

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – June 26, 2020**

As of June 26, 2020, Canada has a total of 102, 622 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 34, 316 cases with Toronto having 14, 094 cases.

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**Visitors at North Yorkers**

As we approach another beautiful weekend, please keep in mind that we have not yet lifted our COVID-19 visitor's policy at North Yorkers. All visits must be pre-scheduled with management and take place during the week when a manager is present to supervise and assist with social distancing measures in our outdoor space. If you show up unannounced over the weekend, our staff members will kindly ask you to leave and to call on Monday to make arrangements for a scheduled visit. Although Ontario has entered Stage 2, we are holding back on lifting any of our protocols until we can guarantee the safety of all residents and staff members. We would like to see the number of COVID-19 cases in Ontario continue to decrease over the next few weeks as things re-open before we consider altering our existing safety measures. We will be looking to our governing bodies, Public Health and the Ministry of Health for guidance before any changes are made to our Infection Prevention and Control guidelines. We appreciate the support from family members and friends of North Yorkers on the decisions we have had to make due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Communication Enrichment Class**

We would love to see things go back to “normal” as quickly as possible however we also need to make sure that every decision we make keeps the health and safety of our consumers and staff the top priority. For the foreseeable future, we will continue holding our Communication Enrichment Class virtually, and the in-person annual summer program will be cancelled this year. We look forward to the day when we can resume our classes in person, and hope that next summer brings new adventures for the summer program. If you have any questions regarding the Communication Enrichment Class, please contact our facilitator, Sarah at [sarah.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com).

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**How we remain current**

The management team at North Yorkers works hard each day to ensure all protocols that pertain to COVID-19 are up to date, and that our team of staff continuously have the resources they need to ensure a safe work environment for themselves as well as a safe home environment for our residents. In order to ensure that the information we provide daily is current, we routinely read and post the literature provided to us from Ontario Health, the Ministry of Health and all levels of Government. We also participate in webinars, virtual conferences and weekly information sharing sessions.

Education we have most recently participated in include:

- COVID-19 Protocol debrief
- Public Service Health and Safety Association's Return to the Workplace Conference
- "Caregiver Relationship Confusion" Webinar
- Community Health Assessment and COVID-19 protocols
- PPE Knowledge Exchange
- "Be your own community organizer" Webinar
- ODSP and COVID-19 Information Session
- Weekly Infection Prevention and Control Debriefs



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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>

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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 [jessica.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.nydp@gmail.com)