

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – April 29, 2021**

As of April 29th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 207, 720 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 459, 477 cases and Toronto has 144, 736 cases.

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**Ontario reports 3, 817 new cases of COVID-19, 41 deaths**

The province is reporting over 3, 800 new cases of COVID-19 today, as well as an additional 41 deaths. The seven-day average in the province is now at 3, 810, down from 4, 176 one week ago. Including the most recent fatalities, the province’s virus-related death toll has surpassed 8,000, and is now at 8,029.

Among today’s deaths, two people were between 20 and 39 years old, four were between 40 and 59, 18 were between 60 and 79, and 17 were 80 years old and over. There were another 4,245 people who recovered from the virus in the past 24 hours, and there are currently 38, 438 active cases in the province.

Ontario labs processed over 56, 900 tests in the past day, and the positivity rate now stands at 7.6 percent. Locally, Toronto reported 1, 172 new cases of the virus today, 901 cases were reported in Peel, 392 in York Region, 292 in Durham, and 129 in Halton region.

The province also logged 2, 708 lab-confirmed cases of variants of concern. This includes 96 cases of the P1 variant, which originated in Brazil, and this is highest single-day increase for this variant since it was first recorded in Ontario in February.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-seeing-early-signs-of-improvement-as-province-reports-more-than-3-800-new-covid-19-cases-epidemiologist-says-1.5407122>

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**Ontario seeing ‘early signs of improvement,’ epidemiologist says**

Today’s daily case count and the number of virus-related deaths are up from yesterday, but infectious disease specialist Dr. Isaac Bogoch says that the numbers are heading in the right direction. He said; “There are early signs of improvement. It’s fantastic to see. We’re seeing those early signs of improvement in much of the province. That’s just a reflection of the public health measures starting to take effect with the lag time that we expect.”

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the provincial government implemented a province-wide stay-at-home order to curb rising infections and hospitalizations. This is expected to end on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Dr. Bogoch says, “Let's keep the momentum rolling, and there's no way we should be even thinking about opening up when we're at the stage that we're in right now, we just have to keep going down this pathway, we'll get there.”

Dr. Bogoch stressed the importance of the province continuing to focus on the vaccine rollout, and getting as many people vaccinated with at least one dose during this stay-at-home order.

Ontario marked a milestone today with over five million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine administered across the province. There are currently 368, 403 people who have been fully vaccinated against the virus, having received two doses.

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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>.

### **In Scarborough? SCC Sedan Taxi has a new name and logo:**

The Scarborough City Cab, also known as SSC Sedan Taxi, is changing its name and logo! As of Sunday, May 2, its new name is Toronto 1 Taxi (TTM). This rebranding will not impact its services or the delivery of your trip. This is the new logo that you will see on their cars:



Questions? Call 416-393-4111 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email [wtcs@ttc.ca](mailto:wtcs@ttc.ca).

### **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>

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

- Session 2: Remaking the Family, Responding to Crisis, Chaos and Change

Date: Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/3-part-series-caregiving-a-family-affair-remaking-the-family-registration-147152913325>

- Session 3: A Toolkit for Caregiver and Family Well-Being

Date: Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/3-part-series-caregiving-a-family-affair-a-toolkit-for-caregivers-registration-147153587341>

## **Navigating the Healthcare System**

Date: Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/navigating-the-healthcare-system-registration-151067826937>

## **Better Living Health and Community Services**

### **Wellness Breaks and Lunch n' Learns**

Reconnecting with Mind and Body

Date: Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 3:20pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkdOmrrD0uGtew2bbwWADn812Aa62KrYJr>

Basic Ways to Improve Your Diet

Date: Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ldeyggTIpG9Oob0TxQDcDqmLzmSRgyOgx>

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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](mailto: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

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