

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – March 25, 2021

As of March 25th, 2021, Canada has a total of 949, 832 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 336, 070 cases and Toronto has a total of 107, 280 cases.

Ontario reports 2,380 new infections and 17 more COVID-19 related deaths, cases are over-reported due to data catch-up

The province is reporting more than 2,300 new COVID-19 cases today, but the Ministry of Health says today's case count is over-reported due to a data catch-up. Officials say the latest numbers include at least 280 cases from previous days due to a technical issue. The seven-day average is now 1,794, compared to 1,427 one week ago.

Ontario is also reporting 17 more deaths, which raises the virus-related death toll to 7,280. For the third day in a row, the province is reporting zero new deaths among Long-Term Care (LTC) residents.

There are currently 16,081 confirmed active cases of the virus in Ontario. Provincial health officials are also reporting 77 more lab-confirmed cases of the highly contagious variants of concern, including 69 of the B.1.1.7 variant, 1 of the B.1.351 variant, and 7 of the P.1 variants. There are still currently 15,657 cases that have screened positive for a variant of concern, that are awaiting whole genome sequencing.

The province's positivity rate is now 3.8 percent, which is unchanged from one day ago. Within the GTA, health officials logged 1,016 new cases in Toronto, 294 in Peel, 244 in York Region, 90 in Durham and 53 in Halton.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-2-380-new-covid-19-infections-and-17-more-deaths-cases-are-over-reported-due-to-data-catch-up-1.5361799>

Canada surpasses 10 percent COVID vaccination mark

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout has reached a milestone in Canada, as 11 percent of the country's adult population have received at least one dose of the vaccine. This means that more than 4.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Canada since the rollout began in mid-December.

A lull in shipments from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna in February caused major stalling before Canada's rollout was able to ramp up in recent weeks, due to increased supply. Canada's most efficient vaccination day was Wednesday, when the country administered 170, 604 vaccines.

This daily figure should continue to increase so long as shipments from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca consistently flow into the country. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was approved by Health Canada earlier this month, has not yet arrived in the country for general use. Once it does, the vaccine distribution should increase more rapidly across the country. Arrival dates for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have not yet been disclosed.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/canada-surpasses-10-per-cent-covid-vaccination-mark-but-are-we-going-fast-enough-1.5362147>

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: 1-888-999-6488

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March of Dimes

Caregiver Webinars

Caregiver Connection Group – Caregiver conversation series – 10 weeks

Date: starting Thursday, March 4th, at 2:00pm – every Thursday, join anytime

To register for any or all sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-of-dimes-canada-caregiver-conversation-series-tickets-142228614615?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Long-Term Care Planning: What it is any why we should all care

Date: Monday, March 29th at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/long-term-care-planning-what-is-it-and-why-we-should-all-care-registration-141473036661?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

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