

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 12, 2021

As of February 12th, 2021, Canada has a total of 819, 547 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 283, 587 cases with Toronto having over 92, 036 cases.

Ontario moves 27 regions from stay-at-home order to reopening framework on Feb. 16th

The Ontario government will allow 27 regions to transition into the province's colour-coded reopening framework on Tuesday, Feb. 16th. This will end the stay-at-home order and allow for the partial reopening of non-essential businesses.

Of the regions moving into the colour-coded system, Niagara will be the only region in the grey lockdown zone, which means that businesses will be able to open at 25 percent capacity. Toronto, Peel Region, York Region and North Bay Perry Sound District are not included in the regions moving into the tiered system, and therefore the stay-at-home order will remain in place until Feb. 22nd in these regions.

Although businesses will be reopening, the province is urging the public to stay home as much as possible. Premier Ford has said that Ontarians will have to be extremely cautious in order to avoid a third wave of the pandemic. This is especially important due to the super contagious COVID-19 variants that have already started spreading in the province.

According to provincial modelling data released on Thursday, the B.1.1.7 strain of the virus that originated in the U.K. is expected to become the dominant source of infection by the end of February in Ontario.

For a full list of the regions moving into the reopening framework next week, click on the article below.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-moves-27-regions-from-stay-at-home-order-to-reopening-framework-on-feb-16-1.5306272>

Mandatory hotel quarantine measures for travellers to come into effect Feb. 22nd

New restrictions on international travel are coming into effect on Feb. 22nd. This includes a mandatory hotel quarantine for air travellers after arriving in Canada, which they will have to pay for.

Travellers will have to take a mandatory COVID-19 test at the airport upon arrival, at their own expense. They will then be required to spend the first three days of their quarantine at a supervised hotel while awaiting their results, and foot the bill for their stay, which is expected to cost upwards of \$2, 000. Travellers will be required to book their mandatory hotel quarantine in advance starting Feb. 18th.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/mandatory-hotel-quarantine-measures-for-travellers-to-come-into-effect-feb-22-1.5306556>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Caregiver Connection Group

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

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