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Protestors once again gathered at Queen's Park in Toronto to speak out against the ongoing lockdowns, the [latest amendment](#) of which gives police increased authority to enforce the provincial stay-at-home order.

I'm at Queen's Park in Toronto for the anti-lockdown protest.

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In sharp contrast to previous weeks where protestors were arrested and ticketed in accordance with the order, the police were far more relaxed during Saturday's events.

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Officers stood in groups around the event itself, while others walked among the protestors in conversation.

"I understand you have an opinion that you'd like to express," one officer said to some protestors, adding that "free expression is everything in this country."

Another officer said "There are at least two sides to everything," one said, "and we're always in the middle. We're just trying to make it a safe place for everybody."

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Since Doug Ford's announcement that police would now be stopping vehicles in order, several police districts have said they do not intend to enforce the orders.

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Protestors then embarked on their “Essential Exercise March,” referencing the fact that exercise is deemed an acceptable reason to be outside.

LIVE in Toronto: Anti-lockdown protestors embark on their “Essential Exercise March.” No tickets or arrests were issued at Queen’s Park despite increased police authority to enforce the provincial stay-at-home order. pic.twitter.com/jYDokTwdnQ

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Travis Dhanraj, Queen’s Park Bureau Chief for Global News, reported that as a result of the police’s refusal to enforce Ford’s harsh measures, Ontario is currently “reconsidering” the playground closures and police stops.

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