

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – August 3 2021

As of August 3rd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,431,969 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 550,986 cases and Toronto has 170,713 cases.

Ontario reports over 160 new cases of COVID-19 for the second day in a row

There are 164 new cases of COVID-19 today, down from 168 yesterday. Before Monday, the province reported more than 200 new cases daily for four days. The seven-day average is 201, up from 157 a week ago. The positivity rate is 1.3%.

Of these new cases, there are 45 in Toronto, 23 in York Region, 22 in Peel Region, 14 in Waterloo, 13 in Windsor. All other public health units had fewer than 10 new cases.

Across the province, there are 106 people in Intensive Care Units due to COVID-19. Of those patients, 78 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Yesterday, 31,015 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were given out. Since the beginning of the province's COVID-19 vaccination campaign, Ontario has given out more than 19.5 million doses. Over 9 million people in Ontario have both doses and are fully vaccinated.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-more-than-300-new-covid-19-cases-over-two-days-1.5532529>

Ontario reveals details about restrictions when province exits Step 3

Right now, Ontario is in Step 3 of its Roadmap to Reopen. On Friday, the provincial government shared information about what we can expect after this step.

Health Minister Christine Elliott said that the government is sharing details about what the exit step will look like “to provide clarity to businesses and the people of Ontario in advance of exiting the Roadmap.”

The date when we can exit Step 3 is based on certain benchmarks (click [here](#) to read more about those). Although we can't know exactly when we will reach those benchmarks, Premier Doug Ford estimates that it could happen around mid-August.

A spokesperson for the Health Minister said: "Upon exiting the Roadmap, the vast majority of public health measures, including capacity limits, will be lifted. Only a small number of measures will remain in place, including the requirement for passive screening, such as posting a sign, and businesses requiring a safety plan. As the Delta variant is the dominant strain in Ontario, which is not the case with some other provinces, **face coverings will also continue to be required for indoor public settings.**"

While many jurisdictions in the U.S. have stopped wearing masks for some time now, COVID-19 cases have started rapidly increasing in many areas, which has prompted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to change its advice.

The current exceptions to wearing a mask will stay in place, which are: people with certain medical conditions, children younger than two years old, and people with other special circumstances, though people will not have to provide proof.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reveals-details-about-restrictions-when-province-exits-step-3-1.5529505>

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:

Townhall for Wheel-Trans Users

“Do you use Wheel-Trans? What about someone you know? Thousands of Wheel-Trans users could lose door-to-door access under a TTC program called the ‘Family of Services.’”

Click [here](#) to learn more about ‘Family of Services’ and how it can impact you.

Date: Wednesday, August 4th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

ASL interpretation and closed captioning available.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/townhall-for-wheel-trans-users-tickets-162969862245>

March of Dimes

3-Part Series with Caroline Tapp-McDougall

Session 2: Daily Triumphs

Date: RESCHEDULED for Monday, September 20th at 2:00pm.

Registration link to be updated soon.

Caregiver Connection Group

Caregiver Conversation Series

Date: Thursdays at 2:00pm (ongoing)

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-of-dimes-canada-caregiver-conversation-series-tickets-142228614615?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.