

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 21, 2021

As of January 21st, 2021, Canada has a total of 730, 208 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 247, 564 cases with Toronto having 79, 767 cases.

Ontario reports more than 2, 600 new cases of COVID-19, 46 additional deaths

The province reported 2, 632 new cases of COVID-19 today, but officials say that this number includes infections from a previous day due to a technical issue. With more than 70, 000 tests completed in the last 24 hours, the province's positivity rate has dropped to 4.3 percent, according to the Ministry of Health. The province's seven-day average for the number of infections is now 2,751, down from 3,452 one week ago.

There were 46 more virus-related deaths reported in the past day, and 33 of the deaths were people living in Long-Term Care homes. In total, the province has reported 5, 614 deaths related to COVID-19. Of the new cases reported today, 897 were in Toronto, 412 were in Peel Region, and 245 were in York Region.

As of this morning, 253, 817 initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Ontario. There have been 40, 225 complete vaccinations given so far, as both vaccines require a second shot.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-more-than-2-600-new-covid-19-cases-cites-technical-issue-in-toronto-1.5276224>

Barrie, ON, Long-Term Care home suspects new variant of COVID-19

There have been 122 new reported cases of COVID-19 at Barrie's Roberta Place LTC home, officials said today. An outbreak was declared very quickly, as 55 people showed symptoms within 2 days after a worker had been in contact with someone who recently travelled. Almost all the residents of the home, 122 of 130, have now tested positive, and 19 residents have died.

It is suspected that one of the new variants of COVID-19 originally found outside of the country is the reason for this superfast spread. Variants first found in the U.K. and South Africa have been said to be 50 percent more transmissible than the most dominant strain of the virus in North

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America, and they generate exponentially higher viral loads in subjects and appear to bind more easily to human cells.

Tests are currently underway to determine which strain of the virus has infected this Long-Term Care home in Barrie, ON.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/this-has-to-be-the-variant-barrie-ont-long-term-care-home-saw-55-covid-19-cases-in-2-days-1.5276460>

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>

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 North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc. Updated January 21, 2021

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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