Health appoint the following Board of Health directors to the Board of Health - Performance Appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health Committee for a term of office starting January 18, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

Councillor Joe Cressy  
Kate Mulligan  
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

3. The Board of Health appoint the following Board of Health director to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHA) Board of Directors and Board of Health Section for a term of office starting January 18, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and until a successor is appointed:

Kate Mulligan

#### HL25.5 Student Nutrition Program: Update and Resource Needs during COVID-19

1. City Council and the Board of Health request the Province of Ontario to provide adequate funding to the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success to fully stabilize student nutrition program support for remote learners for the school period of January to June 2021.

2. City Council and the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to report in March 2021 on the status of additional emergency pandemic funding for student nutrition programs from the Province of Ontario.

3. City Council direct that this report be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Angel Foundation for Learning, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success, the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ontario Ministry of Health, and the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.