

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 30 2021

As of July 30th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,429,937 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 550,178 cases and Toronto has 170,713 cases.

Ontario reports over 200 new cases of COVID-19 for the second day in a row

There are 226 new cases of COVID-19 today, up from 218 yesterday. Yesterday was the first time in 3 weeks that the daily case count has risen above 200. The seven-day average is 170, up from 160 a week ago. The positivity rate is 1.3%.

Of these new cases, there are 62 in Toronto, 35 in Waterloo, 24 in Peel Region, 13 in York Region, 13 in Hamilton, and 13 in Halton Region. Out of the province's other 28 public health units, at least 15 are reporting fewer than 5 infections, and 9 have recorded no new cases.

Across the province, there are 117 people in Intensive Care Units due to COVID-19. Of those patients, 77 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Yesterday, 83,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were given out. Since the beginning of the province's COVID-19 vaccination campaign, Ontario has given out more than 19 million doses. Nearly 9 million people in Ontario have both doses and are fully vaccinated.

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-cases-in-ontario-climb-with-another-226-new-infections-reported-1.5529227>

2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-cases-in-ontario-jump-past-200-for-first-time-in-three-weeks-1.5527722>

New modelling data warns that the number of COVID-19 cases are expected to go up again

Based on new modelling data, the Public Health Agency of Canada is warning that COVID-19 cases will continue to increase across the country if things continue in the direction that we're currently going. The agency is concerned about social contact within communities increasing too quickly as a result of reopening efforts within provinces.

The new data predicts that there could be between 2,700 and 11,800 new cases over the next week or so. However, thanks to the effectiveness of vaccines, the modelling data does not predict an increase of deaths. People who are fully vaccinated make up less than 1% of reported cases and less than 1% of hospitalized cases.

Source:

1. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/new-modelling-warns-of-a-resurgence-in-covid-19-infections-1.5529290>

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=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.