

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.