

June 17, 2022

**To:** All Toronto Paramedic Services Staff

**From:** Jennifer Shield  
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**Re:** **Staff Update #23 – Week in Review**

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### Provincial Updates Regarding COVID-19

On June 11, the Ontario government announced the [lifting of most provincial mask requirements](#). Throughout the province, including in the city of Toronto, masks continue to be required in long-term care and retirement homes, and recommended in congregate living settings such as shelters and group homes. Hospitals continue to require all staff and visitors to wear masks while in their facilities.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) also revoked all remaining directives, including Directive #4, last week. The ministry released a new document titled [COVID-19 Guidance: Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Health Care Workers and Health Care Entities](#) to provide updated guidance on the required PPE for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. More information is available on the [TPS Staff Blog](#).

### National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022

Tuesday, June 21, is National Indigenous Peoples Day, celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The City of Toronto Sunrise Ceremony returns to Nathan Phillips Square to honour Indigenous traditions and culture, while providing an opportunity for community healing. Learn more about the ceremony on the [City's website](#).

Leading up to June 21, all staff are encouraged to learn more about the City of Toronto's [Reconciliation Action Plan](#). The Plan will guide the City's actions from 2022 to 2032 to advance truth, justice and reconciliation, and builds on the City's existing commitments to Indigenous Peoples through 28 meaningful actions across five themes: actions to restore truth, actions to right relations and share power, actions for justice, actions to make financial reparations and actions for the City's Indigenous Affairs Office. Learn more about the Indigenous Affairs Office (IAO) on the [intranet](#).

### Indigenous Arts Festival at Fort York

The Indigenous Arts Festival returns June 18-19, 2022 at Fort York. The free, community-focused event celebrates both traditional and contemporary Indigenous music, dance, artisan and culinary experiences of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples living across Turtle Island and Indigenous Communities around the world. More information is available [online](#).

## Job Opportunities

The Communications Centre is growing their leadership team! A job call is open for *Communications Superintendent* positions. Interested candidates can apply via [SuccessFactors](#). The posting has been extended and now closes June 27, 2022, at 23:59.

A job call is now open for a *Senior Business & Systems Analyst*. Interested applicants can find more information and apply via [SuccessFactors](#). The posting closes on July 4, 2022 at 23:59.

## Staff Communications Recap

The following memorandums were released in the last two weeks:

- **All Staff**  
[Changes to Mask Requirements](#)
- **Operations**  
[COVID-19: Update on Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) – Eye Protection](#)
- **Operations and Communications**  
[UPDATED: CTAS 2A/2B Pilot Update](#)

## 2022 Ontario Paramedic Ride

The Paramedics for a Cure Cycling Team is putting together a team of cyclists to participate in the 2022 Ontario Paramedic Ride! The event features a new route, and kicks off on September 30, 2022 in Windsor, ON. Cyclists will cover 515km in four days, ending the ride in Tobermory, ON.



Test your will as you build relationships with your teammates and conquer a truly amazing feat! More information is available [online](#), or by contacting Chris McPhee via phone (416-577-3270) or email ([Christopher.Mcphee@toronto.ca](mailto:Christopher.Mcphee@toronto.ca)).

## Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandpas, step-fathers, foster dads, father figures and dads-to-be who will be celebrating on Sunday, June 19.

Father's Day can be a difficult time for some, including those grieving the loss of a loved one. It's okay to not be okay; if you need support, please reach out for help.

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Thank you for all that you do! Please continue to take care and stay safe.

*(Original signed by)*  
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