

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – January 4, 2021**

As of January 4, 2021, Canada has a total of 604, 923 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 194, 232 cases with Toronto having 63, 003 cases.

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**Ontario logs more than 3, 200 new cases, 29 more deaths**

The province has reported 3, 270 new COVID-19 cases and 29 more deaths linked to the virus over the past 24 hours. The highest number of cases reported in a single day in Ontario was seen on Saturday when 3, 363 infections were recorded. The province's test positivity rate now stands at 9.7 percent, as there were 39, 121 tests completed over the past day, which is a tie for the highest positivity rate ever reported in Ontario.

Locally, there were 917 new cases reported in Toronto, 581 in Peel Region, 389 in York Region, 246 in Windsor-Essex County, 131 in Ottawa, 126 in Waterloo and 122 in Durham Region. Of the 29 deaths reported today, 14 of them were residents of Long-Term Care homes. There are currently 24, 778 active cases of the virus in Ontario, according to the Ministry of Health.

There are currently 1, 190 patients infected with COVID-19 in Ontario hospitals, according to the province. Of these patients, 333 of them are in intensive care, and 194 of the patients in intensive care are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-logs-more-than-3-200-new-covid-19-cases-29-more-deaths-1.5252541>

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**First health-care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in Ontario set to receive second dose today**

Today, it has been 21 days since the first five health-care workers were vaccinated in Ontario. These health-care workers will be receiving their second dose of the vaccine today, at Toronto's University Health Network. All five of the health-care workers work at the Reka Centre on Sherbourne Street, and Premier Doug Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliot are expected to be in attendance for their second doses.

As of Sunday evening, the provincial government said that 37, 551 initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across the province. Ontario has been administering about 5, 000 vaccines per day. The rollout began with select health-care workers at hospitals across the province,

who received the Pfizer vaccine. Following the approval of the Moderna vaccine by Health Canada, last week residents and staff at a few Long-Term Care homes were given the shot. Both vaccines require a second dose be provided either 21 days or 28 days after the first shot is administered.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/first-health-care-workers-to-be-vaccinated-against-covid-19-in-ontario-set-to-receive-second-dose-today-1.5252411>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Harmony Place**

#### **Online Music Therapy Sessions**

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054622001?pwd=Z2xyZjFZQUpNRFB6YzAwU085N3pGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5462 2001

Passcode: 051424

For more information, contact Wanda by email at: [wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca](mailto:wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca)

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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](mailto: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](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

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