

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 15 2021

As of July 15th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,422,045 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 547,705 cases and Toronto has 170,228 cases.

Ontario reports fewer than 200 new COVID-19 cases

Ontario reported 143 new cases of COVID-19 today, and it's the sixth day in a row where the case count is below 200. The seven-day average is 154, down from 192 last week. The positivity rate is 0.5%. This is the lowest positivity rate since August 23, 2020.

Only three municipalities are reporting more than 10 new COVID-19 cases today, which are Waterloo (25), Grey Bruce (25) and Toronto (20).

There are 168 COVID-19 patients in intensive care in Ontario hospitals and 114 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

The province gave out 166,201 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 7.4 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated. So far, over 17.6 million doses have been administered in the province.

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

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-200-daily-covid-19-cases-for-a-full-week-1.5510124>

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer expects case surge in September

On Tuesday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore gave a COVID-19 update based on modelling data that he has seen from Public Health Ontario and the province's science table.

Dr. Moore said: "We can expect a rise in cases as we go indoors as the cold weather comes in September. Last summer, we had the same type of lull after public health measures were in

place.” He mentioned that “populations are dispersed across Ontario”, which includes people travelling away from city centres to their cottages.

He continued, “They’re taking great advantage of the outdoors, but as soon as we come back to the indoors, normally, all respiratory viruses start to come back, especially around the third week of September in congregate settings, schools, universities, colleges, workplaces. So I absolutely expect a rise in COVID activity in September.”

“We are preparing from a local public health unit vantage point all the way through to respond to a surge. Hence, the real call to arms that we need now to build the best immunity possible to protect our population. No one wants to see our health system impacted, no one wants to see more people in the Intensive Care Unit, and all of that hospital activity is preventable through immunization. Immunization decreases your risk of hospitalizations significantly, and the risk of going in an Intensive Care Unit, and the risk of death. Hence, we really really want to have the highest immunization rate possible come September.”

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-s-top-doctor-absolutely-expects-rise-in-covid-19-cases-in-september-1.5507695>

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 sarah.nydp@gmail.com.