

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – June 24 2021**

As of June 24th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,411,323 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 543,315 cases and Toronto has 169,429 cases.

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**Ontario to move to Step 2 of reopening ahead of schedule allowing for haircuts, indoor gatherings, and more**

The Ontario government has confirmed that the province will enter Step 2 of its COVID-19 reopening strategy on Wednesday, June 30, which is two days ahead of schedule!

The only area that won't move into Step 2 next week is the Region of Waterloo due to current COVID-19 data and the prevalence of the Delta variant.

As of June 30, these things will be permitted:

- indoor gatherings up to five people
- outdoor gatherings with up to 25 people outdoors
- personal care services, including hair cuts
- outdoor performances and team sports
- outdoor attractions, such as water parks
- outdoor dining with maximum six people per table
- essential retail can double to 50% capacity
- non-essential retail can move to 25 per cent capacity, up from 15%
- shopping malls can reopen with restrictions
- larger indoor religious services, like wedding and funeral services, at 25% capacity.

Click [here](#) to learn more about what is and isn't re-opening in Step 2.

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-to-move-to-step-2-of-reopening-ahead-of-schedule-allowing-for-haircuts-indoor-gatherings-1.5483633>

2. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>

**Ontario reports fewer than 300 new cases for the fourth day in a row**

Ontario has fewer than 300 new cases for the fourth day in a row: 296 new cases today, 255 cases yesterday, 296 cases the day before, and 270 cases the day before that.

The seven-day average is 305, down from 410 last week, and the positivity rate is 1.1%. Of today's cases, there are 95 in Waterloo, 35 cases in Toronto, 20 in Peel Region, 19 in Hamilton, 17 in Ottawa, 16 in Durham, and 14 in York Region.

There are 299 COVID-19 patients in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The province gave 225,188 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 3.5 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated!

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-just-under-300-new-covid-19-cases-6-more-deaths-1.5483806>

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### **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.

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### **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

To register:

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

Session 3: Slow Caregiving

Date: Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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>

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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](http://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](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com).