Coronavirus: COVID-19

Current Update – June 16, 2020

As of June 16, 2020, Canada has a total of 99, 147 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 32, 370 cases with Toronto having 13, 420 cases.

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Canada-U.S. border restrictions extended 30 days

The Canada-U.S. border was set to open up in the coming week, however with the continued worries of COVID-19 being spread over the border, Canada and the U.S. have decided to extend the closure until at least July 21st, 2020. While the measures prohibit discretionary travel like vacations and shopping trips, essential workers, trade shipments and temporary foreign workers are still allowed to cross the border.

Source: https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/16/canada-border-extension/

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Ontario Releases Toolkit for Safer Workplaces during Coronavirus

With more businesses and workplaces set to open up in Stage 2, the Province of Ontario has released a new toolkit aimed at helping employers develop a safety plan to better protect their workers as well as customers.
The guide has specific safety tips for different sectors and includes information on what personal protective equipment may be needed. The guide also includes a template that employers can fill out to develop their own protocols to best suit the needs of the workplace.

To download the guide, please visit the following link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan

Source: https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/16/ontario-releases-toolkit-for-safer-workplaces-during-coronavirus/

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March of Dimes Canada

The Unexpected Journey of Caring: The Transformation from Loved One to Caregiver A 4 Part Series
Starting Wednesday June 10th @ 2pm EST for 4 weeks.
Register for 1 or all 4!

Session Themes:
June 17th :Caregiver Relationship Confusion
June 24th : Be Your Own Community Organizer
July 8th: Care Networking

Register Online: https://afterstroke.marchofdimes.ca/news-events/family-caregiver-experience-4-part-series

Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (CILT):

ODSP and COVID-19 Zoom Webinar

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM (Eastern Time (US and Canada)

By the end of the webinar, you will build on your knowledge of:

Workshop Objectives

(1) ODSP and Emergency Benefits
(2) ODSP and Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
(3) ODSP and Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)
(4) What to do if you qualify for and are not receiving these benefits
(5) Community Advocacy Campaigns and ODSP Resources

Register by following the link https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mccz9OvJQk6xvKS4L-b9bA or e-mail robin.simmons@cilt.ca or call 416-599-2458 extension 293

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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 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