

COVID-19 cases continue to drop & Ontario is showing a decline in hospitalization and deaths

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Over the course of the last six days, Ontario has reported fewer than 1000 patients with COVID-19 in hospital. The ICU numbers continue to decline as well, with fewer than 300 patients currently admitted. The last time we saw the province with this few active patients was on December 29, 2021, where at the time 726 people were being treated for the virus.

There are currently 821 people currently in hospital being treated for COVID-19, down 13 patients from the previous day. 45% of currently admitted patients came in originally for COVID-19 related reasons, while the remaining 55% were admitted for other reasons, but have since tested positive for the virus.

Of the 28 deaths the province has just reported, 26 of the deaths occurred in the last month, while the remaining two occurred over a month ago. The numbers are only now being reporting due to a data cleanup. Of the 28 deaths, 6 were patients who resided in long-term care homes.

The positivity rate of infection currently stands at 10.7%, with over 15,925 COVID-19 tests processed in the last 24 hours. The number of positive cases is for today is currently around 2,085 with Thursday coming in at 1959. However, the province is still informing us that the number of confirmed cases is an underestimation due to lack of PCR testing.

Regardless of the lower hospitalization rates, we as a community must stay vigilant to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Although the province has lifted most restrictions at this time,

the mask mandate remains in effect and will continue to for the foreseeable future. Some news outlets have reported hints that the mandate will soon come to an end, but there have been no confirmed statements from government officials at this time. We have been informed by the province that we may start having to accept what this new normal will bring and learn to live with the virus, but few know what that may entail. Time will tell, however we as residents of Ontario are in control of protecting oneself and the others around us by following the recommended guidelines from top doctors to stop the spread.

For a list of ways to protect oneself and those around us, please [click the link here](#)

Sources:

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- 2: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8658560/ontario-covid-cases-hospitalizations-march-4-coronavirus/>
- 3: [COVID-19 vaccinations data | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)
- 4: [COVID-19 Ontario: 834 people in hospital with COVID-19, including 267 in ICU | CTV News](#)

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