

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 3, 2020

As of November 3rd, 2020, Canada has a total of 242, 185 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 78, 705 cases with Toronto having 29, 226 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/>

Ford to speak as Ontario reports single-day record of 1,050 new cases of COVID-19

At today's daily news conference, Premier Doug Ford said that as of 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 7, Ottawa, Peel and York Region will move out of the modified Stage 2, which means gyms and indoor dining will once again be permitted. The same will happen in Toronto a week later, on Nov. 14.

Ontario is introducing a new tiered system for COVID-19 shutdowns, including specific criteria for imposing anti-COVID-19 measures in different regions. The intention of this new system is to provide a clear picture about how the province is making decisions about restricting different industries and businesses. Instead of Stages 1, 2, and 3, there will now be five categories represented by different colours.

Prevent (Green): Restrictions reflect Stage 3.

Protect (Yellow): Restrictions include more fines, education, and targeted enforcement of measures to reduce the spread of the virus.

Restrict (Orange): Restrictions are enhanced, but closures are not in place.

Control (Red): Restrictions essentially reflect a return to a modified Stage 2. Not all businesses and organizations will be closed, but specific industries could be.

Lockdown (Grey): Restrictions reflect Stage 1. This would likely happen if the province determines a state of emergency.

The criteria for moving a public health unit from one category to another include: the weekly number of cases per 100,000 people, positivity rate of tests, the speed the virus is spreading, and the capacity of individual hospital systems.

Ottawa, Peel, Eastern Ontario and York Region would all be in the Restrict category as of this Saturday, with Toronto following a week later. In other words, these areas will be moved out of Stage 2, but not into Stage 3.

Brant, Hamilton, Durham and Halton are being moved into the Protect category, Ford said.

Last week, Ford asked the province's health experts to come up with a way to allow more businesses to reopen in the areas that COVID-19 has affected the most. Yesterday, he said that health officials are working on a reopening plan that his cabinet will review.

Later today, Ford is expected to make an announcement about the Government of Ontario's new webpage for COVID-19 case data. The main web page that shows Ontario's data will be updated with enhanced graphs that show information about infection rates in a way that is more easily accessible.

Ontario recorded an additional 1,050 cases of COVID-19 this morning, which marks a new record for the highest number of cases recorded in a single day during the pandemic. The seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases is now up to 950, and the number of people who have been hospitalized due to the virus (357) is the highest it has been since June.

Out of Ontario's 626 Long-Term Care (LTC) homes, 78 of them have known outbreaks of COVID-19. Just under 64% of the province's death toll of 3, 166 were residents of LTC homes.

Yesterday, 25, 279 tests were processed, and slightly more than 27, 900 tests were processed the day before. In September, public health officials said that they hoped to be processing upward of 68, 000 tests per day by mid-November.

Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/covid-19-november-3-ontario-1.5787622>

Ontario records highest number of new COVID-19 cases in a single day

On October 25th, Ontario saw the highest number of new COVID-19 cases recorded in one day at 1, 042. Today, the province has set a new record high at 1, 050.

There are 8,295 active cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. The province's number of people who have died from the virus has risen to 3, 166 with 14 new deaths since yesterday. The Ministry of Health announced that 67, 244 cases have been resolved.

The positivity rate for Ontario is currently at 4.2%, up from the 3.4% positivity rate from Monday and 2.6% on Sunday.

Out of the four hot spots in a modified Stage 2, Toronto recorded the most new cases at 408 (up from 315 the day before), followed by Peel Region which recorded 212 (down from 269 the day before). There were 76 confirmed cases in York Region (down from 81 the day before) and 34 in Ottawa (down from 64 the day before).

Out of the cities that are not in a modified Stage 2, Halton reported 86 new cases, Hamilton reported 34, and Niagara reported 31. Several other regions reported fewer than five new cases, and 13 public health units recorded zero new cases.

There are currently 357 patients in an Ontario hospital with COVID-19 symptoms, up from the 328 reported a day earlier. Of those patients, 73 are being treated in an intensive care unit, and 47 are on a ventilator.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-records-highest-number-of-new-covid-19-cases-in-a-single-day-1.5172453>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March of Dimes

New Four-Part Series for Caregivers: Navigating the Rough Waters of Care Transitions

- After Caregiving, What's changed in you?
 - Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4th, Time: 2:30

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 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

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