

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 10 2021

As of May 10th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 289, 382 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 495, 019 cases and Toronto has 154, 799 cases.

Canada’s chief public health officer warns that full vaccination does not equal full protection from COVID-19

Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s chief public health officer, reminded Canadians that those who are fully vaccinated are still susceptible to COVID-19.

Speaking at a virtual town hall on Saturday, Tam said that the people have a lower risk of spreading the virus to others after they receive both shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines.

“But it’s not absolute. There’s reduction in your risk of transmission, but it doesn’t necessarily eliminate your risk of transmission,” she said. Put simply, even people with both doses of the vaccine can spread the virus to other people. The risk is lower, but it still exists.

She added that the risk is especially lower after the second dose. The first dose of the vaccine offers protection, but we should continue to follow measures that reduce community spread.

Source:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-tam-warns-canadians-that-full-vaccination-does-not-equal-full/>

Ontario reports more than 2, 700 new COVID-19 cases, positivity rate 9.1%

Today, Ontario reported 2, 716 new cases of COVID-19, down from 3, 216 cases yesterday and 2, 864 cases the day before. There are 807 new cases in Toronto, 707 in Peel Region, 294 in York Region, 168 in Durham, 106 in Hamilton, and 95 in Halton Region.

There are at least 1, 632 COVID-19 patients in Ontario’s hospitals. There may be more patients because not all hospitals submitted their data this weekend. At least 828 people are currently in Intensive Care Units (ICUs), and 547 of them are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

The province's positivity rate is 9.1%, up from 7.1% on Sunday and 6.8% on Saturday. Based on the past 7 days, the average of new cases per day in Ontario is 3,016, down from 3,577 one week ago. Within the past 24 hours, 19 more people have died from the virus.

Today, the province reported 1,639 new cases of the UK variant in Ontario. The total case count for the strain is now 93,263. In addition, the province added 111 more cases of the South African variant, which brings its total case count to 1,558. Also, there are 329 new cases of the Brazilian variant, which brings its total case count to 1,558.

In the past 24 hours, 3,110 COVID-19 cases have been resolved. Over 6 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered so far throughout Ontario. There were 94,093 vaccines given in the last day. Currently, 393,884 Ontarians are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

According to the Ministry of Long Term Care (LTC), there haven't been any more deaths among residents and patients in the province. One outbreak in a LTC home has been resolved, along with 3 resolved COVID-19 cases among residents and 6 resolved COVID-19 cases among staff.

Source:

1. <https://globalnews.ca/news/7847950/covid-toronto-peel-york-durham-may-10/>
2. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-fewer-than-2-800-new-covid-19-cases-as-positivity-rate-climbs-1.5421179>

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

Navigating the Healthcare System

Date: Monday, May 17th at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/navigating-the-healthcare-system-registration-151067826937>

Better Living Health and Community Services

Wellness Breaks and Lunch n' Learns

Medicine Song Woman, Juno Award Winning Singer Brenda MacIntyre

Date: Wednesday, May 12th, from 12:00 to 1:00pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJUldO-hqj4jEtQ7tllvYfccBLrFMTRBAelr>

Getting off the Path to Burnout with Dr. Marci Kostenuik

Date: Wednesday, May 19th from 12:00 to 1:30pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJluf-urqDktH9Oj01j8gFlMz8y6T33y1nz1>

Music for Emotional Expression with SarahRose Black

Date: Wednesday, May 26th from 12:00 to 1:00pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJ0ufu6uqjwjEtRpr86FUvBHq-B2wRHqRWnh>

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.

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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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