

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – August 6 2021

As of August 6th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,436,754 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 551,678 cases and Toronto has 170,041 cases.

Ontario reports over 300 new cases of COVID-19 for the first time since June

There are 340 new cases of COVID-19 today, up from 213 yesterday and 139 the day before. The seven-day average is 214, up from 170 a week ago. The positivity rate is 1.4%.

Of these new cases, there are 80 in Toronto, 41 in York Region, 36 in Peel Region, 23 in Windsor, 22 in Waterloo, 15 in Hamilton, 15 in London, 14 in the Grey Bruce Health Unit area, 13 in Durham Region, 10 in Ottawa, 10 in Niagara, and 7 in Halton Region. All other regions reported fewer than 10 new cases of the disease.

Across the province, there are at least 114 people in Intensive Care Units due to COVID-19. Of those patients, 76 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Yesterday, 53,975 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 19.7 million doses. Over 9.2 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-for-first-time-since-june-1.5536935>

Canada Recovery Benefit now unavailable to people who didn't file taxes in 2019, 2020

The Government of Canada's website recently shared that the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) is now unavailable to people who haven't filed their taxes for 2019 or 2020.

A 2019 or 2020 tax return won't be required if:

- you applied for fewer than 21 periods since September 27, 2020, and
- you applied for the time period of July 4 to 17, 2021, or during earlier time periods.

All other criteria for the CRB are the same. To be eligible for the CRB, you must be ineligible for Employment Insurance. Also, you can't be receiving other programs, such as the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit or Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.

Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-recovery-benefit-now-unavailable-to-people-who-didn-t-file-taxes-in-2019-2020-1.5533145>

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

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.