

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – June 9 2021**

As of June 9th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1,395,821 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 537,487 cases and Toronto has 168,306 cases.

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**Ontario reports fewer than 500 new COVID-19 cases for the second day in a row**

The province is reporting fewer than 500 new cases again! Yesterday, there were 469 new cases, and today there are only 411. Today is also the 10th day in a row where the case count has been below 1,000.

There are fewer than 100 new cases in both Toronto and Peel Region, with 97 and 72 new cases respectively. Also, there are 35 new cases in Waterloo and 26 new cases in York Region. The seven-day average of new cases is at about 657, down from 978 one week ago. Also, the positivity rate is 2%, down from 2.7% yesterday and 3.6% the day before.

There are currently 571 people in hospital due to the disease, and at least 466 of them are in an Intensive Care Unit.

In the past 24 hours, there have been 902 more cases of the B.1.1.7. variant (first identified in the U.K.) and 64 more cases of the P.1. variant (first identified in Brazil).

More than 10.4 million people have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and over 1.2 million people have received both doses.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-covid-19-cases-dip-below-500-for-second-straight-day-1.5462618>

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**Employees may need to show proof of vaccination as workplaces reopen**

Currently, Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) does not say anything directly about vaccination or employers enforcing vaccination policies for their workers.

However, the law requires that employers operate a safe workplace, and if they don't, they could be heavily fined and face other penalties. Labour lawyers are warning that it is likely that the

OHSA will be updated, which would mean that some employees may need to be vaccinated to keep their jobs.

One employment lawyer, Howard Levitt, predicts that employees who work alongside others will need to be fully immunized, especially if they work with the public. Probable exceptions would be people who work from home and people who cannot be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons. Levitt says that people who claim medical or religious reasons would have to provide substantive documentation.

Lai-King Hum, founder of Hum Law Firm, commented: “In some workplaces that may mean that those employees would have to work in an area where they are not in contact with other employers.”

According to Levitt, there is no legal requirement for employers to accommodate employees who are not vaccinated by offering separate workspaces or work-from-home options.

While labour lawyers believe that workplace vaccination policies are inevitable, on Monday, a spokesperson for Ontario’s Ministry of Labour said Monday that the provincial government is not currently considering any vaccine mandates.

Source:

1. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/they-could-be-fired-employees-may-need-to-show-proof-of-vaccination-as-workplaces-reopen-1.5460196>

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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 Webinars**

Understanding Disability Tax Credits with the Canada Revenue Agency

Date: Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

The Entering with Dr. Rami Shami

Date: Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

To register: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdO6sqD4qH9D0ewmte0ZTEbs\\_xu1sRPPR](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdO6sqD4qH9D0ewmte0ZTEbs_xu1sRPPR)

Cooking Demonstration with Alison Burke

Date: Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc.

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To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtf-qpqDMvHNA921RKT9OK0M2zQmZ1OjBl>

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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](mailto: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).