

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 20 2021

As of July 20th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,424,001 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 548,474 cases and Toronto has 170,343 cases.

Ontario reports under 130 new cases of COVID-19, over 8 million fully vaccinated

Ontario reported 127 new cases of COVID-19 today, down from 130 new cases yesterday. The seven-day average is 152, down from 170 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 0.9%.

Of these new cases, there are 18 in Toronto, 17 in Peel Region, 16 in the Region of Waterloo, 14 in Hamilton, 10 in Grey Bruce and 10 in Middlesex-London.

There are 149 COVID-19 patients in intensive care in Ontario hospitals and 106 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

The province gave out 132,963 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 8 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated. So far, over 18.3 million doses have been administered in the province.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-under-130-new-cases-of-covid-19-over-8-million-fully-vaccinated-1.5515979>

COVID-19 outbreak at Long-Term Care home in Hamilton, 11 residents test positive

Currently, there are two COVID-19 outbreaks at separate Long-Term Care (LTC) homes in Hamilton.

The most recently-confirmed outbreak is at Arbour Creek Long-Term Care Centre. Executive Director Paula White confirmed that 11 residents and 4 staff members have tested positive.

White said that 94% of residents, 68.75% of staff and 57% of essential caregivers are fully vaccinated. She added that 95% of residents, 77% of staff and 96% of essential caregivers have at least one dose of a vaccine.

The other LTC home in Hamilton that is managing a COVID-19 outbreak is St. Joseph's Villa. According to Hamilton Public Health, there are now 12 confirmed cases at the home, including 5 residents. Last week, a spokesperson for St. Joseph's Villa said that they believe that "third-party service providers" from the hair salon within the facility were the ones who exposed the LTC home to the virus.

In the province, there are two other LTC homes with COVID-19 outbreaks: the Village of Tansley Woods in Burlington and Fox Ridge Care Community in Brantford.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/11-residents-test-positive-for-covid-19-at-hamilton-ont-long-term-care-home-with-outbreak-1.5514187>

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

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.