

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 24, 2021

As of February 24th, 2021, Canada has a total of 852, 269 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 295, 119 cases with Toronto having over 95, 640 cases.

North Yorkers currently in suspected outbreak of COVID-19

As of this week, a suspected outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at North Yorkers for Disabled Persons by Toronto Public Health. At this time, we are taking every precaution possible to reduce the risk of transmission between residents and staff. All families will be notified of any further updates, as well as when it has been determined that the house is out of the suspected outbreak.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Ontario reports more than 1, 000 new COVID-19 cases, nine additional deaths

Health officials have reported 1, 054 new infections across the province today, which is up from the 975 cases reported on Tuesday. There were 54, 852 tests processed in the last 24 hour period, and the overall positivity rate now stands at 2.4 percent. Currently, there are 10, 050 active cases of the virus in Ontario.

Locally, Toronto reported 363 infections, Peel Region logged 186, and York Region reported 94 additional cases. Toronto and Peel Region remain under a stay-at-home order that is set to expire March 8th. York Region moved into the red zone of the province's colour coded framework on Monday, which allows gyms and restaurants to reopen with capacity limits and strict public health measures in place.

There are currently 675 people in hospital receiving treatment for the virus, and of those patients 287 are in intensive care.

According to data released by the province, five more cases of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7, which came from the U.K., were confirmed today. The number of B.1.351 (South African variant) and P.1 (Brazilian variant) infections remains unchanged, at nine and one respectively.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-more-than-1-000-new-covid-19-cases-nine-additional-deaths-1.5322154>

New COVID-19 testing site in Vaughan

The Vaughan Community Health Centre has opened up a new testing site, and it is open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30-5:15 p.m.

The address of the Vaughan Community Health Centre is 9401 Jane St. Suite 106 (Unit 9) in Vaughan, ON.

If you are experiencing symptoms of the virus, or believe you have come into contact with someone who tested positive for the virus, please book an appointment by visiting www.vchc.simplybook.me, or call at (905) 226-7332.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Caregiver Webinars

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

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

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