

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – September 14, 2021**

As of September 14th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,552,188 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 575,796 cases and Toronto has 176,404 cases.

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**Ontario reports just under 600 new COVID-19 cases**

Today, there are 577 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The seven-day average is 716, down from 746 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 2.3%.

Of these 577 new infections, 452 people are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. The remaining 125 people are fully vaccinated.

Today's cases were found in: Toronto (116), Peel Region (67), York Region (46), Windsor-Essex (54), Brant County (33), and Niagara Region (31). All other health units reported fewer than 30 cases in Ontario.

According to the province, there are 363 COVID-19 patients in hospital, including 38 people who are fully vaccinated and 325 people who are either not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status. There are 192 patients in an Intensive Care Unit, and 119 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator. Among ICU patients, 183 patients are not fully vaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status, and 9 are fully vaccinated.

In Ontario, 28,657 vaccine doses were given in the last 24 hours. Over 10.1 million people in Ontario are fully vaccinated, which is 78.8% of the population that is eligible for a vaccine. Meanwhile, 85.1% 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-just-under-600-new-covid-19-cases-seven-more-deaths-1.5584660>

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**Politicians and health-care workers condemn countrywide hospital protests**

In response to vaccine mandates and COVID-19 related public health measures, there have been protests held outside of hospitals across Canada. These demonstrations are being condemned by health care workers and politicians because they are unfair to staff and patients in hospital.

The protests were organized by a group that has been promoting conspiracy theories against COVID-19 and claims that the pandemic is a fraud.

In response, Ontario Premier Doug Ford tweeted: “the protests we’re seeing outside of hospitals are selfish, cowardly, and reckless. Our health care workers have sacrificed so much to keep us all safe during this pandemic. They don’t deserve this kind of treatment – not now, not ever. Leave our health care workers alone.”

Similarly, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and Ontario Medical Association issued a statement condemning these disruptions and calling for safe zones around health care facilities.

The University Health Network likewise said that staff who are caring for those dying from COVID-19 are disheartened.

“To see protests in front of hospitals is demoralizing for all who work here but particularly for the staff who have cared for the people dying of COVID-19, often without all of their family and loved ones around them”

Nurses have also reported that they are being harassed and are being told not to wear scrubs or anything that identifies them as health care workers outside of the hospital. Toronto Mayor John Tory has said that staff will be protected and that patients can access hospital buildings.

During these protests, nurses and doctors have said that they are trying to remember that the protestors are not the majority. Most Canadians are in full support of front-line workers and are aware of how hard they have been working.

“These COVID-19 heroes need the resources and supports to continue the battle — now in the thick of a fourth wave. They cannot and must not be distracted, or worse, discouraged by protests at the doorsteps of their workplaces.”

Please remember to thank healthcare and frontline workers when you can.

Source:

1. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/covid-hospital-protests-canada-1.6173437>

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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**

#### **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](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](mailto: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](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-](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8KXgbihXQcDFQbemjEPKVgtazMqCK13bxO_adxzeJTPJM4xIAArK-tzIs3UD-ZT3.tBtEP81bttPoBxT-)

For recordings of previous webinars please contact Angie Clark at [aclark@marchofdimes.ca](mailto:aclark@marchofdimes.ca).

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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).