

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 11, 2021

As of January 11th, 2021, Canada has a total of 663, 627 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 219, 120 cases with Toronto having 70, 127 cases.

Ontario's COVID-19 death toll surpasses 5, 000, province sets new record for hospitalizations

Today, the province is reporting 3, 338 new infections of COVID-19. A new record for most cases reported in a single day was set on Sunday, with 3, 945 cases logged and no backlogs were accounted for. There were 29 more virus-related deaths reported today, and Ontario has now surpassed 5,000 deaths as a result of the virus since the beginning of the pandemic.

The number of hospitalizations for the virus in the province has increased to 1, 563, which is a new record. According to the latest data from the Ministry of Health, at least 387 patients with COVID-19 are being treated in intensive care units. The result of this, Dr. Isaac Bogoch stated, is that hospitals are providing less care to other patients. He says that hospitals are cancelling scheduled surgeries and other services in order to accommodate the influx of COVID-19 cases.

Locally, there are 931 new cases reported in Toronto today, 531 in Peel Region, 241 in York Region, 168 in Niagara and 165 in Waterloo.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-s-covid-19-death-toll-surpasses-5-000-province-sets-new-record-for-hospitalizations-1.5261725>

Ford cabinet considering new lockdown measures

Premier Ford and his cabinet will be considering several new measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 at a meeting tonight. Health officials worked through this past weekend in order to develop a new strategy for the province to reduce transmission of the virus. The final package of measures that are to be introduced will be considered at the meeting tonight, and they will be publicly announced on Tuesday morning.

Toronto Mayor John Tory said that he could support a curfew as part of this new effort, but he urged the province to consider reducing the list of essential businesses to keep more people at home. He also said that Ontario needs to undergo a second full lockdown, similar to what was done in the spring of 2020, in order to get the spread of the virus under control.

Dr. Isaac Bogoch said that the latest provincial modelling predicts daily case growth of 6,000 new cases per day by Jan. 30th without further public health measures. He said that he would not be surprised if Ontario imposed a strict curfew, similar to what has been done in Quebec.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-cabinet-considering-new-covid-19-lockdown-measures-tonight-tory-wants-essential-business-restrictions-1.5261505>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harmony Place

Online Music Therapy Sessions

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7th, and Wednesday August 19th 2020

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054622001?pwd=Z2xyZjFZQUpNRFB6YzAwU085N3pGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5462 2001

Passcode: 051424

For more information, contact Wanda by email at: wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca

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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