

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – May 13 2021

As of May 13th, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 308, 535 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 502, 171 cases and Toronto has 158, 702 cases.

Ontario reports 2, 759 new COVID-19 cases, lowest positivity rate in nearly six weeks

The province is reporting a slight increase in the number of new COVID-19 infections, as more than 2,700 cases were confirmed today. Ontario’s test positivity rate has now dropped to the lowest level in almost six weeks, and is now at 5.7 percent. There were 47,638 test processed in the last 24 hours.

The rolling seven-day average continues to decline, and is now at 2,729 new cases. This is down significantly from last Thursday, when the seven-day average was 3,369. There were 31 virus-related deaths in the past 24 hours, and the average daily death toll now stands at 27. The province says that the number of COVID-19 patients in hospital has declined slightly to 1,632, but that the number of patients in the ICU remains unchanged at 776.

Locally, there were 774 new cases reported in Toronto today and 602 in Peel Region, which continue to be the two main hotspot regions of the virus in the province. Ontario’s active caseload has lowered to 29, 235 today, down from 34, 377 one week ago.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-2-759-new-covid-19-cases-lowest-positivity-rate-in-nearly-six-weeks-1.5426194>

Provincial government extends province-wide stay-at-home order until June 2nd

Premier Doug Ford announced today that his government is extending the province-wide stay-at-home order until June 2nd, in an effort to “protect this summer for all Ontarians.” The Premier confirmed the two-week extension at a news conference this afternoon.

The stay-at-home order was first implemented on April 8th, and has now been extended twice due to high levels of COVID-19 transmission in the province. There have been calls for the Premier to reopen outdoor amenities to encourage outdoor activities during the order, but Ford intends to keep them closed until at least next month.

The provincial government intends to see at least 65 percent of Ontarians over the age of 18 vaccinated by the end of May. Health Minister Christine Elliot said that this, as well as a greater decline in case numbers and hospitalizations is what is needed before restrictions can be eased.

The Premier also confirmed today that starting the week of May 31st, children between the ages of 12 and 17 will be eligible to book their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which is currently the only vaccine approved for use in this age group.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-government-extends-provincewide-stay-at-home-order-until-june-2-1.5425963>

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 North Yorkers for Disabled Persons, Inc.

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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>

Stress Management for Caregivers

Date: Monday, May 31st at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stress-management-for-caregivers-registration-151071788787>

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

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/meeting/register/JJuf-urqDktH9Oj01j8gFIMz8y6T33y1nz1>

Music for Emotional Expression with SarahRose Black

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

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/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.

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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