

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 22, 2021

As of February 22nd, 2021, Canada has a total of 847, 542 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 294, 144 cases with Toronto having over 94, 943 cases.

Ontario logs 1, 058 new cases of COVID-19 today, 11 more deaths

The province is reporting 1, 058 cases of the virus today, which marks the fifth day in a row that the count has been greater than 1, 000 in Ontario. According to provincial health officials, the province-wide positivity rate is now 3.3 percent, which is relatively unchanged from last week.

The rolling seven-day average of new cases currently sits at 1, 045, which is down only slightly from last Monday when it was 1, 051. The number of confirmed active COVID-19 cases continues to decrease in the province, and health officials say there are currently 10, 335 active infections, down from 11, 725 last week.

The province says that there are now 646 people with COVID-19 receiving treatment in hospitals, including 280 in intensive care. Local Public Health units are estimating more COVID-19 patients in hospitals, and are saying that there are at least 324 patients in intensive care, including 204 breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Of the new cases reported today, 325 are in Toronto, 215 are in Peel Region, and 87 are in York Region.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-logs-1-058-new-cases-of-covid-19-today-11-more-deaths-1.5318826>

Markham mayor calls for additional restrictions as York Region moves into red zone of COVID-19 framework

Many businesses reopened today in York Region, as the COVID-19 hotspot was moved into the red zone. This includes the opening of non-essential retail stores, as well as bars and restaurants that can serve up to 10 customers at a time indoors. Other businesses, such as gyms and hair salons, are also permitted to operate in the red zone of the framework.

Other hotspot regions, including Toronto and Peel Region are remaining under the stay-at-home order and strict lockdown until at least March 8th. Health officials have asked for this extension of measures due to concerns around the increased infectiousness of new COVID-19 variants.

In an interview, Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti said that the lifting of some restrictions will be beneficial for businesses, however he is calling for orders to be placed in the region to reduce the maximum number of people allowed to gather in one place. Currently, the allowable gathering size in York Region is five, but the Mayor is asking for this to be lessened to zero, which is the case in Toronto and Peel Region.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/markham-mayor-calls-for-additional-restrictions-as-york-region-enters-red-zone-of-covid-19-framework-1.5318572>

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

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