

Coronavirus: COVID-19 Current Update – April 22, 2022

As of April 22, 2022, Canada has a total of 3,683,788 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 1,234,240 cases and Toronto has 316,757 cases.

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Please note: As of December 31, 2021, Ontario is only providing PCR tests to symptomatic, high-risk individuals. This has likely resulted in a lower number of daily cases being reported.

Ontario Covid-19 cases this week:

Saturday April 16: 2,057

Sunday April 17: 2,176

Monday April 18: 989

Tuesday April 19: 3,115

Wednesday April 20: 4,388

Thursday April 21: 1,667

Ontario reports 1,591 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 214 patients in ICU, which are both higher than this time last week. 40% of COVID-19 patients in ICU are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

In the past 24 hours, there has been an increase of 1,667 confirmed cases and 7 more deaths. Yesterday's cases were found in: Toronto (1,035), Peel Region (336), Durham (321), Hamilton (292), York Region (285), Ottawa (298), Halton (173), Niagara (229), Waterloo Region (125), Windsor-Essex (167), Simcoe-Muskoka (221), Thunderbay District (116), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (105), and Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox (156). All other health units reported fewer than 100 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

In Ontario, 87% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, meanwhile, 3% of people in Ontario who are eligible for a vaccine have had at least one dose. 10% of the population is unvaccinated.

Sources:

1. <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/epidemiological-summary-covid-19-cases.html>
2. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/covid-19-data-surveillance/covid-19-data-tool?tab=summary>
3. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-pandemic-data/covid-19-weekday-status-of-cases-data/>
4. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/hospitalizations>
5. <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-report-en-2022-04-22.pdf>
6. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data>

The Province Has Extended Mask Requirements until June 11

The province was going to remove the requirement to wear a mask on April 27, 2022, but the Chief Medical Officer of Health has officially extended it until 12:00 a.m. on June 11, 2022.

Click [here](#) for a clear explanation about where masks are still required and where they are now optional.

Source:

1. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002098/masking-requirements-continue-in-select-indoor-settings>

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Fairbank Memorial Community Centre Vaccine Clinics

Where: 2213 Dufferin Street (There is limited parking beside the building)

Appointments and walk-ins are welcome!

When: Every Tuesday from April 12th to May 10th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Contact York-Fairbank Centre to book your appointment by calling (416) 651-8300 or writing to yorkfairbank@on.aibn.com.

Please bring a piece of photo ID and your Ontario Health Card (OHIP Card).

The first dose is available to anyone who will be 5 years old and up on the day of vaccination.

The recommended time in between your first and second dose is 8 weeks for all COVID-19 vaccines. More specifically, you can get your second dose more than 21 days after your first dose of the Pfizer vaccine or more than 28 days after your first dose of the Moderna vaccine.

Third and fourth booster shots are available. If you are immunocompromised, it must be more than 3 months (or 84 days) after your second and/or third dose. If you are between the ages of 12 and 17, it must be more than 6 months after your second dose. If you are between the ages of 18 and 59, it must be more than 3 months (or 84 days) after your second dose. If you are 60 years old or over getting your fourth dose, it must be 5 months after your third dose.

Partner Organizations: Toronto Public Health, Councillor Josh Matlow and York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors

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Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine booking portal:

Those eligible for a vaccine can book here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

Or by phone at: 1-833-943-3900.

For general information about vaccines, call: 1-888-999-6488.

In Toronto? Here's a safe transportation option to go to your vaccine appointment:

Wheel-Trans is committed to providing vaccine rides to the elderly and people with disabilities in Toronto. Wheel-Trans is offering individual rides to City-run mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, doctor's offices, and clinics that are giving out vaccines. Customers may be joined by one Support Person on their Wheel-Trans ride.

You may be eligible for Wheel-Trans service if your disability prevents you from using the TTC's conventional transit for all or part of their trip.

If you are not yet a Wheel-Trans customer, and you think you may qualify for Wheel-Trans service, you are invited to apply by calling Wheel-Trans Customer Service at 416-393-4111, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Existing Wheel-Trans customers can book their rides to and from their vaccine appointments by calling Wheel-Trans Reservations at 416-393-4222, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or through the Wheel-Trans Self-Booking Website. Access the website by clicking here: <https://mywheel-trans.ttc.ca/SelfBooking2020/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fSelfBooking2020>.

Upcoming Events:

North Yorkers

The Communication Enrichment Class (ongoing)

The class is running virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1pm. You can find the online blog at <https://nydpcec.wordpress.com/> where class activities will be posted before each class. If you or someone you know has a communication disability and may be interested in participating in the class, please contact Jessica, our Manager of Client Services via email at jessica.nydp@gmail.com.

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One to One Peer Support Program

The One to One Peer Support program is still running. No one understands quite like somebody who has lived the same experience. Our Peer Support program pairs caregivers with peers who are also experienced in caregiving and can offer practical advice and support by phone or a video chat. Contact Angie Clark by email at aclark@marchofdimes.ca or call 1-905-301-8114 for more information or to get connected.

If you or someone you know uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and requires resources related to COVID-19, please contact Jessica (jessica.nydp@gmail.com) and she can assist you in accessing and/or creating various communication tools.

If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, take the self-assessment at www.ontario.ca/coronavirus. Follow all directions from your medical provider or your local health unit at the following phone numbers:

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Toronto Public Health: 416-338-7600

Peel Public Health: 905-799-7700

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711

York Region Public Health: 1-877-464-9675

Please refer to previous updates as lots of important information has been provided that may still be relevant. If you have any questions or require more information on how you can protect yourself and those around you from the COVID-19 virus, please contact our Senior Manager of Client Services/Lead AAC Facilitator Jessica at 416-222-4448 or jessica.nydp@gmail.com.