

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – June 24, 2020**

As of June 24, 2020, Canada has a total of 101, 963 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 34, 016 cases with Toronto having 13, 956 cases.

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**Emergency order in Ontario extended**

Premier Ford announced today that the legislature passed a vote to extend the Emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act until **July 15, 2020**. Ford hopes that this will be the last extension, however the decision will be made solely on how the number of cases in Ontario either rise or fall, and in conjunction with the Ontario Health Minister's recommendations.

In order to maintain the low number of cases that we have been seeing in Ontario, everyone must do their part. This is the time to increase diligence on health and safety measures, and not the time to decrease our efforts. COVID-19 is still a threat especially if a community outbreak were to occur. It only takes one person ill with the virus to infect others around them.

Many of the emergency orders made under the state of emergency are expected to continue even after July 15, including bans on large gatherings. After the state of emergency expires, the province won't be able to make new emergency orders, amend them, or re-enact old ones, but existing ones can be extended. Please continue to monitor the daily news for updates on the decisions made by governing bodies. We will continue to share all relevant information with you on our website as necessary.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/24/ontario-extends-state-of-emergency-to-july-15/>

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**Ferry services to Toronto Island resume on Saturday**

Mayor John Tory announced this morning that as Toronto enters Stage 2, Toronto Island Ferry services will resume starting Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Ferries will operate at 50% capacity to allow for adequate social distancing on board. Visitors are required to wear face coverings, are encouraged to travel outside of peak hours and ferries will be disinfected after each trip. Washrooms will not be available on board the ferry boat however they will be available at the docking terminal on Toronto Island. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and splash pads will be open however Centreville Amusement park and playgrounds will remain closed.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/24/ferry-service-toronto-islands-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 Theme:

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mccz9OvJQk6xvKS4L-b9bA) or e-mail [robin.simmons@cilt.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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