

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 3, 2021

As of November 3rd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,720,658 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 601,086 cases and Toronto has 181,069 cases.

Ontario reports 378 new COVID-19 cases

Today, there are 378 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 379, up from 366 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 1.4%.

Of these 378 new infections, 236 people are either unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 142 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were mainly found in: Toronto (64), York Region (41), Niagara Region (32), Hamilton (23), Windsor-Essex (21), Ottawa (20), and Sudbury (17).

According to the province, there are 237 COVID-19 patients in hospital, with 174 people who are either not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status and 63 people who are fully vaccinated. There are 137 patients in an Intensive Care Unit. Among ICU patients, 125 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 12 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 16,933 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 11 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 84.6% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 88.2% 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-378-new-covid-19-cases-five-more-deaths-1.5650282>

Ontario expands eligibility for third doses of COVID-19 vaccine

More Ontarians will be able to receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot as soon as this weekend as the province expands its eligibility for third doses. Booster shots will add more protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

Some groups can book appointments starting at 8 a.m. Saturday if they received their second dose at least six months ago. Those groups include:

- Residents over the age of 70
- Health-care workers, and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine i.e., two doses of AstraZeneca or one dose of Janssen
- First Nation, Inuit, and Metis adults and their non-Indigenous household members

The new eligibility guidelines follow recommendations made last week by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

In January 2022, the government plans to open eligibility for booster shots to all Ontarians, pending clinical information. Eligibility for the general population will be based on age, risk, and when you received your first two doses.

With this announcement, more than 2.75 million Ontarians will be able to get their booster shot.

Eligible residents can book their vaccine through their public health units, select pharmacies, the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or through the provincial portal here: https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/?utm_source=newsroom&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%2Fen%2Frelease%2F1001100%2Fontario-expanding-booster-eligibility-to-more-ontarians&utm_term=media

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-expands-eligibility-for-third-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-1.5650095>

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.