

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – April 22, 2021

As of April 22nd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,152,698 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 432,805 cases and Toronto has 136,833 cases.

Ontario reports nearly 3,700 new cases of COVID-19 as number of patients in ICUs surpasses 800

The province is reporting 3,682 new cases of the virus, along with another 40 deaths. This is the second time in the last three days that Ontario has recorded fewer than 4,000 new cases in a 24-hour period, after a week of daily case counts being in the 4000s. The rolling-day average now stands at 4,176, down from 4,208 at this point last week. The positivity rate recorded today was 7.8 percent, accounting for 54,000 tests.

Hospitalizations are continuing to increase, and there are currently 2,350 patients in hospital receiving treatment for COVID-19. The number of intensive care patients for COVID-19 has reached 806 across the province. This is accounting for more than one-third of all available beds in intensive care units.

Locally, Toronto reported 1,131 new cases of the virus, Peel reported 507, York Region reported 436, and Durham reported 200. All 34 public health units in the province reported at least one case today, which is the first time that this has happened in over a week.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-nearly-3-700-new-cases-of-covid-19-as-number-of-patients-in-icub-surpasses-800-1.5397876>

Toronto to triple COVID-19 vaccine doses in 13 hotspot zones

The city is launching a mobile vaccination program to increase the amount of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the hardest hit neighbourhoods by the virus. Thirteen priority areas have been identified by postal code where these mobile and pop-clinics will be implemented, and they include;

- Northwest: M9W, M9V, M9L, M9M, M6M, M3K, M3J, M3N, M3M
- Central: M4H
- East: M1J, M1G

All residents aged 18 or over in these areas are eligible for a vaccine. The strategy aims to allocate 12,000 doses per week in these hot spot zones, which will triple the number of people who can be vaccinated in community clinics.

The city is also planning to increase the number of vaccines at nine clinics next month, depending on vaccine supply. Starting on May 10th, staffing and resources are expected to be enhanced at the following locations:

- Scarborough Town Centre – 25% increase
- Malvern Community Recreation Centre – 25% increase
- Carmine Stefano Community Centre – 20% increase
- The Hangar Sport and Event Centre – 25% increase

City-run clinics should see about 8,600 people receiving a dose of the vaccine per day, which will result in more than 60,000 people per week.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/toronto-to-triple-covid-19-vaccine-doses-in-13-hot-spot-zones-1.5396730>

Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine booking portal:

Those eligible for a vaccine can book here.

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>

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

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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