

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 11, 2020

As of May 11, 2020, Canada has a total of 69, 156 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 20, 546 cases with Toronto having 7413 cases. **At this time, residents of North Yorkers continue to remain symptom free and staff members continue to self-monitor.** If this changes, we will notify all staff, residents and stakeholders as soon as possible.

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As of this morning, stores in Ontario were allowed to reopen for curbside pickup after a weekend that saw the spread of the coronavirus slow to a pace not seen in six weeks. The measure announced last week is meant to help ramp the economy back up after the pandemic caused extraordinary job losses in March and April. All retail stores with a street entrance will be allowed to open to provide both curbside pickup and delivery. On Friday, the government allowed garden centres and nurseries to fully reopen, and hardware stores could do the same on Saturday.

All retailers that have re-opened must follow Public Health Guidelines and adhere to social distancing measures. If you have a need to access any of the newly opened retailers, please continue to use the same caution you have been using since the beginning of the pandemic, such as when accessing groceries and necessities.

Precautions include:

- Wearing a mask when out in public
- Practicing hand hygiene frequently
- Do not touch your face
- Stay 6 feet away from people in lines and in stores

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/05/11/ontario-curbside-pickup-coronavirus/>

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11 Stories from Canada this week that'll make you grin from ear to ear

This week, Buzz Feed had provided us with more great stories from Canada that will keep you smiling during the continued state of emergency. These stories from around Canada will be sure to keep your spirits up, and we encourage you to share them with your loved ones to pass on the happy spirit.

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/kylerrichmond/11-good-news-canadian-stories-this-week>

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The city has launched a 24 hour “Bloom Cam” so residents can still participate in watching the High Park Sakura blossoms virtually. Check out the city of Toronto’s website below to watch the live cherry blossom feed, as well as keep informed of various live events taking place virtually to learn more about the Sakura cherry blossom trees!

<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/cherry-blossoms/>

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If you or someone you know uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and requires any 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