

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 13, 2021

As of January 13th, 2021, Canada has a total of 677, 434 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 224, 984 cases with Toronto having 71, 923 cases.

Ontario logs close to 3, 000 new COVID-19 cases, 74 more deaths

The province is reporting 2, 961 new cases of COVID-19 today, which is nearly 1, 000 less than the record 3, 945 cases confirmed on Jan. 10th. Over the past 24 hours, there were just over 50, 000 tests completed in Ontario labs, making the positivity rate in the province 6 percent overall.

There were 74 more COVID-19 related deaths reported over the past 24 hours, which is significantly greater than previous days. The province has said that among the 74 deaths reported, one of them was a staff member at a Long-Term Care (LTC) home. At least 36 of the deceased were residents of LTC.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-logs-close-to-3-000-new-covid-19-cases-74-more-deaths-1.5264888>

Canada has now given enough COVID-19 vaccine doses to cover 1 percent of population

There had been 387, 899 vaccinations given in Canada as of the end of the day on Tuesday, which is equivalent to 1.021 percent of the country's population. Some of this number, however, have been recipients' second doses, which are required for both vaccines. This one percent milestone was achieved 29 days after the first vaccinations were administered in Canada.

At this current pace, it would take 5, 800 days to give every Canadian two doses of the vaccine, which means that the final shot would be given in 2036. Public health leaders and politicians have vowed to speed up the pace of vaccine distribution, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said his goal is to have vaccines administered to every Canadian who wants them by this September. He has also said that between 40 and 50 percent of Canada's population could be vaccinated by the end of June.

The process of vaccine distribution could also be accelerated if Health Canada approves the vaccine candidate manufactured by Johnson and Johnson, which can be administered in one dose.

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The federal government has paid to secure about 38 million doses of this vaccine candidate if it is approved. However, the approval of this vaccine candidate is still likely several weeks away.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-has-now-given-enough-covid-19-vaccine-doses-to-cover-1-per-cent-of-the-population-1.5264794>

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 Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or

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