

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – April 3, 2020

As of April 3, 2020, Canada has a total of 11,747 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 3255 cases with Toronto having 897 cases. **At this time, residents of North Yorkers continue to remain symptom free and staff members continue to self-monitor.** If this changes, we will notify all staff, residents and stakeholders as soon as possible.

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Yesterday, a list was posted for all staff members on the procedures and guidelines we expect everyone to follow each day. These guidelines will be signed off on by each staff member to ensure that everyone has read and understood them. It is extremely important that we follow these guidelines as preventative measures, as the number of cases of COVID-19 in Canada continues to increase. **In the event that our situation at North Yorkers has changed, such as a possible positive case of COVID-19, these guidelines will be altered ASAP and staff will be informed of the next course of action to take.**

The Ministry of Health has asked each service provider to provide a count of how many PPE's we have on hand each day. This will give the ministry a good idea of which organizations are vulnerable during this time and who may need help replenishing their supply of PPE. At this time, we have enough stock of PPE to get us through day-to-day operations. We are in constant communications with our suppliers and the ministry and will always ensure we have the tools on hand for our staff to remain safe while providing services to our residents.

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How do we know if the symptoms we are experiencing are a common cold, flu, or COVID-19? Since February 2020, many people are wondering if the symptoms they experienced could have been the coronavirus. In today's podcast, the host as well as his guest discuss the symptoms they experienced while they believed they suffered from COVID-19, but were also denied testing.

Podcast: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/04/03/what-it-is-like-to-have-coronavirus/>

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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 back 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 Outreach Communication Facilitator Jessica, at 416-222-4448 or Jessica.nydp@gmail.com