

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 18, 2021

As of February 18th, 2021, Canada has a total of 836,316 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 289,621 cases with Toronto having over 93,455 cases.

Ontario reports 1,038 new cases of COVID-19, 44 more deaths

The province is reporting 1,038 new COVID-19 infections today and over 40 virus-related deaths. Today's case count is the highest in four days, as previously in the week case counts in the province were under 1,000.

In the past 24 hours, 56,000 tests were processed, which has resulted in a positivity rate of 2.2 percent. This is about the same as the positivity rate recorded in the province one week ago, but the seven-day average of new cases is now 1,016, down from 1,264 at this point last week.

There are now 758 COVID-19 patients in hospital across the province, which is down from 883 last week. Intensive care admissions have dropped to 277, which is a decline of 22 patients from last Thursday. There are currently 10,702 active cases in Ontario, down from 12,853 one week ago.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-1-038-new-cases-of-covid-19-44-more-deaths-1.5314083>

Ford government extends all emergency orders under the Reopening Ontario Act until March 21st

The provincial government made this announcement today through a statement posted to their website. The emergency orders that have been in place were set to expire on Feb. 19th, but have now been extended until March 21st. Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) include the province's ability to implement rules on public gatherings, business closures and managing outbreaks in hospitals or Long-Term Care (LTC) homes.

The extension of the emergency orders does not change the length of how long a region is placed in lockdown, and the ROA must be extended every 30 days.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-government-extends-all-emergency-orders-under-the-reopening-ontario-act-until-march-21-1.5314579>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Caregiver Webinars

A Three-Part Series for Caregivers: Caring for self while caring for others

Session #3: Considering Care

Date: Monday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-webinar-series-considering-care-feb-22-registration-136447238363>

Session #4: Wills and Powers of Attorney in Ontario

Date: Monday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wills-and-powers-of-attorney-in-ontario-march-1-registration-136855768287>

Caregiver Connection Group

Caregiver Conversation – How to Maintain Personal Health

Date: Thursday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-conversation-how-do-you-maintain-personal-health-feb-25-registration-136452500101>

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