

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 4, 2020

As of November 4th, 2020, Canada has a total of 246,959 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 79,672 cases with Toronto having 29,645 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/>

External Medical Appointments:

Due to the high number of daily COVID-19 cases being reported in Toronto, North Yorkers will continue to not support external medical appointments unless it is an emergency. We are trying to limit exposure to the virus as much as possible, and your understanding is appreciated at this time.

Ontario reports nearly 1,000 new COVID-19 cases, sets new high for seven-day average

Today, 987 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed, which is a slight decrease from the 1,050 cases that were confirmed the day before. Those 1,050 cases represent the highest number of COVID-19 cases that have ever been confirmed in a single day.

Over the past seven days, an average of 972 new cases were confirmed each day. This seven-day average is the highest that we have seen over the course of the pandemic.

In the past 24 hours, 16 more people have died during COVID, up from 14 people the day before. The last time 16 people died in one day was in mid-June. There are currently 367 patients in an Ontario hospital being treated for their COVID-19 symptoms. Of those patients, 75 people are in an intensive care unit, and 44 of them are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

The province's COVID-19 positivity rate is currently 3.5%. In the past 24 hours, 28,567 tests were processed, and 25,279 tests were processed the day before.

Of these new cases, most people are between the ages of 20 and 39 (322 people) and people between the ages of 40 and 59 (316 people). Meanwhile, people who are 19 years of age and younger represent 157 new cases, and people between the ages of 60 and 79 represent 133 of them. Only 59 of the new cases are people who are 80 years of age and older.

In terms of Ontario's four COVID-19 hot spots, most of these new cases were reported in the Toronto (319), Peel (299) and York (85) regions. Meanwhile, Ottawa only has 48 new cases.

These four regions are currently observing a modified version of the Ontario government's Stage 2 public health measures, which ends this Saturday, November 7th.

Yesterday, the Ontario government announced a new shutdown system that aims to be more transparent about when lockdowns and closures should be imposed in each health unit.

The new framework will categorize each of Ontario's 34 public health units into one of five categories based on current COVID-19 trends. Instead of Stages 1, 2, and 3, there are now five categories. Each of these categories comes with a different set of restrictions for businesses.

Ottawa, Peel and York regions will be moved to the Restrict category of the new shutdown framework on Saturday, November 7th at 12:01 a.m., which will allow for the reopening of gyms and indoor dining with capacity limits and restricted hours. Toronto will move to the Restrict level a week later on November 14th.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-reports-nearly-1-000-new-covid-19-cases-sets-new-high-for-seven-day-average-1.5174374>

Coronavirus: Latest developments in the Greater Toronto Area on Nov. 4

Out of Ontario's 987 new COVID-19 cases: 319 are in Toronto, 299 are in Peel Region, 85 are in York Region, 62 are in Durham Region, and 47 are in Halton Region.

The death toll in the province rose to 3, 182 as 16 more deaths were reported. Resolved cases increased by 945 from the previous day.

According to the Ministry of Long-Term Care (LTC) , 7 more residents and patients of LTC homes have died in the last 24 hours, which brings Ontario's death toll of LTC residents and patients to 1, 970.

There are also 7 more current outbreaks in LTC homes, which brings the total number of current outbreaks to 85. There are currently 485 active cases among LTC residents and 303 active cases among staff, which is down from the previous day by 45 and 26 cases respectively.

Also in the last 24 hours, there have been 166 more cases reported in the province's schools. Now, there are a total of 2, 476 school-related COVID-19 cases in Ontario with 1, 399 infected students, 313 infected staff, and 764 infected people who are unidentified.

These 2, 476 cases are currently in 581 out of the province's 4,828 schools. Out of those 581 schools, 1 school has been closed as a result of positive cases.

There have been 16 new confirmed cases in childcare centres and homes, including 8 new child cases and 8 new staff cases. There are a total of 468 confirmed cases within childcare centres and homes in Ontario. Out of the province's 5,240 childcare centres, 115 currently have cases and 28 are closed.

In other news, the virus has had an interesting impact on the condo market in downtown Toronto. People who purchased condos in downtown Toronto with the plan of renting them are feeling the effects of COVID-19. Since more people are working remotely, many of the people who lived and worked in downtown Toronto have chosen to move to more affordable housing options in the suburbs. Some of these people have moved back in with their parents to save money.

In other words, people who would normally rent condos in Toronto are no longer in the city. As a result, more rental units are available in downtown Toronto. Now, the people who bought these condos are having a hard time selling them because there are too many other people in the same situation.

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7441361/coronavirus-toronto-peel-york-durham-november-4-covid-19/>

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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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