

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – February 2, 2021**

As of February 2nd, 2021, Canada has a total of 785, 493 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 270, 925 cases with Toronto having 87, 644 cases.

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**Ontario reports 745 new COVID-19 cases, excluding Toronto Public Health numbers**

The province is reporting just 745 new infections of COVID-19 today, but today's case count does not include numbers from Toronto Public Health because of an ongoing data clean-up. There were also 14 more deaths reported today, including four among Long-Term Care (LTC) home residents. There are currently 240 LTC homes and 133 retirement homes with an active outbreak of COVID-19 in Ontario.

Provincial health officials also updated the running tally of COVID-19 variants in the province, and as of today there are 110 confirmed variant cases. There are 109 confirmed of the U.K. variant, B.1.1.7, and one confirmed case of the South African variant, B.1.351. This is a significant increase from yesterday's numbers, which only reported 69 variant cases.

As of Monday night, more than 72, 000 Ontarians have been fully vaccinated against the virus. Full immunization requires two doses, administered a few weeks apart. More than 344, 600 doses of the vaccine have been administered to people across the province so far.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-745-new-covid-19-cases-excluding-toronto-due-to-data-cleanup-1.5292102>

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**Ontario sets February 10<sup>th</sup> as new deadline to administer first dose of vaccine to all LTC residents**

Due to delivery delays of both approved COVID-19 vaccines, the Ontario government has had to push back the deadline for administering first doses to all LTC home residents. Last week, the province said that all LTC residents would be able to receive their first dose of the vaccine by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, and this has now been pushed back to Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

The stalled shipments of vaccines have forced the province to shift its vaccination strategy in recent weeks, providing first doses only to residents in LTC homes or high-risk retirement homes. Once more doses of the vaccines are secured, the province says it will continue providing first doses to staff and essential caregivers for these sites.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-sets-feb-10-as-new-deadline-to-administer-first-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-to-all-long-term-care-residents-1.5291905>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **March of Dimes**

#### **Caregiver Webinar Series**

Three-part series for Caregivers: Caring for Self While Caring for Others

Date for Session #2: February 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-webinar-series-considering-others-feb-8-registration-136446235363>

#### **Caregiver Connection Group**

Caregiver Conversation – Strategies for Caregiver Burnout

Date: Thursday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-conversation-strategies-for-caregiver-burnout-feb-4-registration-136448951487>

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>

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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](mailto: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](http://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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