

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – February 9, 2021**

As of February 9th, 2021, Canada has a total of 810, 166 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 280, 494 cases with Toronto having over 90, 965 cases.

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**Ontario reports just over 1, 000 new cases of COVID-19, 17 more deaths**

The province is reporting 1,022 new cases of the virus today, which is one of the lowest daily case counts logged in over two months. Besides the 745 cases confirmed one week ago, which was due to a reporting issue with Toronto Public Health, today's total is the lowest since Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, when 1,009 new cases were reported.

In the past week, the seven-day average of new infections has dropped from 1, 746 to 1, 367. Two weeks ago, on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, the rolling seven-day average was 2, 346. This shows a significant decrease over the past two weeks in the number of new infections across the province.

The number of hospitalizations has also declined, and there are currently 909 COVID-19 patients in Ontario. There were 1, 192 patients in hospital for the virus one week ago. Provincial officials say that there are currently 318 COVID-19 patients in intensive care units, and ICU admissions are slowly declining.

Of the new cases reported today, 343 are in Toronto, 250 are in Peel Region, and 128 are in York Region. These three regions will have to wait for at least another two weeks before any public health restrictions are eased by the provincial government.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-just-over-1-000-new-cases-of-covid-19-today-17-more-deaths-1.5301445>

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**Businesses opening in some regions next week**

Premier Doug Ford has announced that some COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted in three regions in Eastern Ontario this week, as all areas of the province gradually transition back into the provincial government's colour-coded reopening framework.

This includes the regions of Hastings Prince Edward Public Health; Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and Renfrew County Public Health, which will all be moved to

the green or “prevent” zone of the framework starting on Wednesday. This means that all retail shops, hair salons, restaurants, bars, gyms, and movie theatres can open for business.

The government’s stay-at-home order will be lifted for the remaining 28 public health units on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be placed into their respective zones on the framework. The province’s COVID-19 hotspots, including Toronto, Peel, and York Region will not have any restrictions eased until at least Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Caregiver Connection Group**

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 Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or [sarah.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com)