

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 11, 2021

As of November 11th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,741,318 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 605,248 cases and Toronto has 181,566 cases.

Ontario reports 642 new COVID-19 cases

Today, there are 642 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 532, up from 383 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 2.1%.

Of these 642 new infections, 397 people are either unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 245 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were mainly found in: Toronto (74), York Region (62), Peel Region (61), Windsor-Essex (48), Ottawa (39), Sudbury (29), Waterloo (26), and Kingston (25).

According to the province, there are 168 COVID-19 patients in hospital, with 104 people who are either not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status and 64 people who are fully vaccinated. There are 62 patients in an Intensive Care Unit. Among ICU patients, 64 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 4 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 15,962 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 11.1 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 85.2% 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-642-new-cases-of-covid-19-seven-day-average-climbs-1.5661652>

Ontario pauses next step of reopening plan as COVID-19 cases increase

The Government of Ontario announced yesterday that it is pausing the next step of its reopening plan. This decision was made after the recent increase of COVID-19 cases.

The next step has been delayed by at least 28 days.

On November 15, capacity limits were supposed to be lifted in remaining high-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required.

These higher-risk settings include:

- Food or drink establishments with dance facilities such as night clubs and wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces
- Strip clubs, sex clubs, and bathhouses

The restrictions currently in place limit nightclubs to 25 percent capacity or 250 patrons, whichever is less.

Health officials said that while Ontario's hospital and intensive care capacity remains stable, certain public health trends, such as virus reproduction and positivity rates, have increased slightly over the past week.

Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore said that Ontario is pausing the reopening plan "out of an abundance of caution."

"To ensure we maintain our progress, it is necessary to make this deliberate pause"

If any additional restrictions are needed, they will be brought in on a regional basis.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-pauses-next-step-of-reopening-plan-as-covid-19-cases-increase-1.5660529>

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.

March of Dimes

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.