

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 11, 2021

As of February 11th, 2021, Canada has a total of 816, 050 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 282, 511 cases with Toronto having over 91, 368 cases.

Ontario reports 945 new cases of COVID-19 but Toronto Public Health underreported

The province has reported under 1, 000 cases today, but more issues due to the migration of Toronto Public Health data to the provincial system has resulted in another under-estimation. There were 112 new infections reported in Toronto but officials have not said how many more cases should have been included in today's total.

Another 18 virus-related deaths were confirmed today, which includes 9 among residents of Long-Term Care (LTC) homes in Ontario. According to the province, there were nearly 69, 000 tests processed over the past 24 hours. The province's positivity rate now stands at 2.3 percent, which is the lowest positivity rate reported in the province since October. The rolling seven-day average is now 1, 264, which is down from 1, 600 last Wednesday.

Hospitalizations for patients with COVID-19 have also decreased, and data released by the province indicates that there are now 883 people receiving care for the virus. This is down from 948 the day before, and over 1, 100 one week ago. The province also says that there are now 299 COVID-19 patients in intensive care, which is the first time this number has dipped below 300 since late December.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-945-new-cases-of-covid-19-today-but-toronto-public-health-data-incomplete-1.5304825>

All Long-Term Care home residents have been offered the first dose of COVID-19, Premier Ford says

The government of Ontario has made the announcement that every LTC home resident in the province has now been offered their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a provincial goal that had been pushed back due to several delivery delays of vaccines to the country.

According to the province, there are now 62, 000 residents of LTC who are at least partially inoculated against the virus. More than 34, 000 residents have been fully vaccinated, receiving both their first and second doses.

To date, the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are the only ones that have been approved for use in Canada, and both companies have come up short in their recent shipments to the country. Health Canada is still reviewing data on other vaccine candidates that are awaiting approval, including the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/all-long-term-care-home-residents-have-been-offered-first-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine-ford-gov-t-says-1.5304582>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Caregiver Connection Group

Caregiver Conversation – Coping with Difficult Emotions

Date: Thursday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-conversation-coping-with-difficult-emotions-feb-11-registration-136450488083>

Caregiver Conversation – How to Grocery Shop Smarter and Faster?

Date: Thursday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-conversation-how-to-grocery-shop-smarter-and-faster-feb-18-registration-136451198207>

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

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