

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 17, 2020

As of June 17, 2020, Canada has a total of 99, 467 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 32, 554 cases with Toronto having 13, 502 cases.

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Ontario Extends Emergency Order until June 30, 2020

The Ontario emergency order for COVID-19 that was set to expire on June 19th, 2020 has been extended until at least June 30th, 2020. The emergency orders extension is to ensure the government continues to have the necessary tools to safely, and gradually reopen the province, while continuing to support frontline health care workers.

“Extending these emergency orders gives our frontline health care providers the necessary flexibility to rapidly respond to urgent needs and protect our most vulnerable,” Premier Doug Ford said in a release.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/17/ontario-covid-emergency-orders-june-30/>

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Cluster Outbreaks

Over the last week, the province has seen daily cases of coronavirus drop to under 200 four times. On Monday, Ford announced that all of Ontario, with the exception of Toronto, Peel Region, and Windsor-Essex, would move to Stage 2 of the province’s reopening plans.

As a return to normal has started in most of the province, outbreaks in clusters are bound to happen. As an example, a Home Depot in Richmond Hill had 14 staff test positive for COVID-19. Health officials are asking anyone who has shopped at the Red Maple Drive location between May 30th and June 9th to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested. This is a definitely a scenario which shows us that regardless of stores re-opening and things going back to “normal”, we still need to maintain an abundance of caution. The economy is re-opening due to the financial insecurity the closures were causing, not because the virus has gone away. It is essential that we continue to follow the emergency order guidelines in place such as wearing a mask in public, increase hand hygiene, and maintain a distance of 6 feet of others who are not in your designated social pod.

Remember, if you are ever contacted by Public Health and are told you may have been exposed to the virus, it is essential that you do your part to keep your loved ones and the community safe by self-isolating, monitoring for symptoms, and informing your employer. COVID-19 tests are now available on a walk-in basis, so please do not hesitate to go to your local assessment centre for testing if you feel you may be asymptomatic.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/16/home-depot-richmond-hill-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!

Upcoming Session Themes:

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](tel:416-599-2458)

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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