

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – January 12, 2021**

As of January 12th, 2021, Canada has a total of 673,018 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 222,023 cases with Toronto having 71,078 cases.

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**Ontario reports 2,903 new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations up 180 in one day**

The province is reporting more than 2,900 new COVID-19 cases along with 41 more deaths. Provincial labs processed 44,800 tests in the last 24 hours, with another 43,100 awaiting processing. This brings the province-wide positivity rate to 7.8 percent today, which is similar to what was seen yesterday. There are now more than 30,000 active cases of infection in Ontario.

Locally, there are 837 new cases reported in Toronto, 545 in Peel Region, 249 in York Region, and 246 in Niagara. Health Minister Christine Elliot announced that provincial labs detected eight new cases of the much more transmissible virus variant from the United Kingdom, which brings the province's total case count of the variant to 14. Studies have shown that the new B.1.1.7 coronavirus variant is about 56 percent more transmissible than the dominant strains of COVID-19 in North America.

Hospitalizations grew by more than 10 percent over the last 24 hours, which is the greatest single-day increase in hospitalizations due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began. There are now 1,701 COVID-19 patients in hospitals across the province, and there are now more than 400 people in intensive care units. Dr. Isaac Bogoch says that hospitals in multiple regions across Ontario are shuffling patients between one another in order to prevent overflowing.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-2-903-new-covid-19-cases-hospitalizations-up-180-in-one-day-1.5263247>

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**Ontario issues stay-at-home order, immediately declares second state of emergency**

The Ontario government has issued a stay-at-home order for the province beginning on Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, and has immediately declared a second state of emergency. The stay-at-home order will require everyone to remain at home, with the exception for essential purposes, including going to the grocery store, pharmacy, accessing healthcare services, for exercise, or for essential work. This will be in effect as of 12:01am on Thursday.

Ontarians caught violating the stay-at-home orders could face a fine and persecution under the Reopening Ontario Act and the EMPCA. Schools in Toronto, York Region, Hamilton, Peel Region and Windsor-Essex will also not return to in-person learning until Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-issues-stay-at-home-order-immediately-declares-second-state-of-emergency-1.5263071>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Harmony Place**

#### **Online Music Therapy Sessions**

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca)

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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

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