

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – July 22, 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 to 11,257, up from 8,617 the previous week and 6,624 cases the week before. 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 28%.

Case rates increased in 32 out of Ontario’s 34 public health units. North Western Ontario has approximately 3 times higher case rate compared to other regions. Case rates increased in all regions of the province, ranging from 13% to 60% more cases than the previous week.

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

The total number of outbreaks in high-risk settings increased by 30% since last week. There was a 104% increase of outbreaks in group homes/supportive housing and 79% increase of outbreaks in hospitals.

Also, there was a 70% increase in outbreak-associated cases in high-risk settings. There were 2,176 outbreak-associated cases reported this week compared to 1,096 last week and 761 the week before. All congregate care and congregate living settings reported more cases this week compared to last week, with the exception of shelters.

Source:

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

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**COVID-19 Paid Sick Days Extended to March 31, 2023**

The Ontario government is ensuring workers do not lose pay if they miss work due to COVID-19 by extending paid sick days to March 31, 2023.

Eligible workers will continue to receive up to \$200 a day for up to three days if they need to get tested, vaccinated, receive booster shots, self-isolate, or care for a family member who is ill from COVID-19. The government will continue to reimburse eligible employers for the paid leave days.

Source:

1. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002197/covid-19-vaccine-bookings-to-open-for-children-aged-six-months-to-under-five-years>

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## Upcoming Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics

As cases continue to rise, there are multiple pop-up vaccine clinics throughout Toronto. Check out our website's newest page to see all the posters of upcoming City of Toronto mobile clinics, including those in schools!

All of 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.\*

- 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.
- Under the Stars, Regent Park, 620 Dundas St. E.  
When: Wednesday, July 27, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

## Accessible Pop-Up Clinic

- Where: 40 Oak Street, When: **Saturday, July 23**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- More info: <https://regentparkchc.org/covid-19-vaccine-clinic/>

- Click [here](#) to book an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but only accepted while vaccines last. Appointments are strongly recommended.

#### Important Details:

- The clinic is open to anyone.
- People with no immigration status are welcome at our clinic.
- People with no fixed address are welcome at our clinic.
- People with no identification are welcome at our clinic. (If you have an OHIP card or other form of ID, please bring it with you as it will help with the registration process).
- First, second, third and fourth doses of Pfizer and Moderna are available.

#### Accessibility

- The clinic is fully wheelchair accessible.
- Our clinic is multilingual.
- Privacy stations are available.
- You are welcome to bring up to 1 support person with you.

If you require any additional accommodations, please call (416) 642-1359.

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### **Survey: What are your thoughts on COVID-19 vaccines for infants and young children?**

Toronto Public Health is running a survey to better understand parents' thoughts on COVID-19 vaccines for children who are between the ages of 6 months and 4 years. They are looking for parents and guardians of children under the age of 5 years old to complete this survey.

Results from the survey will help to inform how and where vaccines should be made available to children of these ages in Toronto. All responses are anonymous. No personal health information will be collected.

The survey is available in multiple languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese-Simplified, Chinese-Traditional, Dari, English, Farsi, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

The survey will only take 5 minutes and can be completed online through the following link: <https://survey.confirmit.ca/wix/p221525001788.aspx>.

For more information, please email [TPHFeedback@toronto.ca](mailto:TPHFeedback@toronto.ca). If you have any questions, you can call them at (416) 338-7600.

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## **New Monkeypox Resources**

COVID-19 is an entirely different virus than Monkeypox. Although this article is a COVID-19 update, we understand that people are concerned about Monkeypox too. Toronto Public Health has developed some new Monkeypox (also written as MPOX) resources. Click [here](#) to learn about how it spreads, how to prevent the spread, what to do if you have it, vaccine eligibility, and more!

Source:

1. <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/monkeypox/>.

### **Accessible Monkeypox Vaccine Clinic**

- Where: Metro Hall, 55 John St.
- When: **Saturday, July 30**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Walk-in only.

#### Important Details:

- OHIP card is optional
- The vaccine is free
- The vaccine is only available to eligible groups. Click [here](#) to see if you are eligible.

#### Accessibility

- ASL interpreters
- Deaf interpreters
- Onsite attendant assistance
- Private rooms & quiet spaces available
- Cots available to lie down
- Accessible building

To request other accommodations, click [here](#) or call 416-338-7600 (TTY: 416-392-0658).

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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).