

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – December 10, 2020

As of December 10th, 2020, Canada has a total of 435, 330 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 132, 800 cases with Toronto having 46, 619 cases.

Ontario reports record of new daily cases, as testing also reaches new heights

The province has broken another record for the highest number of new COVID-19 cases reported in a single day, reporting 1, 983 new cases today. This is an increase from the previous record of 1,925 new cases reported on Monday. Ontario's seven-day average for number of cases reported is now 1, 862.

This new record comes as the province processed more than 60, 000 COVID-19 tests in the past 24 hours, marking a new record for Ontario in processing tests. The province's positivity rate for the virus now stands at 3.6 percent, down from the 4.4 percent this time last week. Of the new cases reported today, Peel Region reported 515, Toronto reported 496, and York Region reported 208.

There were 35 COVID-19 related deaths reported today, which is a tie for the highest number of deaths confirmed in one day during the second wave of the pandemic. Of those deaths, 24 of them were among residents of Long-Term Care homes, where there are currently 130 active outbreaks of COVID-19 across the province. Virus-related hospitalizations also continue to increase, as there are now 829 people in hospital getting treatment for COVID-19. This is significantly higher than the 666 COVID-19 patients in hospital one week ago.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reporting-record-number-of-both-new-covid-19-cases-and-tests-today-1.5225372>

Ontario to issue new COVID-19 projections as decision on lockdown looms

Today, the province is set to release new modelling projections on the future of the COVID-19 pandemic. The last round of projections got released two weeks ago, and they showed that the growth in cases had slowed, but that hospitals would be under increasing pressure. The worst-case scenario projected at that time suggested that nearly 300 COVID-19 patients could be taking up ICU beds by the end of the month.

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Today's modelling is expected to address the impact that the lockdown measures in Toronto and Peel have had since going into effect on Nov. 23rd. It may also provide an idea of what will happen after Dec. 21st, when the lockdowns will either be extended for another 28 days or lifted.

Dr. Isaac Bogoch, an infectious disease specialist, implied that the modelling projections will most likely encourage the lockdowns to be extended, as hospital systems are being put under increasing pressure.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-to-issue-new-covid-19-projections-as-decision-on-lockdowns-looms-1.5225023>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harmony Place

Online Music Therapy Sessions

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7th, and Wednesday August 19th, 2020

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054622001?pwd=Z2xyZjFZQUpNRFB6YzAwU085N3pGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5462 2001

Passcode: 051424

For more information, contact Wanda by email at: wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca

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

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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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