

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 20, 2022

As of May 20, 2022, Canada has a total of 3,842,184 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 1,293,226 cases and Toronto has 329,531 cases.

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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.

Also, the Ministry of Health no longer requires public health units to report the number of cases, so some of Public Health Ontario's data may no longer be available or may be lower than the actual number.

Ontario COVID-19 cases this week:

Friday, May 13: 1,587

Saturday May 14: 1,252

Sunday May 15: 951

Monday May 16: 1,216

Tuesday May 17: 1,636

Wednesday May 18: 1,332

Thursday May 19: 708

Ontario reports 1,165 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 163 patients in ICU, which are both lower than last week and the week before. 50% of COVID-19 patients in ICU are breathing with the help of a ventilator, which is an 8% increase from last week.

In the past 24 hours, there has been an increase of 1,412 confirmed cases and 5 more deaths.

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
6. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data>

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.

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.

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.