

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 30 2021

As of June 30th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,415,056 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 544,897 cases and Toronto has 169,768 cases.

Sharing Your Vaccine Stories

Irene got her vaccine on April 27th. A family member had gone online to register her for an appointment, however she was not of the age, she was not receiving CCAC, and she lived at home, therefore she was put on the waitlist. Someone from the vaccine registry called her, and spoke with her family member, who explained that Irene has Cerebral Palsy (CP). After explaining, Irene received an appointment.

Irene went to her appointment accompanied by a family member in Mississauga. The vaccine clinic was large and was fully accessible. Irene said that it was very well organized and did not take long, she was only there for about 25 minutes in total. All of the staff were nice and helpful, and there were no issues getting the vaccine.

If you would like to share your vaccine story to be posted in our daily updates, please email Sarah Vanderkolff at sarah.nydp@gmail.com.

Ontario reports fewer than 200 new COVID-19 cases for first time since September

Ontario has 184 new cases of COVID-19 today for the first time since Sept. 10 when officials logged 170 cases. The seven-day average is 268, down from 316 last week, and the positivity rate is 1.6%.

Of today's new cases, there are 46 in Waterloo, 19 in Grey Bruce, 17 in Toronto, 17 in Hamilton, 16 in Peel Region, 13 in Middlesex-London, 11 in Ottawa, 10 in Niagara Region, 5 in Durham Region, and 5 in York Region. All other regions reported fewer than 10 new cases of the disease.

Across Ontario, there are at least 276 COVID-19 patients in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), with 185 people who are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

There are 205 new cases of the Delta variant (the B.1.617.2 variant, first identified in India), 105 new cases of the Gamma variant (the P.1 variant, first identified in Brazil), 63 new cases of the Alpha variant (the B.1.1.7 variant, first identified in the U.K.), and 42 new cases of the Beta variant (the B.1.351 variant, first identified in South Africa).

Today is the first day of the province moving into Step 2. Click [here](#) to see what's open.

The province gave out 268,397 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the past 24 hours, and more than 4.8 million Ontarians have been fully vaccinated!

Sources:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-200-new-covid-19-cases-for-first-time-since-september-1.5491380>

2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-moves-to-step-2-of-its-reopening-plan-here-s-everything-that-can-reopen-today-1.5491161>

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.