

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – April 15, 2021**

As of April 15th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 093, 402 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 403, 571 cases and Toronto has 127, 769 cases.

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**Ontario logs 4, 736 new COVID-19 cases, another single-day record in the province**

The province is reporting another single-day record for COVID-19 infections today as hospitalizations and intensive care admissions continue to rise. The rolling seven-day average of new infections now stands at 4, 208, up from 3, 093 one week ago.

There were 65, 559 tests processed in the past 24 hours, and officials say that the province-wide positivity rate is now 8 percent, up from 6 percent last Thursday. The number of active cases in Ontario is now 38, 341, up from 28, 059 one week ago.

According to the Ministry of Health, there are now 1, 932 COVID-19 patients in hospital in the province, and 659 of those patients are in intensive care units. There were also 29 virus-related deaths reported today, and the average daily death toll has risen from 14 this time last week to 21 today.

Of the new cases reported today, 1, 188 are in Toronto, 526 are in York Region, 342 are in Ottawa, 216 in Durham Region, and 215 were reported in Niagara.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-logs-4-736-new-covid-19-cases-another-single-day-record-in-the-province-1.5388601>

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**Ford's cabinet to meet amid growing calls to take further action to slow spread of COVID-19**

The Premier's cabinet is meeting today amid record-breaking COVID-19 case counts that have many calling for drastic action to be taken to prevent further spread. This meeting will be discussing more restrictions that could be put in place, including a potential curfew for the province.

The Quebec government has had a curfew in place in Montreal since January, but has faced violent protests as a result. The curfew was extended to 8pm earlier this week, due to several nights of disruption in the city.

Dr. Andrew Boozary, who is the Executive Director of Social Medicine at the University Health Network, said that the provincial government should be doing whatever it can right now to get

vaccines out to hotspot neighbourhoods. He also said that there continues to be a need for additional supports for essential workers, including paid sick days.

New modelling for the trajectory of the pandemic in the province is set to be released tomorrow.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-s-cabinet-to-meet-amid-growing-calls-to-take-further-action-to-slow-spread-of-covid-19-1.5388690>

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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:**

### **March of Dimes**

#### **Caregiver Webinars**

#### **Caregiver Connection Group – Caregiver conversation series – 10 weeks**

Date: Starting Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvfuuPrzopE9a5UjiOUd7IhtP\\_pV3f62n6](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvfuuPrzopE9a5UjiOUd7IhtP_pV3f62n6)

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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 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](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 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

[sarah.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com)