

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 23, 2020

As of June 23, 2020, Canada has a total of 101, 637 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 33, 637 cases with Toronto having 13, 893 cases.

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Customer safety is top priority as malls get set to open in Toronto and Peel

Tired of online shopping? As of Wednesday, shopping malls in Toronto and Peel region are set to open as both regions move to Stage 2. The Eaton Centre, Sherway Gardens, Yorkdale, Dufferin Mall, Vaughan Mills and the Shops at Don Mills are among some of the shopping centres you will be able to visit come Wednesday.

All shopping malls have implemented various health and safety measures to ensure that customers are kept as safe as possible. For example, mall seating has been eliminated, hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the malls, signage has been installed to remind everyone of physical distancing rules, water fountains will not be available, and enhanced cleaning will be done.

Shoppers should also be aware that not all stores in the mall will be open. Individual retailers have been given the choice to open now or delay until they feel more prepared to take on the appropriate steps to ensuring health and safety of all patrons.

If you are choosing to go out to enjoy the newly opened businesses, please be mindful of your actions and strive to maintain all of the guidelines that have been requested of you to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/23/toronto-peel-malls-coronavirus/>

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Is North Yorkers entering Stage 2?

With Toronto and Peel Region entering Stage 2 on Wednesday, many more businesses such as restaurant patios, hair salons and shopping malls will be re-opening. Although Premier Doug Ford along with the Health Ministers believe it is safe to re-open as long as all health and safety guidelines are followed, we will not be following along with the new community opportunities just yet. At North Yorkers, we will remain under a Stage 1 philosophy. We ask that the residents remain at home and avoid the temptation to go to the mall across the street. We do not feel that it is safe quite yet as we are entering an unknown transitional territory. We would like to continue maintaining the health and safety of all staff and residents, and we do not want to negate all of the hard work we have put in to keep the home secure for the past 3 months. We ask that family members and stakeholders of North Yorkers support us in this decision as we have the best interest of the residents and staff at heart. We will continue to adhere to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as it continues to be updated and extended by our provincial government (until July 15th). As we learn new information, we will be sure to take the appropriate steps to ensuring a safe re-opening of North Yorkers while following all guidelines from governing bodies.

We will continue to allow supervised, outdoor, and socially distanced visits with family members and hope that this will ease social isolation for some of the residents who might be missing their loved ones.

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Is Toronto prepared for a second wave? Toronto's top doctor answers your COVID-19 Questions

Dr. Eileen de Villa, the city's medical officer of health, had an interview with CP24 answering questions from viewers all about COVID-19. Dr. de Villa answered an array of questions, ranging from the recommendations Sick Kids has released regarding children going back to school, to the newly recommended 10-person social circles (and much more!)

Click the link below to learn more about COVID-19 through the eyes of a medical expert:

<https://www.cp24.com/news/is-toronto-prepared-for-the-second-wave-toronto-s-top-doctor-answers-your-covid-19-questions-1.4988931>

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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