

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 2 2021

As of June 2nd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,384,252 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 532,891 cases and Toronto has 167,113 cases.

What's changed now that the stay-at-home order is over?

News outlets are emphasizing that today is NOT the first day of Step One of the re-opening plan. Step One will start when 60% of adults have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The first day of Step One is expected to happen two weeks from now, around June 14, however, it might be sooner than that. According to Dr. Bogoch, who is a prominent member of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Taskforce, “we do hear rumblings that the date of moving into the Phase One re-opening may be bumped up if things continue to head in the right direction, meaning vaccines continuing to roll out at a fast pace, case numbers continuing to decline, and hospital capacity continuing to improve with the decompression of hospitals.”

He adds, “Again, we haven’t heard anything official on that front, so I think it’s just a matter of waiting and seeing what the government ends up deciding to do.” Earlier in the interview, he said that even though the stay-at-home order is over, “it looks like it’s going to be life continuing on as per usual.”

Laura Stone of the Globe and Mail elaborates on what has and hasn’t changed. The stay-at-home order prohibited people from leaving home except for essential reasons, such as going to the grocery store, the pharmacy, or health appointment. Now, you are able to leave the house for any reason, yet there aren’t many places to go or things to do as many other public health restrictions are still in place. There is still a ban on indoor gatherings, limits on outdoor gatherings, and many businesses are still closed. She noted that yesterday, the government did say that people can travel to their secondary residences, such as cottages.

Sources:

1.<https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.5211918>

2.<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000161/ontario-releases-three-step-roadmap-to-safely-reopen-the-province>

3.<https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.5211918>

Ontario reports just over 700 new COVID-19 cases, positivity rate drops

The province is reporting 733 new COVID-19 cases today, 699 yesterday, and 916 on Monday.

Of these new cases, there are 173 in Toronto, 134 in Peel Region, 69 in York Region, 66 in Hamilton, and 40 in Durham Region. The seven-day average of new cases is 978, down from 1,622 at this time last week. Also, the positivity rate dropped from 4.3% on Monday to 3.6% on Tuesday, and today it's 2.8%!

In the past 24 hours, 25 people have died due to COVID-19. In the province, there are a total of: 127,645 confirmed cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, 952 cases of the B.1.351 variant and 2,911 cases of the P.1. variant.

There are currently 708 people in hospital due to the disease. At least 576 of these patients are in an Intensive Care Unit and 399 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

In Ontario, more than 9.3 million people have received at least one dose of a vaccine, and 781,163 people have received both doses.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-just-over-700-new-covid-19-cases-as-positivity-rate-drops-1.5452849>

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 Webinars

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>

Better Living Health and Community Services

Wellness Breaks and Lunch n' Learns

Mindful Eating Dr. Louise LeBlanc

Date: Wednesday, June 9th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0qceuvpzMqHtVcE2_BULkEJ0l4K--dQnnC

The Entering with Dr. Rami Shami

Date: Wednesday, June 16th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYrdO6sqD4qH9D0ewmte0ZTEbs_xu1sRPpR

Cooking Demonstration with Alison Burke

Date: Wednesday, June 23rd from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUtf-qpqDMvHNA921RKT9OK0M2zQmZ1OjBl>

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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