

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 10, 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.

Ontario reports 536 people in hospital with COVID-19, and there are 110 COVID-19 patients in the ICU. Last week, 669 people were in hospital, and 117 patients were in the ICU. 47% of COVID-19 patients in ICU are breathing with the help of a ventilator, which is an 8% decrease from last week (55%). This week, the province confirmed 10 more deaths related to COVID-19.

Of the people in Ontario who are 12 years old and up, 91% are fully vaccinated, 2% have had just one dose, and 7% are unvaccinated.

Sources:

1. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/hospitalizations>
 2. https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/case-numbers-and-spread#Deaths_section
 3. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data>
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Get your Summer Boost! Accessible Drop-in Vaccine Clinic for 2SLGBTQ+ Deaf and Disabled Youth and Allies

As we get ready for a busy summer, make sure to have your up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination to help you and your community stay safe!

When: **Today** and June 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. Where: 519 Church Street, Toronto

These clinics will have:

- ASL interpreters
- Vaccine ambassadors with sighted guide training
- Onsite attendant assistance
- Private rooms and quiet space available
- Accessible building with an elevator and exterior ramp
- Pfizer and Moderna available while quantities last

Other Details:

- Priority will be given to youth aged 16-25
 - Wearing a mask is mandatory while at the clinic
 - OHIP card is optional
 - Doses Available: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (for those eligible)
- Please check your eligibility [here](#) or contact Toronto Public Health.
Phone: 416-338-7600 or TTY: 416-392-0658. Email: publichealth@toronto.ca

For questions about the clinic, please contact: Barbara Dos Santos, 519 Vaccine Engagement Coordinator at (416) 995-6241, bdossantos@the519.org

For questions related to accessibility, please contact: Kim Adlard, Project Coordinator, Accessibility Collaborative at (647) 499-3861, kim.adlard@cilt.ca

TTY: Dial 711 for Bell Relay Service

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Most mask requirements will be lifted on June 11

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, made this statement:

“With high vaccination rates and Ontario’s COVID-19 situation continuing to improve, most of the province’s remaining provincial masking requirements, including on public transit, will expire as of 12:00 a.m. on June 11, 2022.

To continue providing an additional layer of protection for the most vulnerable, masks will still be required in long-term care and retirement homes. Masking is recommended in higher-risk congregate living settings, such as shelters and group homes.

On June 11, 2022, remaining Directives will also be revoked and replaced with Ministry of Health guidance for health care workers and organizations. This includes guidance on when masks should be worn in hospitals and other health care settings.

While masking requirements are expiring, organizations may implement their own policies. Ontarians should continue to wear a mask if they feel it is right for them, are at high risk for severe illness, recovering from COVID-19, have symptoms of the virus or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Thanks to the efforts of all Ontarians following public health measures and getting vaccinated we have made significant progress in the fight against COVID-19. However, I want to remind Ontarians to stay home when sick and, most importantly, get vaccinated and boosted if eligible. Staying up to date with vaccination is the best protection against severe outcomes and will help us maintain the progress we have made.

The province will continue to monitor for any significant changes, including any new variants of concern, to ensure we are adapting our response to protect the health and safety of all Ontarians.”

Source:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/statement/1002160/most-masking-requirements-to-be-lifted-on-june-11>

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Scarborough COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for People with Disabilities

Hosted by Surrey Place in partnership with SAAC Autism Centre

When: Sunday June 26 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: 10 Milner Business Ct, Suite #102, Scarborough, ON M1B 3C6

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd doses available! Ask for eligibility criteria.
- No OHIP required
- Private quiet rooms with one-on-one personalized support
- Drive through option
- Family members are welcome!
- No walk-ins. By appointment only.

To book an appointment, please call 416-925-5141 x 4444 or email covid@surreyplace.ca. We can provide other accommodation resources, such as specialized volunteers (e.g., ASL interpreters) or specialized equipment (e.g., wheelchairs to use). Please let us know well in advance so that we can plan accordingly.

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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'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.

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 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) 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.