

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 5, 2021

As of January 5, 2021, Canada has a total of 614, 552 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 197, 360 cases with Toronto having 63, 946 cases.

Ontario reports another 3, 100+ COVID-19 cases; hospitalizations hit all-time high

The province is reporting 3, 128 new COVID-19 cases, along with 51 new deaths on Tuesday. Locally, there are 778 new cases in Toronto, 614 in Peel Region, 213 in York Region, 172 in Durham, 151 in Middlesex-London and 151 in Hamilton. Hospitalizations have hit a record high, with 1, 347 people receiving treatment in hospital for COVID-19. There were 45 new admissions in the past day, and the province has reported that there are 369 people in intensive care units. Of these patients, 245 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Provincial labs processed 35, 152 test specimens on Tuesday, and the positivity rate for the province remains at 9.4 percent. There are now 25, 840 active cases of COVID-19 in Ontario, which is significantly higher than the 19, 612 one week ago, and 15, 212 one month ago.

Due to increased hospitalizations and a worsening picture in the GTA, Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington has started to admit COVID-19 patients to a field hospital. This field hospital was constructed in April, but was never used. A similar 70-patient field hospital is ready to begin accepting patients at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-another-3-100-covid-19-cases-hospitalizations-hit-all-time-high-1.5253947>

All Long-Term Care (LTC) residents, staff in Toronto, Peel, York and Windsor-Essex to receive COVID-19 vaccine by Jan. 21

The Ontario government has announced its plan to distribute the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to all LTC residents and staff in Toronto, Peel, York and Windsor-Essex by Jan. 21st. The government has not announced how many people this would include. In Toronto alone, there are 36 LTC homes with more than 5, 800 beds.

Approximately 53, 000 doses of the Moderna vaccine arrived in the province during the week of North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc. Updated January 5, 2021

Dec. 28th. The government says that about 56, 000 more doses of this vaccine are expected to arrive in the province by Jan. 11th, and subsequent deliveries are expected every three weeks. As of today, the province has received approximately 95, 000 doses of Pfizer's vaccine and have administered more than 50, 000 doses. Most of the doses have gone to healthcare workers and LTC staff, and nearly 1, 000 have been administered to LTC and retirement home residents. This week, roughly 50, 000 doses of Pfizer's vaccine is expected to arrive in the province, followed by about 80, 000 more doses every week for the rest of the month. The Ontario government announced that they are working on developing protocols to safely move Pfizer's vaccine to different locations, including LTC homes.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/all-ltc-residents-staff-in-toronto-peel-york-and-windsor-essex-set-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine-by-jan-21-1.5254192>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harmony Place

Online Music Therapy Sessions

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7th, and Wednesday August 19th, 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

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

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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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