

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – January 15, 2021**

As of January 15th, 2021, Canada has a total of 688, 891 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 231, 308 cases with Toronto having 73, 675 cases.

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**Ontario records just under 3, 000 new infections, 100 more COVID-19-related deaths**

The province is recording a spike in the number of people who have died due to COVID-19, as Ontario reports 2, 998 new cases of the virus. Although there were 100 deaths reported today, health officials in the province have said that 46 of those deaths recorded by Middlesex-London Health Unit occurred earlier in the pandemic but were just recorded today. This backlog is due to a data-clearing effort, and the deaths reported by the public health unit are cumulative and not a one-day increase.

Provincial labs completed a record-breaking 76, 472 tests in the last 24 hours, and the provincial positivity rate fell to 4.6 percent. This is the lowest rate that has been seen since Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. The province's seven-day average for the number of infections recorded is now 3, 273, down from 3,394 one week ago.

Health officials reported that 1, 647 people are currently in hospital due to the disease. Currently, there are 387 patients in intensive care, and 280 are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

Of the new cases reported today, 800 were reported in Toronto, 618 were reported in Peel Region, and 250 were reported in York Region.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-records-100-more-covid-19-related-deaths-just-under-3-000-new-infections-1.5268207>

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**New COVID-19 modelling shows pandemic resurgence in Canada rapidly worsening**

New modelling released by the province has forecasted that Canada will see up to 796, 630 total COVID-19 cases and 19, 630 total COVID-19-related deaths by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, said that without further restrictions imposed in the country, Canada will not be able to suppress the current rate of spread. She warned that Canada has seen a “sharp increase” in cases since December, and that; “we need to flatten the curve once again.”

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Dr. Tam went on to say that while the COVID-19 vaccine rollout is positive news for the country, it will still be months before most Canadians get access to shots. She said; “As vaccine supply increased, COVID-19 vaccine implementation will be one of the most complex undertakings in the history of public health. We know that Canadians are tired and that the winter months will be very challenging as we continue to grapple with high rates of infection in many areas of the country.” She reiterated that Canadians will have to continue to be patient and follow all provincial and local public health guidelines.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/new-covid-19-modelling-shows-pandemic-resurgence-in-canada-rapidly-worsening-1.5268145>

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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

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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

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