

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 1, 2021

As of November 1st, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,714,764 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 600,377 cases and Toronto has 180,857 cases.

Ontario's COVID-19 case count crosses 600,000 as province logs 422 new infections

Today, there are 422 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. This comes after 356 cases on Saturday and 340 cases on Sunday. The seven-day average is 362, down from 372 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 1.8%.

Of these 422 new infections, 261 people are either unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 161 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were found in: Toronto (61), Peel Region (47), York Region (41), Ottawa (38), Simcoe-Muskoka (25), Sudbury (22), Southwestern Public Health (21), and Hamilton (20). All other health units reported fewer than 20 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

According to the province, there are 134 COVID-19 patients in hospital and there are 133 patients in an Intensive Care Unit. The vaccination status of those hospitalized was not made available today.

In Ontario, 7,427 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 11 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 84.5% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 88.1% of people in Ontario who are eligible for a vaccine have had at least one dose.

Sources:

1. <https://covid19tracker.ca/index.html>
2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-s-covid-19-case-count-crosses-600-000-as-province-logs-422-new-infections-1.5646724>

What you need to know about Canada's new COVID-19 rules for train, plane, and cruise passengers

Beginning on Saturday, new rules have been implemented for Canadian travellers by the federal government. Anyone travelling by plane, train, or ship in Canada will have to prove that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The new rules are:

1. Anyone who is 12 years of age or older will need to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19
2. To be considered fully vaccinated, you must have received your second dose at least 14 days before your departure date
3. The rules apply to domestic, transborder, and international flights, as well as rail passengers on VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains
4. Anyone boarding a cruise ship or any type of passenger vessel where the trip will last more than 24 hours will need to show proof of vaccination – however, the federal government is still advising Canadians to avoid travelling on cruise ships for now

According to Travel Canada, there will be a “short transition period” until November 29th where travellers will have the option to show proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test instead of proof of vaccination. The test needs to be taken within 72 hours of your travel date. Antigen tests (also known as rapid tests) will not be accepted.

There is an exemption for those living in fly-in communities. Residents who leave their remote communities to access essential services will not need to be vaccinated to board a plane.

Accepted vaccines include 2 doses, or a mix of: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or AstraZeneca. Passengers can also show proof that they received one dose of Janssen’s Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Other COVID-19 public health measures remain in place for travel, including mandatory masks and negative test requirements.

Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/what-you-need-to-know-about-canada-s-new-covid-19-rules-for-train-plane-passengers-1.5644312>

Ontario’s COVID-19 Vaccine booking portal:

Those eligible for a vaccine can book here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

Or by phone at: 1-833-943-3900.

For general information about vaccines, call: 1-888-999-6488.

In Toronto? Here’s a safe transportation option to go to your vaccine appointment:

Wheel-Trans is committed to providing vaccine rides to the elderly and people with disabilities in Toronto. Wheel-Trans is offering individual rides to City-run mass vaccination sites,

pharmacies, doctor's offices, and clinics that are giving out vaccines. Customers may be joined by one Support Person on their Wheel-Trans ride.

You may be eligible for Wheel-Trans service if your disability prevents you from using the TTC's conventional transit for all or part of their trip.

If you are not yet a Wheel-Trans customer, and you think you may qualify for Wheel-Trans service, you are invited to apply by calling Wheel-Trans Customer Service at 416-393-4111, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Existing Wheel-Trans customers can book their rides to and from their vaccine appointments by calling Wheel-Trans Reservations at 416-393-4222, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or through the Wheel-Trans Self-Booking Website. Access the website by clicking here: <https://mywheel-trans.ttc.ca/SelfBooking2020/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fSelfBooking2020>.

Upcoming Events:

North Yorkers

The Communication Enrichment Class (ongoing)

The class is running virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1pm. You can find the online blog at <https://nydpcec.wordpress.com/> where class activities will be posted before each class. If you or someone you know has a communication disability and may be interested in participating in the class, please contact Jessica, our Manager of Client Services via email at jessica.nydp@gmail.com.

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One to One Peer Support Program

The One to One Peer Support program is still running. No one understands quite like somebody who has lived the same experience. Our Peer Support program pairs caregivers with peers who are also experienced in caregiving and can offer practical advice and support by phone or a video chat. Contact Angie Clark by email at aclark@marchofdimes.ca or call 1-905-301-8114 for more information or to get connected.

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.

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 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 Senior Manager of Client Services/Lead AAC Facilitator Jessica at 416-222-4448 or jessica.nydp@gmail.com.