

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – May 3 2021**

As of May 3rd, 2021, Canada has a total of 1, 234, 181 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 470, 465 cases and Toronto has 148, 155 cases.

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**Ontarians 18+ in 114 hotspots can book their COVID-19 vaccine starting today**

On Friday, Ontario’s Health Minister Christine Elliot announced that the province can accelerate its vaccination timeline so that all adults will be able to register for a first dose by the end of May. This is still the plan; however, there is more good news. In a statement on Sunday, Elliot said that “With additional supply, our government is increasing access to the COVID-19 vaccines in the communities hardest hit by COVID-19.”

Starting today, everyone who is 18 years and older and lives in one of the province’s 114 COVID-19 hotspots can book their vaccine appointment. You can find the list of hotspot neighbourhoods [here](#).

Starting on Thursday, May 6, even more people in Ontario will be able to book their vaccination appointment, including:

- people who are turning 50 in 2021 and older
- people with high-risk health conditions
- people who cannot work from home who fall under Group one (including elementary and secondary school workers)
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals.

Sources:

1. <https://globalnews.ca/video/7820342/ontario-opens-covid-19-vaccine-booking-eligibility-to-adults-55-april-30-adults-18-end-of-may>

2. [https://covid-19.ontario.ca/ontarios-covid-19-vaccination-plan?utm\\_campaign=%2Fen%2Frelease%2F1000052%2Fontario-expands-covid-19-vaccination-booking-for-more-people&utm\\_source=newsroom&utm\\_term=media&utm\\_medium=email#hot-spots](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/ontarios-covid-19-vaccination-plan?utm_campaign=%2Fen%2Frelease%2F1000052%2Fontario-expands-covid-19-vaccination-booking-for-more-people&utm_source=newsroom&utm_term=media&utm_medium=email#hot-spots)

3. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontarians-18-in-114-hot-spots-can-book-their-covid-19-vaccine-starting-monday-1.5410910>

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## **40% of adults in Ontario and 40% of adults in Toronto have received first shot of COVID-19 vaccine**

As of Friday at 10:30 a.m., more than 5.1 million doses of vaccine have been administered across the province since mid-December. Over 371, 100 people in Ontario have received both doses of the vaccine.

On Friday, Premier Doug Ford announced that 40% of adults in Ontario received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. On Saturday, the City of Toronto released a statement that said 40% of adults in Toronto received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Last week, Toronto announced a two-week sprint strategy to triple vaccine doses in the city's 13 hottest neighbourhoods, based on postal code. The city says 36.6% of adults within those 13 hot zones have received their first dose.

Sources:

1.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-says-40-of-adults-will-have-received-first-covid-19-vaccine-dose-by-end-of-friday-1.5409224>

2.<https://www.cp24.com/news/40-of-toronto-adults-have-received-first-shot-of-covid-19-vaccine-1.5410285>

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## **Hospitalizations and ICU admissions are rising for younger Canadians, Ontario's positivity rate rises to 9.7%.**

There were 3,436 new cases confirmed today, 3, 732 on Sunday, and 3, 369 on Saturday. Of today's new cases, there are 985 in Toronto, 714 in Peel Region, 351 in York Region, 271 in Durham Region, 194 in Hamilton, 159 in Halton Region, 130 in Ottawa, 127 in Niagara Region, 106 in Waterloo, and 101 in Simcoe Muskoka.

Ontario's positivity rate is 9.7%, up from 8.5% yesterday. The average number of new cases per day based on the past 7 days is 3, 577. In the last 24 hours, 16 more people have died due to the virus. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths is 8, 118.

Of the 1, 925 COVID-19 patients in Ontario's hospitals, at least 889 are currently in ICU units, and 611 are breathing with the help of a ventilator.

The following table summarizes data about Ontario from Health Canada between March 26th and April 23rd. The rise in younger Canadians in hospital due to COVID-19 is attributed to high

vaccination rates among seniors as well as the fact that variants of COVID-19 spread more easily than the original strain.

Health Canada data about Ontario between March 26th and April 23rd			
Age	The percentage of people who died from COVID-19	The percentage of people who were hospitalized due to COVID-19	The percentage of people who were sent to an ICU due to COVID-19
70 years old and over	↓ down by 77%	↓ down by 44%	↓ down by 15%
People in their 20s and 30s	N/A	↑ up by 40%	↑ up by about 57%

Severe COVID-19 outcomes for young people are happening more often, although they are still considered to be rare. As of April 23, 8 people under 19 have died of COVID-19 in Canada, and half of those deaths occurred starting from February of this year. Also, more than 40% of deaths of people in their 20s, 30s and 40s have occurred since February 2021.

Today, the province reported 3, 033 new cases of the UK variant in Ontario. The total case count for the strain is now 75, 346. Also, there are 10 new cases of the South African variant, which brings its total case count in the province to 301. In addition, the province added 45 more cases of the Brazilian variant, which brings its total case count to 920.

Regarding vaccines, 53, 880 doses have been administered in the past 24 hours. Currently, 375, 905 Ontarians are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Since the province began vaccinating people, over 5 million vaccines have been given out.

Sources:

1.<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-single-day-drop-in-new-covid-19-cases-with-fewer-than-3-500-logged-1.5411684>

2.<https://www.cp24.com/news/hospitalizations-icu-admissions-growing-for-younger-canadians-in-third-wave-1.5410192>

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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>.

**In Scarborough? SCC Sedan Taxi has a new name and logo:**

The Scarborough City Cab, also known as SSC Sedan Taxi, is changing its name and logo! As of Sunday, May 2, its new name is Toronto 1 Taxi (TTM). This rebranding will not impact its services or the delivery of your trip. This is the new logo that you will see on their cars:



Questions? Call 416-393-4111 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email [wctcs@ttc.ca](mailto:wctcs@ttc.ca).

## **March of Dimes Caregiver Webinars**

### **Caregiver Connection Group – Caregiver conversation series – 10 weeks**

Date: Starting Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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>

### **A 3-Part Series for Caregivers: Caregiving: A Family Affair**

➤ Session 3: A Toolkit for Caregiver and Family Well-Being

Date: Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/3-part-series-caregiving-a-family-affair-a-toolkit-for-caregivers-registration-147153587341>

### **Navigating the Healthcare System**

Date: Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

Basic Ways to Improve Your Diet

Date: Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ldeyqgTIpG9Oob0TxQDcDqmLzmSRgyOgx>

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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) 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)