

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – April 13, 2021

As of April 13th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 076, 182 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 394, 679 cases and Toronto has 125, 497 cases.

Ontario reports 3, 670 new COVID-19 cases; 15 more deaths

The province is reporting 3,670 confirmed cases of COVID-19 today, as provincial labs processed 42,167 tests in the last 24 hours, which has generated a positivity rate of 10.3 percent. This is the highest positivity rate recorded so far in the pandemic, according to the Ministry of Health. The seven-day rolling average of new cases now stands at 3,868, up from 3,767 yesterday.

Infectious diseases expert Dr. Isaac Bogoch said that the recent trend indicates that the peak of the third wave of the pandemic has not yet happened, and therefore we can expect higher numbers of cases in the coming days. He said that the crest of the curve may start to show two weeks after the Easter long weekend.

Today, there are 626 patients in intensive care units across the province receiving treatment for COVID-19. Yesterday, an official with Ontario Health said that the hospital system could likely sustain up to 900 patients in intensive care units in the province at one time, but if the number exceeds 900, hospitals may need to invoke a triage protocol that would reserve care for those most likely to survive the illness.

Also reported today, there are currently 1, 822 patients in Ontario hospitals with COVID-19, which surpasses all previous records in the pandemic by more than 100 patients. This number has increased drastically, as one week ago there were 1, 161 patients in hospitals for COVID-19.

Across the GTA, Toronto reported 1,016 new cases of COVID-19, Peel Region reported 613, York Region reported 519, and Durham reported 196 new cases today.

The total number of people who have received at least one dose of the vaccine in Ontario is 3, 310,157 since December 2020.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-3-670-new-covid-19-cases-15-more-deaths-1.5385299>

Canada to receive 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses from Pfizer this week, hopes Moderna delivery delay is over

The federal government is expecting a delivery of at least one million doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week, which the manufacturer has consistently been delivering every week for the past month. This trend is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

There has been a backlog on receiving the Moderna vaccine in Canada, and the country is currently waiting on 855,000 vaccine doses that were expected to arrive last week. This is apparently due to the quality assurance program at Moderna, which is creating a backlog in getting the vaccine doses sent out. Officials have indicated that there may be a similar delay in the delivery of 1.2 million doses from Moderna that are expected to arrive in the country next week.

Canada's Public Health Agency is not expecting any doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine to be delivered this week, and it is also not clear when the first delivery of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will arrive in Canada.

More than 10 million doses of a vaccine have been distributed to different areas of Canada, and nearly 8 million have been administered. Almost 20 percent of the population has received at least one shot.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/canada-to-receive-1-million-covid-19-vaccine-doses-from-pfizer-this-week-hopes-moderna-delivery-delay-is-over-1.5383594>

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:

March of Dimes

Caregiver Webinars

Caregiver Connection Group – Caregiver conversation series – 10 weeks

Date: Starting Thursday, March 4th, at 2:00pm – every Thursday, join anytime

To register for any or all sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-of-dimes-canada-caregiver-conversation-series-tickets-142228614615?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

The Importance of Socialization for Family Caregivers

Date: Monday, April 19th at 2:00pm

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-importance-of-socialization-for-family-caregivers-registration-146947573147?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

A 3-Part Series for Caregivers: Caregiving: A Family Affair

Session 1: How Care Shapes Family

Date: Monday April 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/3-part-series-caregiving-a-family-affair-how-care-shapes-family-registration-147128530395>

Better Living Health and Community Services

Lunch n` Learns

Stress Reduction Facilitator Dr. Marcia Kostenuik

Date: Wednesday, April 21st from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcoce-grTwwGtXAXMFIY134th5r0WaTWtjw>

Tuning In: Using Music to Promote Health, Wellness and Care Facilitator Sarah Rose Black

Date: Wednesday, April 28th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvfuuprzopE9a5UjiOUd7IhtP_pV3f62n6

If you or someone you know uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and requires resources related to COVID-19, please contact Sarah (sarah.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 back 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 Outreach Communication

Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or

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