

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 14, 2021

As of January 14th, 2021, Canada has a total of 2,698,284 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 926,904 cases and Toronto has 255,004 cases.

Please note: As of December 31, 2022, Ontario is only providing PCR tests to symptomatic, high-risk individuals. This has likely resulted in a lower amount of daily cases being reported.

Covid-19 cases this week:

Monday January 10: **9,706**
Tuesday January 11: **7,951**
Wednesday January 12: **9,782**
Thursday January 13: **9,909**
Friday January 14: **10,964**

Ontario reports 3,814 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 527 patients in ICU

Ontario is reporting a record-breaking number of COVID-19 hospitalizations with 3,814 people who have tested positive. Approximately 53% of these patients were admitted because of their COVID-19 diagnosis.

There are 527 COVID-19 patients in an intensive care unit.

According to the province, 384 of ICU patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 143 are fully vaccinated.

Today, there are 10,964 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario, this is likely an underestimate as PCR tests are not widely available. The positivity rate is 21.8%.

Today's cases were found in: Toronto (1,961), Peel Region (1,561), Durham Region (1,054), York Region (918), Halton (633), Waterloo (613), Hamilton (604), Ottawa (453). All other health units reported fewer than 400 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

In Ontario, 163,036 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 12.3 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 81.6% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 87.5% 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-3-814-people-in-hospital-with-covid-19-and-527-patients-in-icu-1.5740081>

Toronto opening 8,000 COVID-19 vaccination appointments for Sunday and Monday; Immunocompromised Ontarians can book 4th vaccine starting today

Toronto is opening 8,000 more COVID-19 vaccination appointments in an effort to get more residents vaccinated. The purpose of this is to help protect us against the highly contagious Omicron variant.

Appointments are now open for adults and children on the provincial booking system. The appointments are available for Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17 at the city's five mass immunization clinics.

The clinics are located at: Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Cloverdale Mall, Scarborough Town Centre, Mitchell Field Community Centre, and Woodbine Mall.

“Given the emergence of the new Omicron variant and ongoing community transmission of the Delta variant, [Toronto Public Health] urges all eligible residents to book their third-dose appointment...COVID-19 vaccines lower the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death, while protecting oneself, loved ones and the community.”

More information about City Immunization Clinics can be found here:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/covid-19-city-immunization-clinics/>

Additionally, starting today, immunocompromised Ontarians can book appointments for their fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine through the provincial vaccine contact centre.

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-opening-8-000-covid-19-vaccination-appointments-for-sunday-and-monday-1.5739924>
2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/immunocompromised-ontarians-can-book-4th-covid-19-shot-appointment-starting-today-1.5740051>

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.