

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – April 6, 2020**

As of April 6, 2020, Canada has a total of 15, 512 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 4038 cases with Toronto having 1232 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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Our situation in Ontario continues to remain uncertain, and we must continue to vigilantly follow all social distancing orders for as long as it will take for us to fight this virus. While we have to leave our homes to make essential purchases such as groceries, it is absolutely ***prohibited*** to go visit with friends and family who do not live in the same household as you. If you must drop things off for someone in need, it important that it is for essential items only and that we take the necessary precautions to ensure we eliminate as much contact as possible. Some of these steps include:

- Ensure you have completed hand hygiene before and after touching all items.
- Leave items at the door- give a wave from the window or from the street and then part ways.
- Remind your loved one /neighbour to spray down items with a disinfectant before bringing them inside.

Always ensure that your drop-offs and/or social distanced visits are expected and that all parties have agreed upon it. Many people are taking social isolation very seriously and it is unfair to put others in the awkward position of telling you to leave, as you may unknowingly expose them to the virus. This is especially important for our vulnerable population. You may feel healthy and symptom free ***however*** if you have just been out and about, you could be a carrier and this is why social distancing has had to become the new norm.

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If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, take the self-assessment at [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://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](mailto:Jessica.nydp@gmail.com)