

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 14, 2020

As of May 14, 2020, Canada has a total of 72, 536 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 21, 494 cases with Toronto having 7944 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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Is our economy re-opening?

This afternoon, the Premier of Ontario announced the first stage of the government's plan to reopen the economy and what it will look like. Some businesses and services that have been shuttered due to the COVID-19 pandemic are set to resume on Tuesday, May 19. It is important to keep in mind that with the opening of certain businesses also comes strict protocols for infection prevention and social distancing measures to be taken.

Details of the plan include the easing of restrictions in the construction industry, more shopping options, the opening of car dealerships, and the resumption of some film and television productions.

Some outdoor and recreational activities will also get the go ahead to resume, such as golf driving ranges, cycling tracks, recreational services at marinas and rod and gun clubs.

View the link below to see a comprehensive list of the businesses that are set to resume as of May 19, 2020

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/05/14/ontario-economy-reopening-coronavirus/>

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We're not out of the woods yet: Toronto's top doctor answers your COVID-19 questions

With the positive news being released this morning that numbers are decreasing and businesses are allowed to reopen soon, it is important that we do not let our guards down and live as if everything is back to normal. Businesses that choose to reopen must adhere to health and safety guidelines, and ensure customers are following social distancing guidelines.

With many changes coming about, you may have many unanswered questions regarding COVID-19, and it is important that we gather our information from reliable sources. Click the link below to read questions from community members, answered by one of Toronto's top doctors, Dr. Eileen de Villa.

<https://www.cp24.com/news/we-re-not-out-of-the-woods-yet-toronto-s-top-doctor-answers-your-covid-19-questions-1.4929922>

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Victoria Day Weekend

Victoria Day events and firework displays have been cancelled all around the Greater Toronto Area this weekend due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is unfortunate for many families as holiday fireworks become a tradition for some.

Cancelled Victoria Day events include:

- Ashbridge's Bay (Monday, May 18)
- Nobleton's Victoria Day Celebration (Monday, May 18)
- Canada's Wonderland fireworks display (Sunday, May 17)
- Ballantrae Community Centre in Stouffville fireworks (Sunday, May 17)
- SpeedFest at Clarington's Canadian Tire Motorsport Park fireworks (Saturday, May 16)
- Mohawk Raceway fireworks (Saturday, May 16)
- Kaboomfest in Milton (Sunday and Monday)

Things you can do on the Victoria Day Long Weekend Instead

- Have a backyard BBQ with your household
- Play outdoor games- have a tournament and get competitive. This can be done with cards and board games as well!
- Have a firework display of your own if you have the space to do so safely
- Look up some new recipes and experiment
- Set up a tent in the backyard and camp with your family

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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