

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – April 30 2021

As of April 30th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 211, 083 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 459, 477 cases and Toronto has 146, 933 cases.

Ontario opens COVID-19 vaccine bookings for adults 55+ on April 30, anticipates 18+ eligibility by end of May

With millions of doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines anticipated to begin arriving in Ontario, the province's vaccine task force says it can accelerate its timeline so all adults will be able to register for a first dose by the end of May.

The revised outlook breaks down like this:

Week of April 26: All Ontario adults age 55 and up; those 45 years old and up in hot-spot communities; and licensed child-care workers.

Week of May 3: Ontario adults over the age of 50; adults age 18 and up in hot-spot communities; those with health conditions deemed "high risk"; and some people who cannot work from home.

Week of May 10: Ontario adults over the age of 40; those with health conditions deemed "at risk"; and more individuals who cannot work from home.

Week of May 17: Ontario adults over the age of 30.

Week of May 24: Ontario adults over the age of 18.

Click [here](#) to read more about who falls into each stage.

This plan is only based on scheduled deliveries of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Officials said the process could move even more quickly depending on the potential arrival of doses of the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccines, neither of which have further allocation numbers at this point.

Health Minister Christine Elliott reiterated that, "until the majority of Ontarians have received both doses of the vaccine, we must continue to follow the public health measures we know work and keep us safe."

"There's a clear reason for hope, but this hope requires a commitment ... to stay the course and make sure the third wave is the last wave," said Adalsteinn Brown, co-chair of the COVID-19 science advisory table. He added, "It's tempting to relax when the numbers start to turn your way. That will not work. ... We cannot afford a fourth wave."

Sources:

- 1.<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/covid-19-ontario-april-29-vaccine-modelling-1.6006880>
- 2.<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20693909/ontario-vaccine-implementation-update-april-29.pdf>
- 3.<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-quebec-and-ontario-to-make-covid-19-vaccinations-available-for-all/>
- 4.<https://globalnews.ca/video/7820342/ontario-opens-covid-19-vaccine-booking-eligibility-to-adults-55-april-30-adults-18-end-of-may>

Toronto preparing to ramp up capacity at mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics ahead of supply boost.

Many more Toronto residents will soon have access to the vaccine, says Mayor John Tory.

He added, “I think people can look forward to more accessible vaccinations both in the sense of being able to sign up online for the city-run clinics but also in terms of the hours and the degree to which they can cover more people on any given day.”

“You are going to see intensified operations at the city-run clinics and you will see more of the mobile clinics that we are doing with our hospital partners. It is entirely possible that that could include some places where hours [of operation] are much longer.”

On Thursday, the provincial government announced that officials expect that every adult in the province will be able to book an appointment for a shot by the week of May 24. This change in timeline is due to an unexpected boost in supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Over the next two weeks, the province will be diverting 50% of all incoming doses to hotspot neighbourhoods, including many in Toronto and Peel Region.

Tory told CP24 on Friday morning that the city has always had the capacity to immunize more residents, but a lack of supply hindered their effort.

The province said those 18 and older in hotspot communities will likely be eligible to book a shot through the provincial portal starting next week. The city operates nine mass immunization centres across Toronto. If you live in Toronto, your vaccination appointment at these facilities must be booked through the provincial system.

Source:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-preparing-to-ramp-up-capacity-at-mass-covid-19-vaccination-clinics-ahead-of-supply-boost-1.5408675>

Ontario reports more than 3, 800 new COVID-19 cases for second straight day

There were 3, 887 new cases confirmed today. Of the 2, 201 COVID-19 patients in Ontario's hospitals, 883 are currently in ICU units, and 632 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Of today's new cases, there are 1, 331 in Toronto (much higher than 1, 172 cases yesterday), 871 in Peel Region, 267 in York Region, 208 in Durham Region, 204 in Hamilton, 196 in Ottawa, 156 in Niagara Region, 123 in Halton Region.

Ontario's positivity rate remains high at 7.4%. The average number of new cases per day based on the past 7 days is 3, 722. In the last 24 hours, 21 more people have died due to the virus. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths is 8, 050.

Since yesterday, health officials have confirmed another 3, 016 cases of the UK variant, 144 more cases of the Brazilian variant, and 31 more cases of the South African variant. In total, the province has confirmed 65, 960 cases of the UK variant. The provincial government has not reported on how many cases there are of the new variant, which was originally found in India.

Regarding vaccines, 112, 214 doses have been administered in the past 24 hours. Currently, 371, 110 Ontarians are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Since the province began vaccinating people, the province has given out over 5 million vaccines.

Source:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-more-than-3-800-new-covid-19-cases-for-second-straight-day-1.5408841>

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>.

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.

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

Date: Monday, May 3rd, 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 10th 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 17th 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

Basic Ways to Improve Your Diet

Date: Wednesday, May 5th from 12:00 to 1:00pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ldeyggqTIpG9Oob0TxQDcDqmLzmSRgyOgx>

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

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