

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 14, 2021

As of January 14th, 2021, Canada has a total of 686, 786 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 228, 310 cases with Toronto having 72, 679 cases.

Ontario reports 3, 326 new COVID-19 cases, 62 more deaths

The province is reporting over 3, 300 new cases of COVID-19 today, as the provincial stay-at-home order comes into effect. There were also an additional 62 deaths reported in the last 24 hours due to COVID-19, and of them there were 29 residents of Long-Term Care (LTC). According to the province, there are currently 259 LTC homes with an active outbreak of COVID-19.

Ontario reported that 3, 593 people recovered from COVID-19 today, which brought the number of active cases in the province down to 29, 307. The number of active cases has declined every day since Monday, and has fallen by a total of 1, 300 cases so far.

Provincial health officials said 71, 169 tests were processed in the last 24 hours, which is significantly higher than most days. The testing positivity rate is now at 5.1 percent, compared to 6 percent on Wednesday. Locally, there are 968 new cases in Toronto, 572 in Peel Region, 357 in York Region, and 268 in Windsor-Essex County.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-3-326-new-covid-19-cases-62-more-deaths-1.5266570>

What is considered essential activity under Ontario’s new emergency stay-at-home order

The province of Ontario has issued another state of emergency as well as a stay-at-home order that takes effect today. This will be enacted for the next 28 days, and it is intended to keep people home to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Essential activities will still be permitted to occur in Ontario, including receiving attendant services and support. This is outlined in the list of permitted essential services when it says; “Delivering goods or providing care to anyone in a congregate care setting, or receiving goods or support.” There are 32 other essential services that are described by the province, and can be found here: <https://www.cp24.com/news/what-is-considered-essential-activity-under-ontario-s-new-emergency->

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[stay-at-home-order-1.5266448](#)

This is the second emergency order issued in the province since the pandemic began last March. The last one expired on July 24th, although many of the orders made under it have remained throughout the pandemic. Premier Doug Ford announced that retailers will be subject to shorter operating hours and that outdoor gathering sizes will be reduced from 10 to 5 people. Those who live alone are still able to spend time with another household, but are encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Non-essential retail stores, including hardware, alcohol and big box retailers will be required to close from 8pm to 7am, in order to discourage late-night shopping. These restricted hours of operation do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout and delivery. Healthcare services, including dental offices, physiotherapy and chiropractors will remain open.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-implements-another-state-of-emergency-and-stay-at-home-order-to-combat-covid-19-1.5262986>

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

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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