

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – January 20, 2021**

As of January 20th, 2021, Canada has a total of 722, 406 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 244, 932 cases with Toronto having 77, 872 cases.

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**Ontario reports more than 2, 600 new cases of COVID-19, 89 additional deaths**

Ontario health officials logged 2, 655 new cases of COVID-19 today, as well as 89 more virus-related deaths. The number of cases reported today is a notable jump from the 1, 913 cases reported yesterday, but it is still fewer than the daily case count reported one week ago. There has been a jump in testing over the last 24 hours, with 54, 307 tests processed. According to data released by the Ministry of Health, the test positivity rate across the province now stands at 4.9 percent, down from six percent this time last week.

The rolling seven-day average of new infections now stands at 2, 849, down from nearly 3, 500 one week ago. Today, there were 925 new cases reported in Toronto, 473 in Peel Region, 226 in York Region, 179 in Windsor-Essex County and 129 in Niagara.

On Tuesday, the Ford government confirmed that no shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine are expected to be delivered next week due to production issues. As a result of this, the province will have to prioritize vaccine distribution even further in the next few weeks, with its primary focus on Long-Term Care.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-more-than-2-600-new-cases-of-covid-19-89-deaths-1.5274440>

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**Ontario's first major COVID-19 vaccine site will stop administering shots immediately**

The first COVID-19 immunization site in Toronto and the province that was meant to be a “playbook for mass vaccination clinics” will stop administering shots after just two days in operation. This is due to a shortage of vaccine supply in the province, as Canada will not be receiving any shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine doses next week as the company deals with a production issue in Belgium.

In a news release, officials in charge of the vaccine site at Metro Convention Centre are saying that North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc. Updated January 20, 2021

they have been directed to stop vaccinations as of Tuesday end of day. Therefore, anyone who booked an appointment to get a shot on Wednesday will no longer be able to get one. According to the province, Ontario's weekly deliveries of this COVID-19 vaccine will be cut by as much as 80 percent over the next month as a result. Premier Ford spoke about this, and expressed his frustration over the circumstances.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-s-first-major-covid-19-vaccine-site-will-stop-administering-shots-immediately-1.5273631>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **March of Dimes**

#### **Caregiver Webinar Series**

New CRA Scams: Protect yourself against fraud

Date: January 25, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cra-scams-protect-yourself-against-fraud-jan-25-registration-136301999951>

Three-part series for Caregivers: Caring for self while caring for others

Date for first session: February 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-webinar-series-consideration-of-self-feb-1-registration-136440839223>

Caregiver Conversation Group:

Caregiver conversation on challenges and triumphs of the holidays

Date: January 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caregiver-conversation-on-challenges-and-triumphs-of-the-holidays-jan-21-registration-136294625895>

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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) 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 North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc. Updated January 20, 2021

[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 Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or [sarah.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com)