



March 31, 2020

In alignment with the City of Toronto's statement ([link](#)), Pride Toronto will no longer host the Festival Weekend on June 26-28th, 2020. Our team is working hard to deliver Pride celebrations in new, creative, and unique ways that ensure safety and physical distancing. We thank the City of Toronto and all public health authorities for prioritizing our community's health.

It is critically important that all organizations and people take every action possible to limit the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision by public health authorities to cancel permits through the month of June is a necessary one. Any future programming will be in alignment with the recommendations of the public health authorities and the communities we serve. At this time, we must all do our part to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Pride is essential for our communities, and it is much more than simply a series of events. Pride was born out of protest and continues as a political movement to this day.

Our communities have been affected in numerous ways by COVID-19, and we must work together and support each other through this difficult time. Pride Toronto is grateful to our volunteers, partners, and community members who have continued to support us during this challenging time.

For more information, available resources, online activities, and community updates please visit pridetoronto.com/covid19resources

For media inquires please contact communications@pridetoronto.com

Stay proud and stay safe, Toronto.

We are extremely grateful to those working on the front lines of the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Everyone should continue to think about the actions that they can take to stay healthy and protect each other. Our primary concern has and will continue to be the safety of our community members, staff, volunteers, and the public.

For information, actions you can take, and staying informed on COVID-19 please use the following resources:

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[Public Health Ontario](#)

[Toronto Public Health](#)

[World Health Organization](#)



March 18, 2020

Pride Toronto will follow guidance from public health authorities on if and how to hold the Festival. Our primary concern is the safety of our community members, staff, volunteers, and the public. We are not making a decision at this point to cancel the Festival as the situation could change in the next several months. We will continue to closely monitor and assess the situation, including the possibility of postponing the Festival to a later date.

We know how important Pride is for people in our community, and we also know that some attendees may be particularly vulnerable to illness. Because of this, we are carefully considering when the Festival might happen and what the Festival might look like; this may include significant modifications to regular programs and activities based on public health guidance.

As of Monday, we have proceeded with modified day-to-day operations to observe appropriate safety concerns while continuing to move forward with the planning of Pride 2020 activities.

As we do every year, we are in regular contact with City of Toronto officials on best practices for all of our programming. For preventative measures, Pride Toronto has made several changes to daily business practices and will be taking the following steps to do its part to help ensure the health and safety of our community as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve:

- Pride Toronto staff have begun a period of remote work and remote meetings.
- Community consultations will be postponed; we are currently evaluating online options.
- Committee and volunteer meetings will be postponed or held remotely whenever possible.

Pride Toronto will stay in contact with our community members and stakeholders as more information becomes available or if circumstances change. We are hopeful that COVID-19 will be effectively addressed with the right balance of caution, public health education, and communication.

As we do our part to “flatten the curve”, everyone should continue to think ahead about the actions that they can take to stay healthy and protect each other.

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