

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 10, 2021

As of November 10th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,738,563 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 604,606 cases and Toronto has 181,494 cases.

Ontario reports 454 new COVID-19 cases

Today, there are 454 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 502, up from 379 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 1.8%.

Of these 454 new infections, 249 people are either unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 205 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were found in: Ottawa (43), Toronto (42), Simcoe-Muskoka (38), York Region (34), and Peel Region (33). All other health units reported fewer than 30 COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

According to the province, there are 148 COVID-19 patients in hospital, with 87 people who are either not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status and 61 people who are fully vaccinated. There are 75 patients in an Intensive Care Unit. Among ICU patients, 59 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 16 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 15,257 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 11.1 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 85.1% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 88.5% 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-reports-454-new-cases-of-covid-19-nine-new-deaths-1.5659976>

Canada authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster for adults

Health Canada has now authorized the use of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine as a booster shot.

“A COVID-19 booster shot is an extra dose of the vaccine given after completion of the primary vaccine series. The booster shot is designed to help people maintain their protection against COVID-19 over time”

The booster has been approved for people over the age of 18, though third doses have already been given to high-risk populations across the country.

The booster is identical to the regular Pfizer vaccine and is to be given at least six months after the first two vaccine doses. Clinical trials have shown that side-effects are similar as those experienced with the original two doses of the vaccine.

Health Canada's review found that the booster met all safety, efficacy, and quality requirements.

The booster dose will help fight waning immunity for populations who received the vaccines first, “there's been reports of some observations of waning immunity against infection, and in some cases, they have had some severe outcomes.”

Ontario is looking at early 2022 to expand booster doses to all adults, based on a six-to-eight-month period after people received their second doses.

Moderna has also applied to Health Canada to approve its COVID-19 booster shot.

Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-booster-for-adults-1.5658454>

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.