

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – July 5 2021

As of July 5th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,417,139 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 545,973 cases and Toronto has 169,846 cases.

Ontario reports fewer than 200 new COVID-19 cases today

Ontario reported 170 new cases of COVID-19 today, down from 213 new cases on Sunday and 209 on Saturday. The seven-day average is 223, down from 278 last week, and the positivity rate is 1.3%.

Of today's new cases, there are 34 in Waterloo Region, 27 in Toronto, 18 in Grey Bruce and 13 in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit region. There are 155 COVID-19 patients in hospitals across the province.

There are 56 new cases of the Alpha variant, 1 new case of the Gamma variant, and no new cases of the Beta or Delta variants.

The province gave out 144,795 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 5.6 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated!

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-200-new-covid-19-cases-for-second-time-in-a-week-1.5496740>

Ontario youth can now book earlier second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

As of this morning, Ontario youth between the ages of 12 to 17 are eligible to book an earlier appointment for their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. They can book their second doses through the provincial portal.

This past Saturday, Peel Region got a head start by running a youth-focussed vaccine clinic called 'Crushing COVID'. This clinic created a fun and appealing environment with a DJ, ice cream truck, sketch artist, and giveaways for the youth.

As of June 25, a total of 70,290 vaccine doses have been administered to Peel youth. Peel has administered a first dose to 75% of residents 12 years and older, and 27% of residents 12 years and older have been fully vaccinated.

The province hopes that more children with second doses will provide enough protection to return to in-person learning in September. Many people are looking forward to an end to the social isolation that children have been experiencing due to cancelled extracurricular activities, group gatherings, and in-person learning.

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-youth-aged-12-to-17-can-now-book-earlier-second-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine-1.5496558>
2. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.5211918>
3. <https://peelregion.ca/news/archiveitem.asp?year=2021&month=5&day=29&file=2021529.xml>

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 2: Daily Triumphs

Date: Monday, July 12th at 2:00 pm.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/daily-triumphs-registration-159717857411?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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.