

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – November 17, 2020**

As of November 17th, 2020, Canada has a total of 304, 732 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 96, 745 cases with Toronto having 35, 130 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/>

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**Ontario reports more than 1,200 new COVID-19 cases**

Today is the twelfth day in a row where the province's number of new COVID-19 cases is above 1, 000. Today, the province reported 1, 249 new cases, down from 1, 487 infections yesterday.

Most of these new cases were reported in the province's COVID-19 hotspots: Toronto (569), Peel Region (256), and York Region (94). Meanwhile, the number of new cases in Ottawa saw a dramatic decrease from 51 yesterday to 11 today.

Other public health units that reported more than 10 cases of COVID-19 include Durham Region (69), Simcoe-Muskoka (19), Windsor (16), Hamilton (19), Niagara Region (27), Halton Region (58), Region of Waterloo (42) and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (22).

Health officials estimate that the province's positivity rate is at least 4.7%. In the last 24 hours, officials across Ontario processed 26, 468 tests, and there are 25, 435 tests still being investigated. In total, Ontario has processed more than 5.7 million tests. Including deaths and recoveries, Ontario has seen 96, 745 cases of the virus.

There are at least 529 patients in an Ontario hospital being treated for the virus. 127 of these patients are in an Intensive Care Unit, and 75 of them are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

Since yesterday, 12 more people have died due to the virus in Ontario, and 3 of those people were residents of Long-Term Care homes. The province's total number of deaths due to the virus has risen to 3, 383 people, and 2, 340 (more than 69%) of those deaths were people over the age of 80.

People who are 80 years of age and older represent 46 of today's new 1, 249 cases. Meanwhile, 452 of them are people between the ages of 20 and 39, and at least 378 new cases are people

between the ages of 40 and 59. People between the ages of 60 and 79 represent 203 of today's new cases.

Meanwhile, 168 new cases were confirmed among people who are 19 years of age and younger. There are 133 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario's schools, and 73 of those infections are students.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-more-than-1-200-new-covid-19-cases-1.5192262>

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### **'A few more months': Trudeau says we'll start to see other side of coronavirus pandemic in spring**

"People just need to hang on. It's not forever, it's only for a few more months," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in an interview for The Mike Farwell Show, which aired on 570 News Kitchener on Tuesday.

Trudeau acknowledged that the country's rise in COVID-19 case counts are "extremely dramatic and alarming." On Friday, Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam warned that Canada could see daily case counts of more than 10, 000 by early December if the country "continues on the current pace."

During a Friday interview, Trudeau said that Canadians can expect to be hit by "a whole bunch of different restrictions at Christmas" if the country does see 10, 000 new cases per day, but "if we manage to lessen that, there might be fewer restrictions. I don't think anyone can imagine a Christmas that is going to be exactly the same as it was in 2019." He also said: "I think a lot of people are focused on trying to do the right thing between now and then so we can have as good a Christmas as possible."

Throughout the interview, he emphasized that Canadians will only need to hold on for "a few more months." He said: "It's not going to be until the spring hits with the vaccines that we're really going to ... begin to see the other side of this." As Canada awaits a vaccine, Trudeau reiterated the importance of taking precautions and following the rules.

"What we do to minimize our contacts, to not go to friends' houses, to not attend big weddings or funerals, or not hold big weddings or funerals even though the heartbreak is there — these are the things we're going to do to be able to keep this wave under control so that as winter comes and goes and we get into the spring when there'll be vaccines, we're going to see the other side of this," Trudeau said.

Speaking in Ottawa last week, Trudeau said he hopes to see a potential COVID-19 vaccine roll out in early 2021. Meanwhile, early vaccine candidates from drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna are showing the first signs of promising results in their trials.

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7467464/coronavirus-trudeau-tough-winter-spring-vaccine/>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **March of Dimes**

#### **Free Online Webinars for Caregivers**

- Mental Health: Impacts At Home and Work
  - Date: Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Time: 2:00 PM
- Understanding Disability Tax Credits with the Canada Revenue Agency
  - Date: Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, Time: 2:00 PM
- The Importance of Sleep
  - Date: Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Time: 2:00 PM

**Registration for all events can be done here:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/march-of-dimes-canada-27715764721>

### **Harmony Place**

#### **Online Music Therapy Sessions**

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wanda@harmonyplace.on.ca)

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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](mailto: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

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