

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 28 2021

As of June 28th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,413,711 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 544,414 cases and Toronto has 169,532 cases.

Ontario reports just over 200 cases

Ontario has fewer than 200 new cases, which is the lowest case count since September 13. There are 210 new cases, 287 cases on Sunday, 256 cases on Saturday, and 256 cases on Friday.

The seven-day average is 278, down from 332 last week, and the positivity rate is 1.8%, up from 1.5% yesterday. Of today's cases, there are 37 in Toronto, 26 in Waterloo, 25 in Grey Bruce, 15 in Peel Region, 12 in Niagara Region, 10 in Ottawa, 10 in Durham Region, and 8 in York Region.

Across Ontario, there are at least 287 COVID-19 patients in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), with 191 people who are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

There are 286 new cases of the Delta variant (the B.1.617.2 variant, first identified in India), 83 new cases of the Alpha variant (the B.1.1.7 variant, first identified in the U.K.), 68 new cases of the Beta variant (the B.1.351 variant, first identified in South Africa), and 35 new cases of the Gamma variant (the P.1 variant, first identified in Brazil).

The province gave out 180,369 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 4.3 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated!

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-marks-one-day-drop-with-just-over-200-new-covid-19-cases-reported-1.5488301>

Toronto clinic administers record-breaking 26,000+ doses in one day

On Sunday, the City of Toronto set up a temporary mass immunization clinic inside the Scotiabank arena, and gave out 26,771 doses in one day! This broke national and North American records for the number of vaccines administered by one clinic in a single day.

This clinic gave out 978 first doses and 25,793 second doses. Of those who got vaccinated, 1,295 were youths and 25,476 were adults. All of these appointments were fully booked ahead of Sunday. However, the city added 2,000 more Moderna vaccine appointments for walk-ins later in the day.

Since the Scotiabank Arena is the home of the Toronto Raptors and the Toronto Maple Leafs, this mass vaccination event was called “Our Winning Shot.” After getting their vaccine, people received a free rally towel. Also, 50 pairs of Maple Leafs and Raptors tickets were given away. TV and radio personalities, including the teams’ mascots, were there to entertain the crowd.

One of the people who received their vaccine at the clinic was Mayor John Tory, who named June 27, 2021, as Toronto Vaccine Day. The City of Toronto partnered with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, Scotiabank, Michael Garron Hospital, and the University Health Network for the event.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-clinic-administers-record-breaking-26-000-doses-in-one-day-1.5487455>

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 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=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.