

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – June 8 2021

As of June 8th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,394,763 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 537,076 cases and Toronto has 168,204 cases.

Ontario reports fewer than 500 new COVID-19 cases for first time in 8 months

The province is reporting fewer than 500 new cases today —469 to be exact. The last time the daily case count was this low was September 26. Yesterday, the province reported 525 new cases, which was the lowest number of new cases in one day since September 27. Today is also the 11th day in a row where Ontario has fewer than 1,000 cases.

9 public health units are reporting no new infections, and almost all other public health units are reporting fewer than 50 COVID-19 cases. The exceptions are Toronto with 182 new cases, and Peel Region with 76 new cases. The seven-day average of new cases is 679, down from 1,029 one week ago. Also, the positivity rate is 2.7%, down from 3.6% yesterday.

There are currently 621 people in hospital due to the disease. Of these patients, 481 of them are in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Yesterday was the first time in two months that the number of patients in an ICU for COVID-19 was below 500.

More than 10.3 million people have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and over 1.1 million people have received both doses.

The province has officially confirmed that the first day of Step One will be this Friday, June 11, instead of the original date of Monday, June 14.

Source:

1.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-logs-fewer-than-500-new-covid-19-cases-for-first-time-in-8-months-1.5460946>

What is allowed on Friday as Ontario enters Step 1 of reopening?

This Friday, June 11 is the first day of Step 1 of the province's reopening plan. Here is a list of what will be allowed:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 10 people.
- Outdoor religious services and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, as long as people can maintain two metres apart.
- Indoor religious services and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, at up to 15% capacity of the particular room.
- Non-essential retail at 15% capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold.
- Essential and other select retail stores at 25% capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold.
- Outdoor dining with up to 4 people per table, with exceptions for larger households.
- Outdoor fitness classes, outdoor groups in personal training, and outdoor individual/team sport training with up to 10 people.
- Day camps for children with restrictions.
- Overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks, and short-term rentals.
- Concert venues, theatres and cinemas may open outdoors to rehearse or perform a recorded or broadcasted concert, artistic event, theatrical performance or other performance with no more than 10 performers, among other restrictions.
- Outdoor horse racing tracks and motor speedways can operate without spectators.
- Outdoor attractions such as zoos, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens with capacity limits and other restrictions.

In a news release that announced the move to Step 1, the government said that this list is not comprehensive, and it could be expanded. Ontario will remain in Step 1 for at least 21 days before moving on to Step 2 of the reopening plan.

Source:

1.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/what-is-allowed-on-friday-as-ontario-enters-step-1-of-reopening-1.5459603>

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

Understanding Disability Tax Credits with the Canada Revenue Agency

Date: Monday, June 14th at 2:00 pm.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/understanding-disability-tax-credits-with-the-canada-revenue-agency-registration-154465497461?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Scams – Protect Yourself Against Fraud

Date: Monday, June 21st at 2:00 pm.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cra-scams-protect-yourself-against-fraud-registration-154465022039?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>

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_BULkEJ0I4K--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/tJUtf-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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