

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 31, 2020

As of July 31st, 2020, Canada has a total of 115, 799 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 39, 075 cases with Toronto having 15, 337 cases.

Although Toronto has entered into Stage 3, North Yorkers will maintain current protocols at this time

North Yorkers will continue to follow our current protocols regarding visitation, whereby visits are scheduled, held outdoors, supervised and socially distanced. This is to ensure the health and safety of our tenants and staff, and we greatly appreciate the understanding and support from our community. We will be looking to adopt other protocols, especially as the cooler weather arrives and it becomes harder to hold visits outdoors. These protocols are currently being developed, and we want to ensure that we are as informed as possible when making decisions about COVID-19.

North Yorkers will begin escorting consumers to their appointments, as many have been postponed or cancelled as a result of the pandemic. This will be done using private transportation, and consumers will be escorted for the entire outing.

The tenants and staff at North Yorkers remain healthy, and we are so grateful for the support and understanding from stakeholders, family members and others in our community. We hope everyone has a safe and fun long weekend!

Lessons Learned Questionnaire: responses posted on the homepage!

North Yorkers recently collected feedback from tenants, family members and class participants in our Lessons Learned Questionnaire. The responses that we received have been posted on the homepage of our website, and can be accessed by clicking on the “Lessons Learned” icon. Thank you to everyone who took part in this survey, as it has helped us gain perspective on our COVID-19 Pandemic Plan. We will definitely take into consideration all of the feedback we received going forward.

Ontario's school reopening plan announced

On Thursday, Premier Ford announced Ontario's school reopening plan for this fall. The plan includes making it mandatory for students in grades 4-12 to wear masks when indoors. High school students in larger cities of the province will only attend school on alternating days, but high schools in smaller communities will be able to accept all students full-time. High school students will also be kept in a 15-pupil cohort for as many classes as their schedules allow. Education Minister Stephen Lecce has said that social distancing is more important at the high school level, and there will be a required one metre distancing between desks and tables in classrooms.

For elementary schools, the class sizes will not change from the current averages, which in Grade 4 is 24.5 pupils. These classes will be made into cohorts, and students will eat lunch together and go for recess at staggered times in their classroom groups. Elementary school students will attend school full time.

Ford has said that any student who wishes to continue learning from home in September will be allowed to do so, and that online learning will be made available. The plan also discusses the daily tasks that will be enforced for anyone coming into schools, including completing a checklist, and the protocols if someone does feel sick at school and is found to have COVID-19.

For more information on Ontario's school reopening plan, check out this article:

<https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-plan-requires-mask-use-for-grades-4-and-up-gta-high-schoolers-to-attend-class-on-alternating-days-1.5044964>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance

Virtual Health and Wellness Series

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2pm

Upcoming Topics:

- Understanding Emotions and Anxiety, Tuesday August 4th
- Staying Health and Mental Wellness, Thursday August 6th
- Priorities and Time Management, Tuesday August 11th
- Sing Along, Thursday August 13th

Registration: Call (416) 486-8666 ext. 234, or email jennifert@vibranthealthcare.ca

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP)

Nicholas Milojevic Rock 'N' Roll-a-thon

Where: Professor's Lake, Brampton, Ontario

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020

Time: check-in at 9 am, starts at 10 am

Purchase tickets or make a donation at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-federation-for-cerebral-palsy/events/nicholas-milojevic-walk-n-roll-a-thon-2/>

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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