

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 14 2021

As of July 14th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,421,726 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 547,562 cases and Toronto has 170,207 cases.

Canada's vaccination approach including mixing doses is 'bearing out', PM Trudeau says

News coverage of comments by the WHO's Chief Scientist has been causing concern and confusion, especially among people who got or are scheduled to get two different brands of vaccine. Click [here](#) for more context about her comments and what top public health officials have said in response to misleading news headlines.

"We continue to advise Ontarians that mixing of the mRNA vaccines Pfizer and Moderna, as well as mixing AstraZeneca and an mRNA vaccine is safe, it's effective, and it enables people to get their second dose sooner," said Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Barbara Yaffe on Tuesday.

"We are following the advice of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, which recommends it is safe to mix these vaccines based on studies from the U.K., from Spain, and from Germany. They have found that mixing these vaccines is very safe and produces a strong, effective immune response. Of course, we will continue to monitor the data," Dr. Yaffe said.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was asked about provinces treating Pfizer and Moderna as interchangeable. Trudeau replied, "Looking at data, looking at how to protect Canadians best, we have taken some strong decisions that quite frankly, are bearing out. We're seeing record numbers of uptake of vaccinations, we're seeing a serious and sustained decline in cases."

He was also asked about if Canada has received any assurances from countries that will require a proof of vaccination for entry. People who received a mixed dose series (i.e. one dose of Pfizer and one dose of Moderna) will be allowed into those countries.

Trudeau responded that the national standard is still being established, noting that there are other inconsistencies, such as Canadians living abroad who received COVID-19 vaccines that have not been authorized by Health Canada.

Trudeau said, "Our goal is to make sure that as many people as possible are protected as best as possible... And we're going to continue to work with the international community to make sure

that people who are fully vaccinated in ways that Canadians recognize as safe and effective, are also recognized around the world.”

Trudeau is one of the many Canadians who got two different brands of vaccine, receiving a second dose of Moderna on July 2, after receiving a first dose of AstraZeneca in April.

Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-s-vaccination-approach-including-mixing-doses-is-bearing-out-pm-trudeau-says-1.5507376>

Ontario reports fewer than 150 new COVID-19 cases

Ontario reported 153 new cases of COVID-19 today, slightly up from 146 cases yesterday. However, it's the sixth day in a row where the case count has been below 200. The seven-day average is 164, down from 216 last week. The positivity rate is 0.6%.

Of today's new cases, there are 28 in Toronto, 23 in Waterloo Region, 20 in Grey Bruce, 19 in Peel Region, 12 in Middlesex-London, and 10 in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph. All other public health units reported fewer than 10 new cases in the provincial report.

There are 180 COVID-19 patients in intensive care in Ontario hospitals and 116 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

The province gave out 179,197 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 7.2 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated. So far, over 17.4 million doses have been administered in the province.

The province announced that it will be moving to Step 3 this Friday, July 16.

Source:

1. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8026382/ontario-covid-19-cases-july-14-coronavirus/>

Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine booking portal:

Those eligible for a vaccine can book here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

Or by phone at: 1-833-943-3900.

For general information about vaccines, call: 1-888-999-6488.

In Toronto? Here's a safe transportation option to go to your vaccine appointment:

Wheel-Trans is committed to providing vaccine rides to the elderly and people with disabilities in Toronto. Wheel-Trans is offering individual rides to City-run mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, doctor's offices and clinics that are giving out vaccines. Customers may be joined by one Support Person on their Wheel-Trans ride.

You may be eligible for Wheel-Trans service if your disability prevents you from using the TTC's conventional transit for all or part of their trip.

If you are not yet a Wheel-Trans customer, and you think you may qualify for Wheel-Trans service, you are invited to apply by calling Wheel-Trans Customer Service at 416-393-4111, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Existing Wheel-Trans customers can book their rides to and from their vaccine appointments by calling Wheel-Trans Reservations at 416-393-4222, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or through the Wheel-Trans Self-Booking Website. Access the website by clicking here:

<https://mywheel-trans.ttc.ca/SelfBooking2020/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fSelfBooking2020>.

Upcoming Events:

March of Dimes

Three-Part Series with Caroline Tapp-McDougall

Session 3: Slow Caregiving

Date: Monday, July 19th at 2:00 pm.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/slow-caregiving-registration-159718312773?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Caregiver Connection Group

Caregiver Conversation Series

Date: Thursdays at 2:00pm (ongoing)

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-of-dimes-canada-caregiver-conversation-series-tickets-142228614615?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Caregiver Webinar

What to do when you need funding for Assistive Devices and how March of Dimes Canada can help

Date: Monday, July 26th at 2:00 pm.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/funding-for-assistive-devices-how-march-of-dimes-canada-can-help-registration-160967248373?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

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