

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – October 7, 2022

Public Health Ontario’s Weekly COVID-19 Summary

Public Health Ontario (PHO) warns us to interpret these trends with caution because they are not entirely accurate. COVID-19 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 and deaths.

The number of reported cases in Ontario was 8,300 this week compared to 8,106 last week. While this week’s COVID-19 numbers are similar compared to the previous week, a gradual increase in cases and percent positivity has been happening over the past 3 weeks.

This week, there were 359 reported hospital admissions (down from 347 last week) and 45 reported deaths (down from 65 last week). The total number of outbreaks in high-risk settings decreased from 174 last week to 158 this week. The number of outbreaks slightly decreased in Long-Term Care homes, retirement homes, and congregate living (includes group homes/supportive housing, shelters and correctional facilities). The number of outbreaks slightly increased in hospitals.

Source:

1. https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/nCoV/epi/respiratory-virus-overview-ontario.pdf?sc_lang=en

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An Accessible COVID-19 Vaccine Information Virtual Town Hall for Parents and Carers

Are you a parent or carer of children and youth six months to 17 years and have questions about COVID-19 vaccination for kids? Or pregnant, breastfeeding, or planning to conceive and have concerns about COVID-19 vaccines?

Please join us for this informative virtual session, facilitated by Rebecca Wood, CILT’s Peer and Parenting Program Coordinator – featuring Allison Boyce, Registered Nurse with the COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

When: Wednesday October 19, 2022 - 1:00 pm.-2:30 p.m.

Where: Over Zoom – Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd6uqz4qE9KfHtRhNS56uLVaSzGrlqmJ>

If you need support with registration, please contact, Rebecca at:

Email: rebecca.wood@cilt.ca

Phone: 416-599-2458 ext 291, TTY: Dial 711 for Bell Relay Service

Please feel free to submit your questions when you register, or you can ask your questions during the session. Names will not be disclosed.

Accessibility:

- Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
- ASL-English Interpretation



Please let us know if you have accommodation needs when you register.

Deadline to register is Friday October 14, 2022 by 1:00pm.

This event is funded by the City of Toronto's COVID-19 Vaccine Engagement Project and is presented in collaboration with the Centre for Independent Living in Toronto, SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service, and the Accessibility Collaborative: a lead partner with the City of Toronto's Vaccine Engagement Project.

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SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

SickKids Hospital is hosting weekly COVID-19 vaccine clinics for any infant/child aged six months to under five years who requires accommodations due to medical complexity, developmental disorder, mobility challenges, communication, behavioural and other specialized needs (including significant needle phobia).

This clinic will happen each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More dates and times are expected to become available soon.

It's by appointment only. To make an appointment, you need to be referred through your doctor. For any questions regarding patient referrals, contact mobile.vaccination@sickkids.ca.

Do you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine for children? Book an appointment with the SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service. Visit sickkids.ca/vaccineconsult to book an appointment!

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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.

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 1 p.m. 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.