

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 28 2021

As of July 28th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,428,211 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 549,734 cases and Toronto has 170,621 cases.

Ontario reports over 150 new cases of COVID-19

Ontario is reporting 158 new cases of COVID-19 today, up from 129 yesterday and 119 the day before. Before then, Ontario saw more than 150 cases per day for four days in a row. The seven-day average is 160, up from 155 at this time last week. The positivity rate is 0.8%.

Of these new cases, there are 25 in Toronto, 19 in York Region, 19 in Waterloo, 15 in Hamilton, 13 in Durham Region and 10 in Peel Region. Out of the province's other 28 public health units, 11 are reporting no new cases of COVID-19, and 17 are reporting fewer than 10 infections.

In the past 24 hours, the province reported 123 new cases of the Delta variant, which brings the total number of Delta variant cases in Ontario to 4,044. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore said on Tuesday that the Delta variant is expected to cause a rise in cases over the next few months and that vaccination is critical to reduce hospitalizations and deaths. He added that the risk of getting the disease is 6.4 times higher for unvaccinated people.

Across the province, there are 122 people in Intensive Care Units due to COVID-19. Of those patients, 83 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Yesterday, 94,116 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were given out. About 8.7 million Ontario residents have received both doses and are considered to be fully vaccinated.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/just-over-150-new-covid-19-cases-logged-in-ontario-as-7-day-average-rises-1.5526111>

Ontario will soon report how many COVID-19 cases are in unvaccinated people

Yesterday, the Ministry of Health said that it's revising their reports to include the rates of cases in vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

“I think that’s essential information to be able to relay to Ontarians, the absolute benefit of the reduction in risk of getting COVID if you’re immunized versus not immunized,” said Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore.

On the same day as this announcement from the Ministry of Health, Dr. Moore said that the risk of getting COVID-19 is 6.4 times higher for unvaccinated people. He also said that there are about 1.8 million eligible Ontarians who still need a second shot of a COVID-19 vaccine, and the Delta variant is expected to cause a rise in cases in the coming months.

Family physician Dr. Jennifer Kwan looked at two recent reports and spent hours calculating percentages of vaccinated and unvaccinated people that have been hospitalized or died in the previous month. Throughout the pandemic, [her Twitter account](#) has been a reliable and well-known source to see daily case numbers presented in a visual way as charts and graphs.

Dr. Kwan found that between June 12 and July 10, nearly 96% of COVID-19 deaths in the province were in unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people. Out of the 11 fully vaccinated people who died, 10 of them were 80 years old and older.

In that same time period, 99.5% of all COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit admissions were in unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people. Only 1 fully vaccinated person went to the ICU due to COVID-19.

Dr. Kwan said it would be great if Public Health Ontario would regularly publish something similar to show recent effects of vaccinations on cases, hospitalizations and deaths. She is just one person using a spreadsheet.

“The data is showing that people who are fully vaccinated have a much lower risk of severe outcomes, and that the vast majority of hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and deaths are occurring in unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people,” said Dr. Kwan. “This will help people to make an informed decision about vaccination to protect themselves and their loved ones.”

Today, officials in Brampton (in Peel Region) said that, in June, 100% of the 81 people hospitalized due to COVID-19 were either partially vaccinated or not vaccinated at all. According to Peel Region’s Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh, two out of three of these COVID-19 patients were completely unvaccinated, and 2 patients developed COVID-19 within the two-week period after their second dose.

“It’s an important reminder that you’re only fully protected two weeks after your second dose, especially with the Delta variants circulating in our community,” said Dr. Loh.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown commented, “It shows in a very crystal clear manner that vaccines work, vaccines save lives, vaccines prevent you from being hospitalized, vaccines keep your community safe and if you do get vaccinated, you are going to help us get out of Stage 3 and get back to normal as well.”

Yesterday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that only 0.5% of the country’s COVID-19 cases happened to fully vaccinated people.

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-to-soon-regularly-report-how-many-covid-19-cases-are-in-unvaccinated-people-1.5525167>

2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/brampton-officials-say-all-covid-19-hospitalizations-in-june-were-in-people-not-fully-vaccinated-1.5526284>

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:

Townhall for Wheel-Trans Users

“Do you use Wheel-Trans? What about someone you know? Thousands of Wheel-Trans users could lose door-to-door access under a TTC program called the ‘Family of Services.’”

Click [here](#) to learn more about ‘Family of Services’ and how it can impact you.

Date: Wednesday, August 4th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

ASL interpretation and closed captioning available.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/townhall-for-wheel-trans-users-tickets-162969862245>

March of Dimes

3-Part Series with Caroline Tapp-McDougall

Session 2: Daily Triumphs

Date: RESCHEDULED for Monday, September 20th at 2:00pm.

Registration link to be updated soon.

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=ebsoporgprofile>

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.