

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – September 23, 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 7,694 this week compared to 7,002 last week. Compared to last week, case rates were similar or higher in 6 of Ontario’s 7 regions and 28 of 34 public health units.

This week, there were 286 reported hospital admissions (down from 375 last week) and 49 reported deaths (down from 64 last week). The total number of outbreaks in high-risk settings has also gone down from 147 last week to 129 this week. There was a 35% decrease in cases in Long-Term Care homes, and a 39% increase in cases in hospitals. Cases were similar overall in Long-Term Care homes, retirement homes, and hospitals and increased 40% overall in correctional facilities, shelters, and group homes/supporting housing.

Source:

1. https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/nCoV/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?sc_lang=en

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Upcoming Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics

From today until Sunday, there will be 33 pop-up vaccine clinics throughout Toronto!

No appointment or health card is 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.*

Everyone is encouraged to get their next dose when they are eligible. You have the best protection from COVID-19 when you’re up to date on your vaccinations.

COVID-19 vaccinations have been scientifically proven to lower the risk of illness, hospitalization and death while protecting people, their loved ones and the community. A fall booster dose is recommended for all persons aged 18 and older, regardless of previous doses. COVID-19 activity is expected to increase this fall/winter. The bivalent vaccine better protects against Omicron variants and will provide additional protection this fall.

This Weekend's Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics

Vax and Ride is back offering COVID-19 vaccine clinics at TTC subway stations. Clinics are family-friendly and youth-friendly. They will offer first, second, third, fourth doses and children's COVID-19 doses to eligible residents who are older than four years old. Walk-ins only. You don't need to pay a TTC fare to access the clinics, but you need to wear a mask or face covering! For more information, including locations and hours of operation, click [here](#).

Friday, September 23

- Scarborough Village Community Centre, 3600 Kingston Rd., 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Bathurst Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Islington Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Union Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- York University Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Scarborough Town Centre, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Toronto Public Library Parkdale Branch, 1303 Queen St. W., noon to 6:30 p.m.
- Gibson House Museum, 5172 Yonge St., noon to 4 p.m.
- Lawrence Allen Centre, 700 Lawrence Ave. W., 1 to 8 p.m.
- Stockyard Village, 1980 St. Clair Ave. W., 1 to 8 p.m.
- Yonge Sheppard Centre, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., 1 to 8 p.m.
- Bangladesh Centre and Community Services, 2670 Danforth Ave., 3 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

- Lawrence Allen Centre, 700 Lawrence Ave. W., 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Jane Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- San Lorenzo Church, 100 Queen St. W., 12 to 5 p.m.
- Sheppard West Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Clair West Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Stockyard Village, 1980 St. Clair Ave. W., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Warden Subway Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Yonge Sheppard Centre, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Scarborough Town Centre, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thistletown Pop-up, 950 Albion Rd., noon to 5 p.m.
- Gibson House Museum, 5172 Yonge St., noon to 4 p.m.
- Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre, 627 Queens Quay, noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 25

- Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St., 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Humberwood Community Centre, 850 Humberwood Blvd., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Jane Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Sheppard West Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Clair West Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Warden Station, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Stephen Leacock Community Recreation Centre, 2500 Birchmount Rd., 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Lawrence Allen Center, 700 Lawrence Ave. W., noon to 5 p.m.
- Scarborough Museum, 1007 Brimley Rd., noon to 4 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information about pop-up clinics.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Children with Disabilities and Their Siblings

If one of your children has a disability that needs specialized accommodations to get vaccinated, they can get the 1st dose of the paediatric Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at a clinic especially for them! If one of their siblings does not have a disability, they can get their 1st dose too!

If your child is hearing or seeing impaired, please email philip.woodward@surreyplace.ca so they can make sure that they have the appropriate volunteers at the clinic.

Date: Sunday, October 2nd

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

Location: 2 Surrey Place, Toronto, ON M5S 2C2

Eligibility Criteria:

- someone with a disability OR their sibling
- At least six months old and younger than 5 years old at the time of the appointment.

How to book:

- Surrey Place East clients: contact your clinician

- For all others:

Email: covid@surreyplace.ca OR call and leave a voicemail at 416-925-5141 ex. 4444

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!

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.

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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.