

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 29, 2021

As of January 29th, 2021, Canada has a total of 769, 408 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 264, 300 cases with Toronto having 84, 653 cases.

New cases of COVID-19 dip below 2, 000 threshold, Ontario reports 58 additional deaths

The number of new cases of COVID-19 has dipped back below 2, 000 after a one-day increase on Thursday, which marks the resumption of the downward trend in the province. There were 1, 837 new cases reported in Ontario today, as well as 58 virus-related deaths. Thirty-two of those deaths involved residents of Long-Term Care (LTC) homes.

The latest daily case counts pushed the province’s rolling seven-day average down from 2, 128 to 2,010. This number two weeks ago was 3, 273, and has been declining since then. This drop-off in cases also comes amid an acceleration in testing, which results in a lower positivity rate overall. Of the new cases for today, 595 are in Toronto, 295 were reported in Peel Region, 170 are in York Region, 59 were reported in Durham, 54 in Halton and 53 are in Hamilton.

The Ministry of Health says that there were 1, 291 patients with COVID-19 receiving treatment in Ontario hospitals on Thursday. This is the lowest that the number has been since Jan. 4th, but it is still higher than the peak in the first wave of the pandemic. Of those hospitalized with COVID-19, 360 were being treated in the ICU, and this number is expected to go down as hospitalizations decrease.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/new-cases-of-covid-19-dip-back-below-2-000-threshold-as-ministry-reports-58-more-deaths-1.5287668>

Moderna cutting vaccine shipments to Canada in coming weeks

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced today that one of Canada’s main vaccine suppliers, Moderna, has to cut back on its deliveries beginning next week. Moderna will only ship about three-quarters of the expected supply, cutting Canada’s next shipment by more than 50,000 doses. Moderna’s Canadian manager said that the delay is related to producing the “drug substance” component of the Moderna vaccine, which is being done by a drug manufacturer in Switzerland.

The delays are said to be short-term for non-U.S. clients, and the company is still able to ship its promised doses in the first three months of the year. For Canada, this amounts to two million doses.

This delay is on top of the already disappointing delay of shipments of the Pfizer vaccine. Pfizer has recently cut its deliveries by more than two-thirds since mid-January. Canadian provinces had to slow their vaccination rollouts as a result of this delay.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/moderna-cutting-vaccine-shipment-to-canada-next-week-by-more-than-50-000-doses-1.5287886>

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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