

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

As of September 10th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,534,279 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 572,978 cases and Toronto has 175,799 cases.

Ontario reports another 848 new COVID-19 cases

Today, there are 848 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 728, down from 731 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 3.1%.

Of these 848 new infections, 659 people are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 189 people are fully vaccinated.

In the last 24 hours, labs confirmed 748 cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant. This brings the total number of cases to 14,051.

Today's highest case counts were found in: Toronto (166), Peel Region (117), York Region (77), Windsor-Essex (74), Hamilton (53), Ottawa (52), and Durham Region (48).

According to the province, there are 361 COVID-19 patients in hospitals. Of this number, 331 people are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 30 are fully vaccinated. There are 177 people in an Intensive Care Unit. Among ICU patients, 163 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 14 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 35,844 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 10.1 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 78.3% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 84.8% 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-another-848-new-covid-19-cases-11-additional-deaths-1.5580069>

WHO chief urges halt to booster shots for the rest of the year

The head of the World Health Organization is urging wealthy countries with large supplies of COVID-19 vaccines to not offer booster shots for the rest of the year. Instead, they ask that these vaccines be made available to less wealthy countries. Last month, the WHO called for the same suspension but saw no change in the actions of wealthier countries.

It has been reported that 5.5 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered, but 80% of those have been to upper-and middle-income countries.

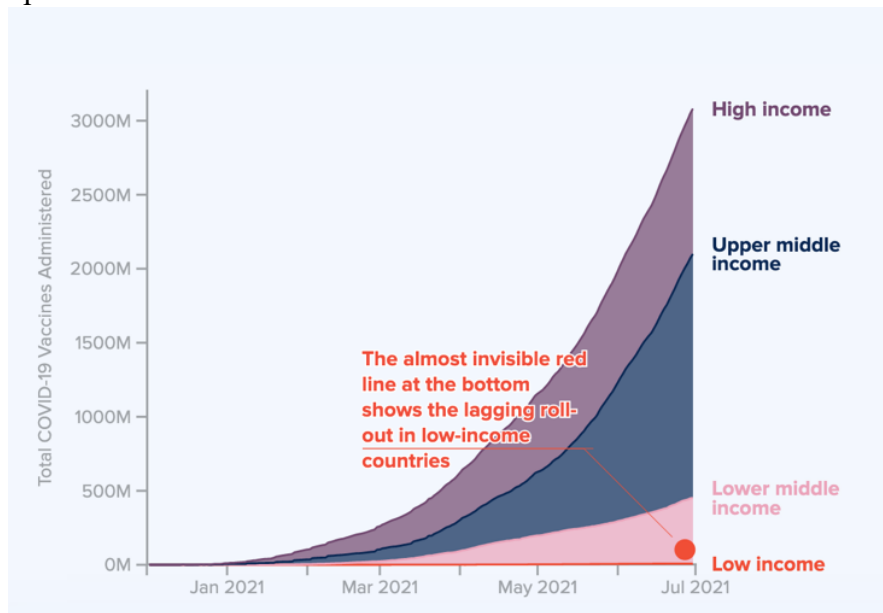
Regardless of what the WHO is calling for, some countries such as Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, and Israel have been thinking about or already started boosters for vulnerable populations.

The WHO Director General stated, “I will not stay silent when companies and countries that control the global supply of vaccines think the world's poor should be satisfied with leftovers...Because manufacturers have prioritized or been legally obliged to fulfill bilateral deals with rich countries willing to pay top dollar, low income countries have been deprived of the tools to protect their people.”

It is critical that we look at global vaccine equity because this has real impacts on the pandemic. Firstly, when unvaccinated individuals are infected with COVID-19, it is more likely that the virus will mutate and create variants, such as the Delta variant, which are oftentimes harder for our immune system to fight. Secondly, without vaccinations, more people will become severely ill from the virus. We should all care about the global population’s health; vaccine access in a global pandemic should not be dependent on where a person lives.

The WHO aims to help all countries vaccinate at least 40% of their populations by the end of the year. This is difficult when countries are unable to access vaccine supplies.

To help visualize the scale of global vaccine inequity, the Global Dashboard for Vaccine Equity created this graph:



Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/who-chief-urges-halt-to-booster-shots-for-rest-of-the-year-1.5577368>
2. <https://data.undp.org/vaccine-equity/>

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

Date: Returning September 14, 2021

The class will continue to run virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1pm, and you can find the online blog at <https://nydpcec.wordpress.com/> where the 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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Caregiving and Resources

Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

In this webinar, Heather Cresswell will share her the emotional and physical struggles of caregiving and the wonderful support she received for over 34 years. There will be tips and testimonials for all Caregivers. She will discuss her approach with her Mom on how she dealt

with regular daily activities, appointments and services. She will give insight on what takes place when caring for a loved one long term.

Register:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LgLPEQJhz0Oew_OpyuNE5Y_YdjYHfhHnLBGvolxLIpUMIAzQTBFMDc0T09PwDk0S00xRUhMWIBMSy4u

3-Part Series with Caroline Tapp-McDougall

Session 3: Slow Caregiving

Date: RESCHEDULED for Monday, September 20th at 2:00pm.

Register:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LgLPEQJhz0Oew_OpyuNE5Y_YdjYHfhHnLBGvolxLIpUMIAzQTBFMDc0T09PwDk0S00xRUhMWIBMSy4u

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.

3-Part Series with Caregiving – A Family Affair

This series happened in April, and answered the question: How can families remain strong and intact throughout the caregiving experience? If you missed it or would like to re-watch it, please click below. The access code for all sessions is Care2021.

Session 1: How Care Shapes Family - The first webinar in this series will explore how families change when care needs cause everyone to examine the workability of old family dynamics.

Click here to watch:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Fc5xD9ny1EdcYK8WuxiEtxmgzKb7Nk2CHkVxvfZH3nFpHc78OQaEfc7s5I4ZKfC0.rRNaho3SFstjrfq2>

Session 2: Remaking the Family The second webinar in this series will explore how to intentionally reshape family relationships and dynamics in order to build a strong and sustainable care team. Click here to watch:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kOZCFmWg5uWf_LCf8r0XaJK55z6dC6kNTuIXwLX2oJaU5S7egmtFJfNy7uDC9q65.Gr5BYq2kBTZszSYh

Session 3: A Toolkit for Caregivers - The third and final episode in this series will offer tools and strategies to assess the wellbeing of family members individually and gauge how well the family is meeting challenges as a team. Click here to watch:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8KXgbihXQcDFQbemjEPKVgtazMqCK13bxO_adxzeJTPJM4xIAArK-tzIs3UD-ZT3.tBtEP81bttPoBxT-

For recordings of previous webinars please contact Angie Clark at aclark@marchofdimes.ca.

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.