

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 8, 2020

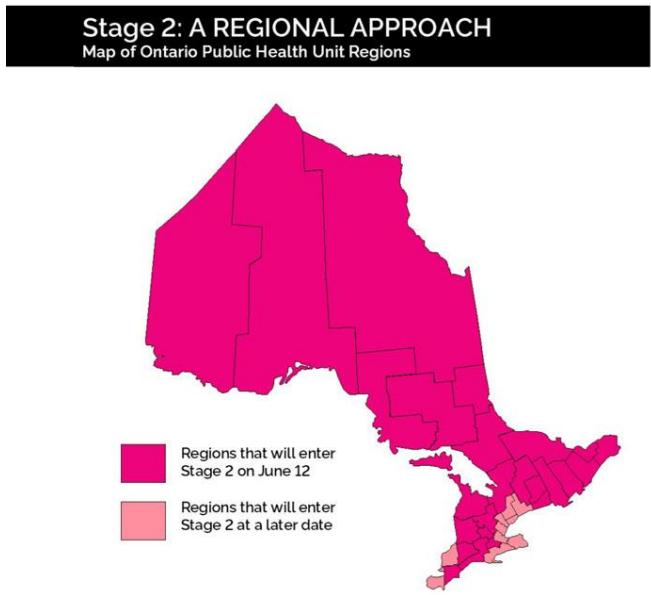
As of June 8, 2020, Canada has a total of 95, 699 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 30, 617 cases with Toronto having 12, 538 cases.

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The Extension of the Emergency Order/Phase 2

As of 2 days ago, the emergency orders were extended until June 19, 2020. Although the orders have been extended and may continue to be extended further, many changes are being made and will continue to be made to the rules on gatherings and business openings in the province as phases of reopening roll out.

“Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people across the province, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2,” the province said in a release. “Additionally, all places of worship in Ontario will also be permitted to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers.”

The Ontario Government has released today that Phase 2 will begin as of Friday June 12, 2020 at 12:01a.m., however it will be done with a regional approach in mind. **This means that cities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), or the Golden Horseshoe, will not be entering Stage 2 until further notice**, while towns on the outskirts of the GTA will have some restrictions lifted.



****Toronto, along with Peel and York, are among the regions that will remain in Phase 1 until key health indicators clear the path to safely reopen.****

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/08/ontario-stage-two-reopening-coronavirus/>

As gatherings have increased from 5 people to 10 people, please continue to be extra cautious when planning social gatherings. Avoid gathering with vulnerable friends or family members, remember to maintain social distancing of 6 feet, wear a mask, and practice hand hygiene frequently. If you plan on attending religious gatherings or churches, abide by the rules of your specific congregation and continue to be vigilant around others.

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If you have protested this weekend, please ensure that you monitor your health for symptoms of COVID-19, and consider distancing yourself at home for a while to ensure you are well and do not spread the virus to others.

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Coronavirus ‘Ask me anything’ With Dr. Vinita Dubey

Dr. Vinita Dubey will be joining 680 news on Wednesday June 10th at 12:30pm for a live questions and answer session pertaining to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Click the link below to find out where you can watch the live Q&A as well as to contribute your question(s) to be answered during the live session.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/07/coronavirus-ask-me-anything-with-dr-vinita-dubey-june-10/>



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Big Story Podcast: *How much “working from home” will become permanent?*

In today’s Big Story podcast, several of the world’s leading technology companies have announced that they don’t ever plan to return to full-time office work. Other companies plan to stagger the return of employees as the pandemic wanes. Some may have to refit their entire floor plans in order to maintain social distancing if they want their staff back in the office. None of that is easy, or cheap. We might not know what the future of work looks like once a vaccine for COVID-19 is found, but it’s safe to say that office work will never be the same. **Click the link below** to listen to the Big Story Podcast to find out more about what the future of office work might come to!

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/06/08/working-from-home/>

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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 10th: When Help Disappoints

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>

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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.

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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