

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 4, 2022

As of February 4th, 2022, Canada has a total of 1,047,970 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 984,359 cases and Toronto has 278,935 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 amount of daily cases being reported. On Tuesday February 1 there was a testing backlog, leading in a lower number of test results being reported.

Covid-19 cases this week:

Monday January 31: **3043**

Tuesday February 1: **2622**

Wednesday February 2: **3909**

Thursday February 3: **4098**

Friday February 4: **4047**

Ontario reports 2,634 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 517 patients in ICU

Today, there are 4,047 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario, this is likely an underestimate as PCR tests are not widely available. The positivity rate is 12%.

Ontario is reporting that 2,634 people are in hospital with COVID-19. Approximately 56% of these patients were admitted because of their COVID-19 diagnosis, the remaining 44% were admitted for other reasons but have now tested positive for COVID-19.

There are 517 COVID-19 patients in an intensive care unit. Of these patients, 179 of them are fully vaccinated, 161 are unvaccinated, 19 are partially vaccinated, and 158 have an unknown vaccination status.

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.

Today's cases were found in: Toronto (676), Peel Region (389), Ottawa (339), Simcoe-Muskoka (229), Hamilton (190), York Region (179), Durham Region (173), Niagara Region (167), Middlesex-London (164), Windsor-Essex (146), Halton Region (113), and Waterloo (107). All other health units reported fewer than 100 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

In Ontario, 83.4% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, with 43.7% of the population having received three doses. Meanwhile, 88.4% of people in Ontario who are eligible for a vaccine have had at least one dose.

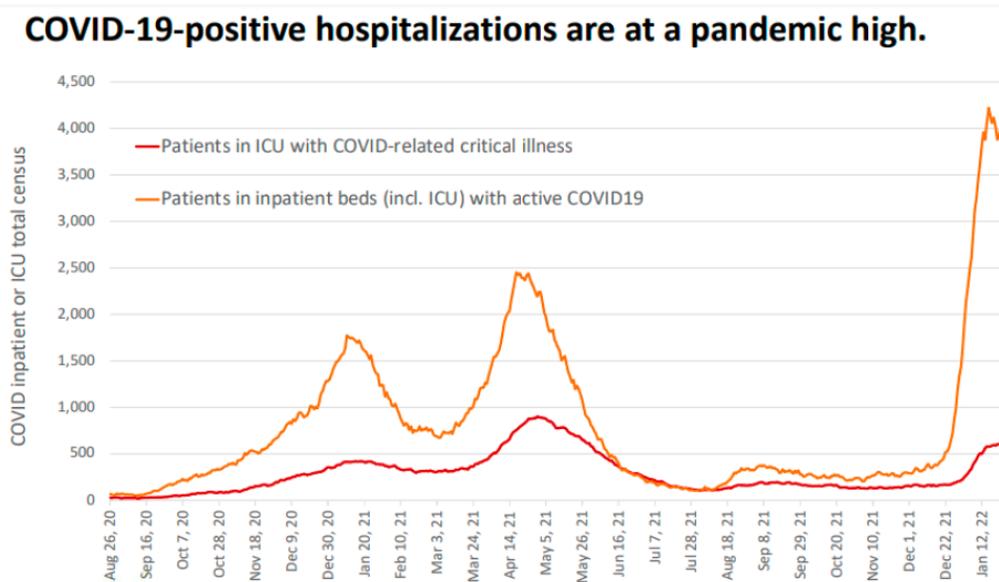
Sources:

1. <https://covid19tracker.ca/index.html>
2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-total-of-2-634-people-in-hospital-with-covid-19-including-517-in-icu-1.5767848>

Ontario Science Table Modelling on COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Hospitalization related to COVID-19 is expected to remain in a "prolonged peak" even though the Omicron wave in Ontario has plateaued or is in decline. It is also expected that pressure on intensive care will persist.

The Science Advisory Table said that during the Omicron wave, more than 450 patients with COVID-19 were transferred to another facility to prevent hospital resources from being overwhelmed. Additionally, a higher percentage of patients are in the ICU and a higher percentage are breathing with the help of a ventilator.



Test positivity among repeat testers, workplace environments, and hospital admissions have started to decline. Officials are attributing this to the public health measures announced at the beginning of January, including a ban on indoor dining and strict gathering limits.

If eight million people in Ontario receive their third COVID-19 vaccine dose by the end of the month, and if there is a high level of immunity in the community, the province could see over 2,000 patients in hospital in March. In the worst-case scenario, with low levels of immunity, that number could be around 6,000 patients.

While we know that the coming weeks will continue to be difficult for hospitals, hospitalizations are currently stable.

It is important to note that the limited availability of COVID-19 testing has created difficulties for the Science Advisory Table to model upcoming pandemic trends.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/omicron-wave-has-plateaued-in-ontario-but-covid-19-hospitalizations-expected-to-see-prolonged-peak-1.5762564>

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.