

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 13, 2022

As of May 13, 2022, Canada has a total of 3,816,273 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 1,283,329 cases and Toronto has 325,847 cases.

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:

Friday, May 6: 2,039

Saturday May 7: 1,549

Sunday May 8: 1,017

Monday May 9: 1,524

Tuesday May 10: 2,027

Wednesday May 11: 1,960

Thursday May 12: 1,969

Ontario reports 1,453 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 168 patients in ICU, which are both lower than this time last week. 42% 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 1,969 confirmed cases and 18 more deaths. Yesterday's cases were found in: Toronto (431), Peel Region (168), Hamilton (139), and York Region (147). All other health units reported fewer than 100 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

In Ontario, 91% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, 2% of the eligible population have had just one dose, and 7% 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://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/nCoV/epi/covid-19-daily-epi-summary-report.pdf?sc_lang=en
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Transportation to vaccine clinics

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.

Webinar: Why it is still important to get your booster

On Tuesday, May 24, the Scarborough Centre for Healthy communities will host an online webinar on the importance of COVID-19 booster doses. Family physician and University of Toronto lecturer Dr. Latif Murji will be speaking from 5 PM to 6 PM. Click [here](#) to register.

NEW Refugee HealthLine: 1-866-286-4770

The Ministry of Health is now providing a toll-free, multi-lingual, Refugee HealthLine! Newly arrived refugees and people who arrived through other exceptional humanitarian authorizations can call this number to connect with health care providers.

Refugee HealthLine can assess the caller's health needs over the phone. Then, these health care providers will refer the caller to the closest providers that are able to take on patients. This includes primary care, specialist care, and mental health support.

The Ontario Refugee HealthLine is now part of Health Connect Ontario. Health Connect Ontario is a free, secure and confidential service to get health advice from a registered nurse or find health services or information 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 811 or online at [Ontario.ca/healthconnectontario](https://ontario.ca/healthconnectontario).

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.

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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.