



# RAYMOND CHO

MPP – Scarborough North



## Greetings from MPP Raymond Cho

Dear friends and neighbours,

It is quite miraculous to think that we already at spring's dawn. We are all glad to bid farewell to the harsh of winter and lift our gazes to the coming warmer days. In the same fashion, we can lift our hopes for a brighter rest of the year as everyone begins to get immunized against COVID-19.

While we are hopeful for getting back to some degree of normalcy later this year, we must nonetheless remember that this pandemic is far from being beaten just yet. While the province is slowly opening, we cannot let our guard down. We must still stay at home as much as possible, and only leave our homes for essential reasons.

While this is hard, we are in this fight together. It shall continue to require great individual and collective sacrifices. It has required us to find new ways to connect with our friends and have family gatherings. We remember that the reason for this is so our fellow Ontarians can remain safe.

Scarborough is strong and has never backed down from challenges before, nor will it now. We will fight together and we will emerge victorious together.

I have every confidence in you, and I am proud to call this community home.

Member of Provincial Parliament - Scarborough North

## COVID-19 & VACCINES UPDATES

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### Coronavirus Resources

As of March 19, 2021:

- Over 60,000 daily doses administered
- 1.4 million doses administered in total
- Close to 300,000 people fully vaccinated
- Phase Two starts in April 2021



## CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

To ensure everyone's safety, we are currently not taking any in-person appointments. Should you require assistance, please call or email us.

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# Fighting the Pandemic Together

## Vaccination Portal & Hotline

To book a vaccine appointment, please visit Ontario online portal [www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine](http://www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or call the Provincial Vaccine Info Line at **1-888-999-6488**, open Monday to Sunday, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and capable of providing assistance in 300 languages.

With over 50% of Ontarians aged 80 and over having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Ontario government is now expanding appointments through its online booking system to **individuals aged 75 and over**, effective Monday, March 22, 2021, ahead of schedule.



Starting in April, the portal will be extended to additional groups that are part of Phase Two. These groups are:

- older adults between the age of 60 and 74
- individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers
- people who live and work in congregate settings and some primary caregivers
- those living in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalization and transmission
- certain workers who cannot work from home

## Places of Worship

Faith is enormously important for all of us, especially during these challenging times. As of March 15, religious services in the Grey Zone, including weddings and funerals, can operate indoors at up to 15% capacity or up to 50 individuals outdoors.



## Support Local & Shop Safe

Local small businesses are an important driver to our Scarborough economy. They are hurting because of the pandemic. As Toronto Region gradually reopens, it's our turn to help support their recovery. Residents are encouraged to buy local and shop safely while doing so.



# Building A Better Scarborough North

## Scarborough North Update

### BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

The Ontario government has chosen two non-profits organizations headquartered in our riding as recipients of the Ontario's *Safer and Vital Communities Grants*.

Through the funding, **Frontline Community Centre** will partner with the Toronto Police Service to implement workshops for at-risk youth where they can spend their evenings learning fitness and building self-confidence.



Virtual announcement with Frontline Community Centre

The **Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto** will partner with police forces to create initiatives that aim at reducing hate-motivated crimes against Asian-Canadians in Toronto in the context of COVID-19.



Virtual announcement with Chinese Cultural Centre

## Celebrating Scarborough Diversity

In February, Raymond had the honour and pleasure to host below virtual events to celebrate the beauty of our cultural vibrancy in Scarborough and our province.

### Lunar New Year Celebrations



Chinese Spring Festival Celebration to welcome Year of the Ox



Celebrating Korean Seollal with the community

### Black History Month Celebration



Virtual roundtable with Black leaders in Scarborough

# Showcasing Scenes of Scarborough North

## Raymond in the community



Meal delivery for the needy in the community



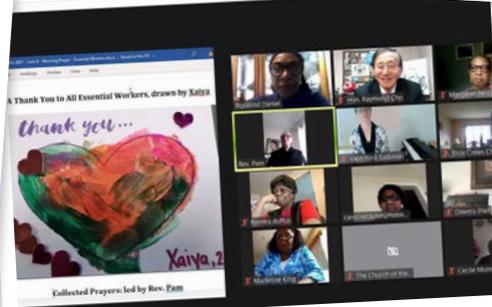
Meeting with Heart & Stroke Foundation



Meal program for Active Living Centre for Seniors



Food rescue program at Muslim Welfare Centre



Virtual church service honouring frontline workers



Greeting cards for seniors at Yee Hong Centre



Meeting with University of Toronto Scarborough



Toronto drive at Friends of Jesus Christ Church



Toronto Malayalee Samajam virtual event

## HOW CAN OFFICE HELP YOU?

- Congratulatory Certificates
- Commissioner of Oaths
- OHIP Health Cards
- Driver's Licences
- Photo ID Cards
- Birth & Death Certificates
- Marriage Licences
- Power of Attorney Kits
- Family Responsibility Office
- Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Drug Benefit Program (ODB)
- Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB)
- Employment Standards
- Ontario Works (Social Assistance)
- Healthcare & Homecare Programs
- Social Services
- Education
- Consumer Protection
- Seniors' Issues