

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – April 6, 2021

As of April 6th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 014, 374 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 367, 602 cases and Toronto has 117, 466 cases.

Ontario reports 3,065 new COVID-19 cases and 8 more deaths; record-high ICU occupancy

The province reported over 3,000 new COVID-19 cases and 8 more deaths today, along with a record number of patients in intensive care units across Ontario. The province processed 37, 500 tests in the past 24 hours, and the positivity rate now stands at 8.9 percent, compared to 7.8 percent one day ago. The rolling seven-day average of new infections is now 2,862.

The Ministry of Health says that there are currently 1,161 patients hospitalized across Ontario, which is a significant increase from 942 one day before. Of those hospitalized, 510 are in intensive care units, up by 16 from Monday, and 310 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-3-065-new-covid-19-cases-and-8-more-deaths-record-high-icu-occupancy-1.5376073>

Top doctors in Toronto, Peel and Ottawa call for province-wide stay-at-home order

Several doctors from Ontario’s hotspot regions of COVID-19 have called on the government to issue a province-wide stay-at-home order in an effort to control the surge of COVID-19 variants. The doctors who have signed the letter all agree that stronger measures than the lockdown that is already in place are needed to reverse the surge of infections.

The letter, which was signed by Toronto’s Medical Officer of Health Dr. Eileen de Villa, states; “Stricter lockdowns have been shown to be effective in other countries to control transmission while vaccine campaigns progressed to achieve sufficient population coverage to suppress transmission.” The doctors also say that a stay-at-home order has been recommended by the province’s COVID-19 Advisory Table following the release of the latest modelling data.

A province-wide “shutdown” went into effect on Saturday, April 3

rd, which results in gyms, personal care services, and in-person dining being closed. All retail stores and other non-essential businesses are still allowed to remain open, but with strict capacity limits in place. This shutdown in Ontario is intended to stay for at least the next four weeks.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/top-doctors-in-toronto-peel-and-ottawa-call-for-provincewide-stay-at-home-order-1.5375213>

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>

A Moment for You: A Conversation Among Caregivers

Date: Tuesday, April 6th at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-moment-for-you-a-conversation-among-caregivers-registration-146756521707?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Resources and Supports for Caregivers

Date: Monday, April 12th at 2:00pm

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-webinar-supports-and-resources-for-caregivers-registration-146646554793?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>

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 sarah.nydp@gmail.com