

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 26, 2021

As of January 26th, 2021, Canada has a total of 754,751 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 258,700 cases with Toronto having 82,790 cases.

Ontario reports more than 1,700 COVID-19 cases, 63 more deaths

The province is reporting 1,740 new COVID-19 cases and 63 more deaths today. There were over 30,700 tests processed in the last 24 hours, and the province's positivity rate is now 5.9 percent, compared to 5.5 percent on Monday. The province's seven-day rolling average continues to decrease, and is now at 2,346, compared to 2,893 one week ago.

Locally, there were 677 new infections reported in Toronto, 320 in Peel Region, and 144 in York Region today.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-more-than-1-700-covid-19-cases-63-more-deaths-1.5282427>

Ontario government extends state of emergency, coronavirus stay-at-home order for additional 14 days

Premier Doug Ford has extended the second state of emergency and current stay-at-home order in the province for another 14 days. This means that both will remain in place until at least February 9th. A state of emergency in Ontario must be legally extended by cabinet two weeks after it comes into effect, and can continually be extended in two-week periods.

The stay-at-home order that was originally declared on Jan. 12th requires Ontario residents to stay in their homes unless they are going out for approximately 33 different approved purposes including medical appointments. The order limits outdoor gatherings throughout the province to five people, restricts people from having guests in their homes and requires all workers not deemed essential by their employer to remain at home.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-government-extends-state-of-emergency-coronavirus-stay-at-home-order-for-additional-14-days-1.5281195>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March of Dimes

Caregiver Webinar Series

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>

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

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