

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

As of April 7, 2022, Canada has a total of 3,527,816 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 1,180,121 cases and Toronto has 296,852 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:

Saturday March 2: **3519**
Sunday February 3: **3233**
Monday February 4: **3077**
Tuesday March 5: **2248**
Wednesday April 6: **4224**

Ontario reports 1036 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 99 patients in ICU

As of April 6, there are 4224 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario, this is likely an underestimate as PCR testing is not widely available. The positivity rate is 17.2%

Ontario is reporting that 1036 people are in hospital with COVID-19 as of April 6, 2022. For the 937 not in ICU, 725 of them are fully vaccinated, 185 are unvaccinated, 27 are partially vaccinated.

There are 99 COVID-19 patients in an intensive care unit. Of all patients, 67 of them are fully vaccinated, 29 are unvaccinated and 3 are partially vaccinated.

New data from the Ontario Science Table suggests that when population size is considered, people who are fully vaccinated are 82.7% less likely to end up in hospital and 91.3% less likely to end up in ICU compared to people who are unvaccinated.

Yesterday's cases were found in: Toronto (875), Hamilton (221), York Region (265), Peel Region (230), Ottawa (236), Halton (131), Niagara (109), Durham (191), Middlesex-London (144), Windsor-Essex (160), Simcoe-Muskoka (235) and Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox (225). All other health units reported fewer than 100 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

In Ontario, 87% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, meanwhile, 3% of people in Ontario who are eligible for a vaccine have had at least one dose. 10% of the population is unvaccinated.

Sources:

1. <https://covid19tracker.ca/province.html>
2. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/covid-19-data-surveillance/covid-19-data-tool?tab=summary>
3. [COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to April 6, 2022](#)
4. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data>

Ontario seeing a rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations

Since Ontario has dropped most public health measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 restrictions, including but not limited to masking mandates, the province has begun seeing a stark rise in cases. We are unaware of the actual number of positive cases due to restricted eligibility for PCR testing, so the day-to-day number is believed to be an underrepresentation of the total number of COVID-19 cases in the province. Even so, without these numbers being accurate, our health care systems are already seeing the beginning stages of this rise, with more incoming cases requiring hospitalization.

The general public should remain vigilant to protect one's self and others around them from COVID-19. Even without mask mandates in place, top doctors are recommending to continue wearing face coverings that shield mouths and noses, as well as following other suggestions put in place by public health. We as a community must help where possible, as to not overwhelm our healthcare systems in the fight against COVID-19.

Source:

1. [COVID hospitalizations on the rise in Ontario amid 6th wave of virus \(citynews.ca\)](#)

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.

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.