

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 22 2021

As of June 22nd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,410,012 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 542,764 cases and Toronto has 169,335 cases.

Ontario reports under 300 new COVID-19 cases for second day in a row

The province is reporting fewer than 300 new cases today with 296 new cases today and 270 new cases yesterday. The slight increase is nothing to worry about since the Ministry of Health has said that at least 80 of the cases reported today are from 2020. These unreported cases were found in Toronto. For this reason, Toronto has a case count of 123 today.

Also, the Ministry of Health has said that today they are reporting 54 deaths that happened in previous months, which is why today's number of deaths is the highest number of deaths since February 4 with 60 recorded in the past 24 hours.

The seven-day average of new cases is 334, down from 478 one week ago. Also, the positivity rate is 1.6%. Of today's cases, there are 61 new cases in Waterloo, 37 in York Region, 20 in Peel Region, 11 in Hamilton and 11 in Ottawa.

Of the 334 people in hospital due to the disease, 314 are in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) due to the virus, and 202 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Regarding variants of concern, there are 178 new cases of the Alpha variant (also known as the B.1.1.7 variant, first identified in the U.K.), 29 new cases of the Delta variant (also known as the B.1.617.2 variant, first identified in India), 2 new cases of the Gamma variant (also known as the P.1 variant, first identified in Brazil), and no new cases of the B.1.351 variant (also known as the B.1.351 variant, first identified in South Africa).

More than 12.8 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been given out, and over 3.1 million people have received both doses. In the past 24 hours, the province has given out just under 200,000 doses.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-300-new-covid-19-cases-spike-in-deaths-while-citing-data-cleanup-1.5480482>

More than 60% of Toronto youth have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine

As of this morning, the City of Toronto says that more than 60% of youth between the ages of 12 and 17 have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

This is the result of a youth-focussed vaccination campaign with more than 65 youth-focussed clinics. This is being co-led by Toronto Public Health and The Hospital for Sick Children.

Over the last week, more than 10,900 shots were administered to youths across Toronto. The city called this an important milestone in the fight against the Delta variant.

Provincewide, 51% of youth between the ages of 12 and 17 have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, the Ministry of Education said today.

Youths between the ages of 12 and 17 can be registered for an appointment to get their first dose through the provincial booking system [here](#). All youth will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine, which is approved for anyone who is 12 years old and over.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/more-than-60-of-toronto-youth-have-received-a-first-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine-1.5480393>

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 Webinar

Getting Real about Self-care

Date: Monday, June 28th at 2:00 pm.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/getting-real-about-self-care-registration-158772054489?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Three-Part Series with Caroline Tapp-McDougall

Session 1: The Family Stretch

Date: Monday, July 5th at 2:00 pm.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-family-stretch-registration-159626903365?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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=ebsoporgprofile>

Better Living Health and Community Services Wellness Breaks and Lunch n' Learns

Cooking Demonstration with Alison Burke

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

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtf-qpqDMvHNA921RKT9OK0M2zOmZ1OjBl>

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.