

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – September 28, 2021**

As of September 28th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,612,750 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 585,007 cases and Toronto has 178,304 cases.

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**COVID-19 case numbers in Ontario drop to 466**

Today, there are 466 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 605, down from 710 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 2.1%.

Of these 466 new infections, 347 people are either unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 119 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were found in: Toronto (138), Peel Region (39), Ottawa (31), Windsor-Essex (31), Niagara Region (25), Hamilton (25), and York Region (21). All other health units reported fewer than 10 cases in Ontario.

According to the province, there are 315 COVID-19 patients in hospital, including 37 people who are fully vaccinated and 278 people who are either not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. There are 180 patients in an Intensive Care Unit. Among ICU patients, 172 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 8 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 31,855 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 10.4 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 81.1% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 86.6% 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/covid-19-case-numbers-in-ontario-drop-to-466-another-11-deaths-reported-1.5603313>

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**Is the Delta variant of the coronavirus worse for kids?**

The Delta variant of COVID-19 has led to a surge of infections among children. This is because the variant is more contagious. However, data so far has shown that there is no strong evidence that the virus strain makes children and teenagers sicker than earlier strains of the virus.

The high transmissibility of the Delta variant highlights the need for masks among school-aged children. As well as the importance of vaccination for those over 12 years of age who are eligible for the vaccine.

In the United States, infection rates among children this month topped 250,000 cases, this is higher than the peak of cases experienced during winter last year. Since the pandemic began, it is reported that more than five million children in the United States have tested positive for COVID-19.

The spike in infections has led to an increase of hospitalizations for young children and teens. In the United States, hospitalization rates for children with COVID-19 has remained stable at 2 per 100,000. Hospitalization rates remain higher for children who are unvaccinated.

Most children experience mild infections. However, while severe illness and hospitalization is rare, it is not impossible. Just last week, a child under 10 years of age died from COVID-19 in the Waterloo Region. It was reported that this child had underlying health conditions, but the specifics have not been disclosed to the public.

Sources:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/is-the-delta-variant-of-the-coronavirus-worse-for-kids-1.5597460>
2. <https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/health-officials-report-covid-19-related-death-of-child-under-10-in-ontario-s-waterloo-region-1.5589562>

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**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.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:aclark@marchofdimes.ca) or call 1-905-301-8114 for more information or to get connected.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jessica.nydp@gmail.com).