

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 11, 2020

As of November 11th, 2020, Canada has a total of 276, 274 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 88, 209 cases with Toronto having 32, 430 cases.

Sources:

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/tracking-every-case-of-covid-19-in-canada-1.4852102>

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-latest-city-of-toronto-news/covid-19-status-of-cases-in-toronto/>

Ontario breaks another COVID-19 record with more than 1,400 new cases

Today is the second day in a row where the province's number of new COVID-19 cases hit a record high. Today's number, 1, 426 cases, surpassed yesterday's number of 1, 388 cases. This happened before over the weekend. This past Saturday and Sunday each had a record-setting number of cases at 1, 132 and 1, 242 cases respectively.

Today is the sixth day in a row where health officials confirmed over 1, 000 new cases. Taking this into account, within the past 7 days, Ontario's average number of new cases per day has risen to 1, 216. This time last week, 971 was the average number of cases per day based on the past seven days.

Health officials say that the province's positivity rate is at 3.9 % compared to 5.7% the previous day. In the last 24 hours, officials across Ontario processed 36, 707 tests, up from 29, 125 tests the day before. The province's target is to conduct 50, 000 tests per day. There are at least 34, 460 tests under investigation.

Most of these new cases were reported in Peel Region (468), Toronto (384), York Region (180), and Hamilton (62). Yesterday, Toronto's 520 new cases was a record high for the city. Today, Peel Region's 468 cases is the highest number of new cases within one day in the region. Toronto and Peel are the only two areas in the "red zone" of the province's new colour-coded reopening framework. The "red zone" is one step away from a full lockdown, and Ontario Premier Doug Ford said he "can't rule out anything" if the numbers continue to climb.

In the Peel region, some hospitals are already at capacity, and some are exceeding capacity. Residents of the region have been told not to visit other homes or allow visitors of other households into their home.

There are currently 424 patients in an Ontario hospital for COVID-19, up from 422 the day before. 88 of these patients are in an Intensive Care Unit, and 57 of them are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

Including deaths and recoveries, Ontario has seen 88, 209 cases of the virus. Currently, 10, 631 of those cases are still active. As of today, 886 more cases in Ontario have been resolved, bringing the province's total number of recovered patients to 74, 303. Since yesterday, 15 more people have died due to the virus in Ontario, and 7 of those people were residents of Long-Term Care homes. The province's total number of deaths due to the virus is 3, 275 people.

Of Ontario's 1, 426 new cases, 536 of them are people between the ages of 20 and 39, and 408 new cases are people between the ages of 40 and 59. Meanwhile, people who are 19 years of age and younger represent 223 new cases, and people between the ages of 60 and 79 represent 173 of them. 81 of the new cases are people who are 80 years of age and older.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-breaks-another-covid-19-record-with-more-than-1-400-new-cases-1.5183959>

PM to provinces: 'Act now' to slow surging COVID-19

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has urged provinces not to keep sectors of the economy open if it is putting Canadians at risk. He also asked provinces to reach out for more help from the federal government if they need it.

At a press conference yesterday, Trudeau said:

“With rising cases of COVID-19 here at home, there's added pressure on all orders of government to keep people safe, and to protect jobs. But I would hope that no leader in our country is easing public health vigilance because they feel pressure not to shut down businesses or slow down our economy. I understand that worry, but let me tell you: that's how we end up with businesses going out of business, and the economy damaged even more. Beating COVID is the only way to protect our economy. Job one right now is keeping people safe. If businesses continue to suffer under surges of COVID-19, the damage will be longer lasting than targeted shutdowns.”

At the same press conference, Trudeau gave an update on the federal government's procurement of COVID-19 supplies. Over the last few days, the federal government has distributed more than 1.2 million pairs of nitrile gloves to frontline workers and provided more than 3.3 million rapid

tests to provinces and territories. Also, the federal government has secured a new deal for 7.6 million rapid tests and more than 2, 100 analyzers, which will be delivered in coming weeks by the global medical technology company, BD.

When Trudeau was asked for specific examples of rules about keeping certain businesses open, he said it's not up to the federal government to "decide who closes down where and how fast." Trudeau is maintaining the same position that he has had over the course of the pandemic: the Emergencies Act, which grants the prime minister with "extraordinary powers" to enact certain nationwide security measures, is not needed.

Trudeau said: "I'm imploring the premiers and our mayors to please do the right thing: Act now to protect public health. If you think something is missing in the support we're offering for your citizens, tell us," Trudeau said. "Whatever it takes, however long it takes."

Trudeau was asked if the federal government is considering stepping in and imposing tougher restrictions if regions do not "do the right thing", but the prime minister did not answer the question directly. However, he suggested that other countries have been able to control the spread through quick action, and the federal government would support provinces if they chose to take lockdown measures.

In Manitoba, the provincial government has recently announced that the entire province is tightening their restrictions after seeing an increase of new cases.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford responded to the prime minister's speech, saying: "We need more support, financial support, and I'd be more than happy to sit down and talk to the prime minister about that support."

Ford also added that the provincial government is still waiting for federal funding that has been promised to Ontario. Ford said his government is concerned about the increasing spread, but that Ontario is "sparing no expense or sparing no resources."

Yesterday, Toronto Mayor John Tory joined Ford at an event. In response to Toronto reaching its highest number of new cases in a single day for two consecutive days, Tory announced that Toronto will move to the "red zone" of the new shutdown system, which is the last zone before a full lockdown.

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, told reporters that there has been an average of more than 3, 800 new COVID-19 cases reported each day in the last week across the country. On average, in the last week, more than 1, 300 Canadians are being treated for the virus

in a hospital on any given day. Nearly 250 Canadians are in critical condition, and about 51 people die every day from the virus.

Dr. Tam said: “It is clear we have yet to bend the curve on accelerated growth in Canada. It's time to get really serious. Going into this respiratory season, COVID-19 is already well ahead of us.”

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/pm-to-provinces-act-now-to-slow-surgin-covid-19-1.5182552>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harmony Place

Online Music Therapy Sessions

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7th, and Wednesday August 19th, 2020

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054622001?pwd=Z2xyZjFZQUpNRFB6YzAwU085N3pGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5462 2001

Passcode: 051424

For more information, contact Wanda by email at: wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca

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 sarah.nydp@gmail.com