

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – February 25, 2021

As of February 25th, 2021, Canada has a total of 857, 423 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 297, 311 cases with Toronto having over 96, 363 cases.

Ontario reports more than 1, 100 new cases of COVID-19, 23 more deaths

The province is reporting 1, 138 new cases of the virus today, which has increased the seven-day average. The province's rolling seven-day average of new cases now stands at 1, 098, up from 1,016 this time last week.

There were more than 66, 000 tests processed over the past 24 hours, and the province-wide positivity rate dropped to two percent, which is the lowest it has been since October. According to the Ministry of Health, hospitalizations have also declined this week, and an estimated 687 people infected with the virus are receiving treatment now. This is compared to 758 people one week ago.

Of the new cases confirmed today, 339 are in Toronto, 204 are in Peel Region, and 106 are in York Region. The province also confirmed another 54 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, which is more transmissible than the common strain. Although only 449 cases of this variant have been confirmed in the province, public health officials estimate that about 14 percent of all recent COVID-19 cases have screened positive for a variant of concern.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-more-than-1-100-new-cases-of-covid-19-23-more-deaths-1.5323915>

Modelling: COVID variants will make up 40 percent of all new cases by March

New modelling released by Ontario's science table today shows that variants of concern will most likely make up 40 percent of all new COVID-19 infections by the second week of March. The modelling also shows that cases, hospitalizations, and ICU stays will likely increase in the near future as new variants spread, especially the B.1.1.7 strain.

The worst-case scenario projected was that Ontario will see 4, 000 cases per day by the end of March. The more likely predicted scenario is that the province will see 2, 500 cases per day. If the variants of concern spread at a lower rate than expected, cases could continue to decline and go down to about 500 per day by the end of March.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/covid-variants-will-make-up-40-per-cent-of-all-new-cases-by-second-week-of-march-modelling-1.5323935>

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

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