

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 4 2021

As of June 4th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,388,639 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 534,675 cases and Toronto has 167,640 cases.

Step One might not come before June 14th due to recent rise in cases

A number of officials have said that the first day of Step One could happen earlier if the numbers continue to go down. At the beginning of the week, an earlier start date seemed possible, but over the past two days, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases, which makes it less likely to happen.

This week started off with record-breaking lows. On Monday, the province reported 916 new COVID-19 cases, which was the lowest number of new cases in one day since February 17. On Tuesday, Ontario confirmed only 699 new COVID-19 cases, which was the lowest number of new cases in one day since October 18.

However, by mid-week, the numbers started to rise again to be closer to 1,000. On Wednesday, there were 733 new cases and on Thursday there were 870 new cases. Today, there are 914 new cases. Yesterday, Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams commented that he's concerned about the recent increase, and said it could be due to the Victoria Day long weekend.

On Wednesday, Premier Doug Ford said that he's waiting for advice from Dr. Williams about whether the province can start Step One before June 14.

On Thursday, Dr. Williams said he would have "better answers" to that question by next week. He said he wants to ensure the increase in cases is "just a temporary one."

Sources:

1.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-s-uptick-in-covid-19-cases-could-put-an-early-move-to-step-1-in-jeopardy-top-official-says-1.5454789>

2.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-700-new-covid-19-cases-for-first-time-sinceoctober-1.5451158>

Ontario reports fewer than 1,000 new COVID-19 cases for fifth day in a row

The province is reporting 914 new cases today. There are 214 new COVID-19 cases in Toronto, 169 in Peel Region, 69 in Durham Region, and 31 in York Region.

The seven-day average of new cases is 889, down from 940 yesterday. Also, the positivity rate remains at 2.8%, which it reached on Wednesday.

In the past 24 hours, 19 people have died due to COVID-19. In the province, there are a total of: 129,807 confirmed cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, 972 confirmed cases of the B.1.351 variant and 2,967 confirmed cases of the P.1. variant.

There are currently 687 people in hospital due to the disease. Of these patients, 522 of them are in an Intensive Care Unit and at least 357 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

In Ontario, more than 9.6 million people have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 896,065 people have received both doses.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-1-000-new-covid-19-cases-for-fourth-straight-day-1.5454506>

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=ebsdoporgprofile>

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/meeting/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/meeting/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/meeting/register/tJUf-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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