

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – July 7, 2022**

**Recent change:** Our weekly updates will no longer include case numbers because public health units are no longer required to report them. Even before this change, the reported case counts were already likely lower than the actual number of cases. This is because, as of December 31, 2021, Ontario has only been providing PCR tests to high-risk individuals who are also showing symptoms. The number of hospitalizations and people in Intensive Care Units (ICU) are more accurate indicators of the current COVID-19 situation.

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Going forward, Public Health Ontario (PHO) will be publishing weekly COVID-19 summaries instead of daily summaries.

The 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.

Hospital admissions and deaths have stopped going down and seem to be increasing. These numbers are similar to last week. People who are 80 years old and older continue to have higher rates of hospitalizations and deaths compared to other age groups.

The total number of outbreaks in high risk settings increased to 70 this week, compared to 75 last week and 64 the week before. There were 17 outbreaks reported in Long-Term Care homes this week which is fewer than the 25 reported last week.

This week, there were 698 cases associated with outbreaks, up from 773 last week. All congregate care and congregate living settings, with the exception of retirement homes, reported fewer outbreak-associated cases this week.

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**

- Afrofest at Woodbine Park, 1695 Queen St. E.  
When: **Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10**, 1 to 7:30 p.m.
- Dragon Boat Challenge (GWN Sport Regatta) at Marilyn Bell Park, 1095 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
When: **Saturday July 9**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Other Upcoming Vaccine Clinics**

- Honda Indy, 100 Princes' Blvd.  
When: Friday, July 15 to Sunday, July 17 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Bastille Day Celebrations at The Bentway, 250 Fort York Blvd.  
When: Saturday, July 16 from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Bloor West Street Festival, Bloor West Village (Bloor St. W. between Armadale Ave. and Runnymede Rd.)  
When: Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Toronto East Rotary Club Blues Festival, East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Ave.  
When: Saturday, July 16 from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Toronto Fringe Festival, Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Ave., Sunday, July 17 from 12 p.m. – 5 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).