

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 27, 2021

As of January 27th, 2021, Canada has a total of 760, 020 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 260, 370 cases with Toronto having 83, 474 cases.

Ontario records lowest number of new COVID-19 cases in more than two months with less than 1, 700 infections

The COVID-19 case numbers in Ontario have dropped to levels that have not been seen in over two months, as there were 1, 670 new cases reported today. The province's seven-day average for number of daily cases reported is now 2, 205. This number has decreased significantly, and this day last week it was 2, 849. Two weeks ago today, this number was at 3, 479.

Another 49 people passed away in the last 24 hours in Ontario due to COVID-19. At least 25 of the reported deaths were residents of Long-Term Care (LTC). This has pushed Ontario's COVID-19-related death toll to 5, 958.

There were 55, 191 tests processed over the past day, and the province's positivity rate now stands at four percent. There are currently 21, 932 active cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. There were 450 new cases reported in Toronto, 342 in Peel Region, 171 in York Region, and 128 were recorded in Niagara.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-records-lowest-number-of-new-covid-19-cases-in-more-than-two-months-with-fewer-than-1-700-infections-1.5284058>

Too soon to know if Canada's COVID-19 case decline will continue, Tam says

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, said on Sunday that it is too soon to know whether the recent downward trend of COVID-19 cases will continue. She said that there has been improvement in many provinces, including British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, but the disease is spreading elsewhere.

For instance, some communities in Northern Ontario are more vulnerable to the virus, and the Federal Public Safety Minister announced on Sunday that the Canadian Armed Forces will support vaccine efforts to these communities.

Health officials in Ontario are also investigating whether a Long-Term Care home could become the second in the province to be linked to the faster-spreading U.K. variant of COVID-19, after a LTC home in Barrie made headlines when it became infected with the more contagious strain. This second LTC home that is experiencing a very fast-spreading outbreak is in Bradford West Gwillimbury, south of Barrie.

Although the overall case numbers are moving in a downward trend, there are still areas and settings across the country where the virus is spreading. The introduction of the new variants of the virus that are known to be faster spreading in communities is another major concern for the nation, and efforts will be made to contain these outbreaks.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/too-soon-to-know-if-canada-s-covid-19-case-decline-will-continue-tam-says-1.5280295>

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 Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or sarah.nydp@gmail.com