

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – July 15, 2022**

**Public Health Ontario’s Weekly COVID-19 Summary**

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has been publishing weekly COVID-19 summaries instead of daily summaries.

Their report begins by stating that the numbers it is reporting do not represent how much COVID-19 is in Ontario. PHO warns to interpret these numbers with caution because they are not entirely accurate. Cases, contacts, and outbreaks are only being managed in high-risk populations and settings. There is also a delay in reporting, especially with severe outcomes.

Even so, cases in Ontario still increased from 6,624 cases last week to 8,617 cases this week. Cases have been increasing since the 7th wave began on June 19, 2022. Even with fewer people being eligible for testing, among them, weekly case numbers increased by 30%.

Case rates increased in 91% (31 out of 34) of Ontario’s public health units. North Western Ontario has a 2 to 3 times higher case rate compared to other regions, but it was the only region where the number of cases decreased this week. Case rates in the other 6 regions of the province showed increases ranging from 27% to 39%.

Hospital admissions are increasing, but the number of virus-related deaths remain stable.

In terms of outbreaks, there were 144 in high-risk settings compared to 77 last week. There were 42 outbreaks reported in LongTerm care homes this week, which is 110% higher than the 20 reported last week. All congregate care and congregate living settings reported more outbreaks this week compared to last week, with the exception of correctional facilities which continue to report zero outbreaks.

There were 1,096 outbreak-associated cases reported this week compared to 761 last week. All congregate care and congregate living settings reported more cases this week compared to last week, with the exception of correctional facilities.

Source:

1. [https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/nCoV/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?sc\\_lang=en&hash=128BC85BFFFEE6CDE4A9E908DAC85D70](https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/nCoV/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?sc_lang=en&hash=128BC85BFFFEE6CDE4A9E908DAC85D70)

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**Upcoming Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics**

These clinics will provide first, second, third, fourth, and children’s COVID-19 doses to eligible residents age five and up on a walk-in basis.

Even though proof of vaccination is not required to access spaces anymore, COVID-19 vaccines have been scientifically proven to lower the risk of illness, hospitalization, and death. Not only that, getting vaccinated helps you to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the community. Data shows that people with three doses have the lowest rates of hospitalization, ICU and death over any other level of vaccination.

No appointment or health card required! Clinics may ask you for another form of ID. It can be a government-issued ID (including non-Canadian documents and expired documents), a piece of mail with your name on it, a pay stub, or a student card.\*

### **This Weekend**

- Honda Indy, Exhibition Place, 100 Princes' Blvd.  
When: **Today to Sunday, July 17**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Bastille Day Celebrations, The Bentway, 250 Fort York Blvd.  
When: **Saturday July 16**, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Bloor West Street Festival, Bloor West Village, Bloor St. W. (between Armadale Ave. and Runnymede Rd.)  
When: **Saturday July 16**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Toronto East Rotary Club Blues Festival, East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Ave.  
When: **Saturday, July 16**, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Toronto Fringe Festival, Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Ave.  
When: **Sunday, July 17** from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Other Upcoming Vaccine Clinics**

- Fun Philippines Toronto Street Festival, Bathurst St. (between Laurelcrest & Wilson)  
When: Saturday, July 23, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- TD Festival of South Asia, Little India, 1426 Gerrard St. E.  
When: Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Youth Day Event near the intersection of Yonge and Queen St.  
When: Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information about pop-up clinics.

### **Change to Hours of Operation for City-run Vaccine Clinics**

Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax vaccines are available at City-run clinics. First, second, third and fourth doses are available for eligible groups. If you are interested in getting vaccinated at one of these clinics, you can find the new hours of operation below.

Clinics at Metro Hall and Crossroads Plaza: Monday to Thursday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These locations are now closed on Friday & Saturday.

Clinics at Cloverdale Mall, Mitchell Field Community Centre, and 1940 Eglinton Ave E: Tuesday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These locations are now closed on Sunday & Monday.

Clinic at Thorncliffe Park Community Hub: Monday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information about City-run clinics.

All City-run clinics are able to offer accommodation. Each clinic has parking near the entrance, ramps, elevators, and wheelchairs. Staff are also on site at each clinic to provide support as necessary. Clients who need a care provider or service animal with them will be accommodated. There are also privacy rooms available upon request. If you require accommodation, tell a staff member at any time while you are at the clinic.

If you prefer to let staff know ahead of time, you can fill out the Vaccine Accommodation Survey. You will be asked the date and time of your vaccination appointment, and a public health nurse will contact you within two business days to confirm the details of your request.

Examples of accommodations they offer include:

- the use of a private area in the clinic to receive the vaccine
- using a guide to help navigate the clinic
- access to a cot to lie down after you have received the vaccine
- access to ASL interpretation (at least 48 hours' notice required)

Click [here](#) to fill out this survey. If you need assistance filling out the survey or requesting accommodation please call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600 (TTY: 416-392-0658).

Sources:

1. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/covid-19-pop-up-immunization-clinics/>

2. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/covid-19-city-immunization-clinics/>

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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.

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**In Toronto? Here are two transportation options to go to your vaccine appointment:**

1. The Ontario Community Support Association's Accessible Drive-to-Vaccines program provides door-to-door rides to vaccination sites for people with disabilities, including seniors with mobility issues. You must have a vaccination appointment booked. You need to request a ride at least 48 hours before the appointment. To book, call 211 or click [here](#) to request an appointment online.

2. 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](mailto:jessica.nydp@gmail.com).

## **March of Dimes**

### **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](mailto:aclark@marchofdimes.ca) or call 1-905-301-8114 for more information or to get connected.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jessica.nydp@gmail.com).