

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 6, 2020

As of May 6, 2020, Canada has a total of 62, 458 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 18, 722 cases with Toronto having 6448 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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For the second consecutive day, Ontario has seen a rise in the number of new cases of COVID-19. The province's report confirms that there were 412 new cases of the virus yesterday, up from 387 on Monday and 370 on Sunday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that a premature lifting of restrictions on the emergency order by countries fighting the coronavirus pandemic could spark a "deadly resurgence". The WHO wants to see restrictions lifted as much as anyone, however this will only happen when the time is right. The way down can be as dangerous as the way up if not managed properly.

As much as all want things to go back to normal, it is important that we do not let our guard down and start relaxing the infection prevention habits that we have had to introduce to our current situation. We must continue following all guidelines for social distancing, wearing masks when in public (for essential reasons only), and practicing hand hygiene as frequently as possible.

<https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-sees-number-of-new-covid-19-cases-rise-for-second-day-in-a-row-68-more-deaths-reported-1.4927187>

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Victoria Day weekend, also known as May 2-4, is fast approaching as it takes place on May 16th and 17th this year. Premier Doug Ford has announced this morning that the emergency orders have been extended to May 19th to prevent citizens from celebrating the weekend as per usual. The order extends the closure of outdoor amenities in parks and recreational areas, non-essential workplaces, public places, bars and restaurants, and restrictions on social gatherings.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/05/06/ontario-coronavirus-emergency-orders-may-19/>

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Toronto's Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Vinita Dubey has gone live at 12:30pm today for an interview with 680 news to answer questions directly from the public. Follow the link below to watch Dr. Dubey!

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/04/30/coronavirus-qa-with-assoc-medical-officer-of-health-dr-vinita-dubey/>



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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



Zoe and Christine showing us that there is ALWAYS a reason to smile!

