

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – January 8, 2021

As of January 8, 2021, Canada has a total of 639, 383 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 208, 394 cases with Toronto having 66, 417 cases.

Ontario breaks another single-day record of COVID-19 infections

The province broke another record on Friday, recording more than 4,200 new cases of COVID-19. However, this number is slightly inflated due to backlog from previous days for Toronto Public Health. This accounts for approximately 450 of today's cases. Provincial health officials said that labs processed more than 71, 400 tests in the past 24 hours, up by more than 5, 700 from Thursday. The province's positivity rate now stands at 6.2 percent.

The province saw daily case counts climb above the 3, 000 mark over the past four days, with a previous record of 3, 519 infections logged on Thursday. There were 3, 266 of COVID-19 recorded on Jan. 6th, and 3, 128 on Jan. 5th. The province's seven-day average is now at 3, 394, up from 2,480 one week ago.

Of the new infections logged on Friday, 1, 382 are in Toronto, 691 are in Peel Region, 427 are in York Region, 213 are in Niagara, 154 are in Ottawa, 170 are in Durham Region, 184 are in Windsor-Essex, 176 are in Hamilton, and 134 are in Halton Region.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-shatters-covid-19-record-with-more-than-4-200-new-cases-cites-data-backlog-1.5258807>

Ontario Premier Doug Ford warns 'more extreme measures' needed as COVID-19 situation worsens

Premier Doug Ford delivered a warning to the province today as COVID-19 cases in Ontario surge to unprecedented levels. He said that if public health measures are ignored, consequences "will be dire." He also said; "The shutdown won't end at the end of January, and we will have to look at more extreme measures."

The Premier announced that new COVID-19 modelling would be released on Monday or Tuesday of next week. He said that the data will be extremely shocking, and that it will encourage further measures to be put in place. Premier Ford did not mention which public health restrictions the government is considering, but he has said that a curfew is an option.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-doug-ford-warns-more-extreme-measures-needed-as-covid-19-situation-worsens-1.5258688>

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

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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