

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – December 28, 2020

As of December 28th, 2020, Canada has a total of 552, 020 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 171, 416 cases with Toronto having 55, 949 cases.

Third new case of COVID-19 variant confirmed in Ottawa

There has been a third case confirmed of the new COVID-19 variant that was first discovered in the United Kingdom reported on Sunday. The person confirmed with the variant of the virus had recently travelled from the U.K., according to the Ministry of Health. The individual is now in isolation, and case and contact management is currently underway.

On Saturday, the first two cases of the new strain of COVID-19 were identified as a couple from Durham region. Officials have said that upon re-examination of the case, the couple had been in contact with someone who had travelled from the U.K., which was initially not told to public health officials. This prompted a statement to be released from the Ministry; “It is critically important that individuals with confirmed cases of COVID-19 provide all history of contacts and contact information to their public health unit. This is crucial to the prevention and control of this infection.”

Ontario was the first province in Canada to identify cases of the variant strain of the virus. British Columbia reported its first case of the new strain on Sunday, and officials have said that the person returned to the province from the U.K. on Dec. 15th. Canada has since suspended flights from the U.K. until Jan. 6th.

Early studies of the new variant suggest that it can spread easier and faster, but there is no evidence at this time that it causes more severe illness. There is also no evidence to suggest that the vaccines will be less effective against the new strain.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/third-case-of-new-covid-19-variant-confirmed-in-ottawa-1.5245998>

Canada surpasses 15, 000 deaths related to COVID-19

A new milestone has been set today, as over 15, 000 people have now died in Canada as a result of North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc. Updated December 28, 2020

COVID-19. Quebec reported 37 new deaths over the last 24 hours, and this has pushed the number of total deaths from the virus in the country to 15, 001 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-surpasses-15-000-deaths-related-to-covid-19-1.5246442>

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](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

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

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