

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – November 9, 2020

As of November 9th, 2020, Canada has a total of 266, 525 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 85, 395 cases with Toronto having 31, 417 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 records more than 1,000 new COVID-19 cases for fourth day in a row

On Saturday, health officials reported 1, 132 new COVID-19 cases in one day, which was the highest that the province had ever seen. Then, the province saw even more new cases on Sunday, which is the current all-time high at 1, 328. Today's number of new cases is in between those two record-setting numbers at 1, 242.

Taking these numbers into account, Ontario's average number of new cases per day has risen to 1, 105. For comparison, Friday's seven-day average of 996 was a record high at the time. For the past four days, health officials have confirmed over 1, 000 new cases in Ontario every day.

As of today, Ontario has had 85, 395 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 3, 245 deaths and 72, 636 resolved cases. The province currently has 9, 514 active cases of the virus. In the past 24 hours, 12 more people in Ontario died from the virus, and 821 cases were deemed resolved.

There are currently 367 patients in an Ontario hospital for COVID-19. 84 of these patients are in an intensive care unit, and 54 of them are breathing with the assistance of a ventilator.

Health officials say that the province's positivity rate is at least 4.37%. In the last-recorded 24-hour period, 28, 401 tests were conducted across Ontario. The province's target is to conduct 50, 000 tests per day. Since January, more than 5.4 million tests have been conducted. There are 26, 646 tests under investigation.

Of today's 1, 242 new cases in the province, most people are between the ages of 20 and 39 (468 people). The second highest group is people between the ages of 40 and 59 (331 people). Meanwhile, people who are 19 years of age and younger represent 194 new cases, and people between the ages of 60 and 79 represent 180 of them. 72 of the new cases are people who are 80 years of age and older.

Most of these new cases were reported in Toronto (483), Peel Region (279), and York Region (107), Ottawa (74), and Hamilton (57). Toronto's number of 483 cases is the highest ever seen by the city.

Saturday also marked the first day of the province's new colour-coded tiered system, except for Toronto, which will remain in a modified Stage 2 until November 14th. The Peel Region is in the red zone. Among other things, this means that indoor dining and gyms are only allowed to have 10 people indoors. Also, everyone has to pre-register before going to gyms and fitness centres, and only those from the same household are allowed to sit together at restaurants and bars. In contrast, York Region and Ottawa are in the orange zone, so 50 people are allowed to be inside of a restaurant and bar, but no more than four people can sit together.

Source:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-records-more-than-1-000-new-covid-19-cases-for-fourth-day-in-a-row-1.5180718>

Today's coronavirus news: Ontario reporting 1,242 new cases, 12 additional deaths and 79 more infections in public schools; Pfizer says early data suggests its COVID-19 vaccine is 90% effective

In provincial news, as of 2:00 PM Friday, there are an additional 79 new COVID-19 cases in Ontario's public schools. Of these new cases, 39 are students, 13 are staff members, and 27 are unidentified individuals.

The total number of COVID-19 cases in schools in the last two weeks rose to 906. Out of those 906 cases, 513 are students, 87 are staff members, and 306 are unidentified individuals. Since school began, the total number of infected students is 1, 523, and the total number of infected staff members is 341. There have been 2, 707 total cases in schools since they re-opened in September.

There are 565 schools with a reported case, which is 11.7% of the 4, 828 public schools in Ontario. The one school that has been closed because of an outbreak is scheduled to re-open in two days. Elder's Mills Public School, an elementary school in Woodbridge, closed on Monday, November 2nd after 7 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board update their information on current COVID-19 cases throughout the day on their websites. As of 4:00 PM on Friday, there were 201 schools in the Toronto District School Board with at least one active case: 289 students and 75 staff. As of Monday at 10:10 AM, there were 117 Toronto Catholic District School Board schools with at least one confirmed case: 78 students and 11 staff.

A Long-Term Care (LTC) home near Hamilton closed two of its units in an attempt to contain a current COVID-19 outbreak where 8 residents and 4 staff members tested positive. St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas, Ontario, says the outbreak is in the Birch and Balsam Trail units in its North Tower.

In national news, Statistics Canada reports that 17 police services across the country have reported a 17% decrease in crime compared to this time last year. The exception was uttering threats by a family member, which has increased by 4% compared to this time last year. Also, the number of calls for service rose 8%, especially for wellness checks, mental health calls, and calls to attend domestic disturbances. Statistics Canada reported that both crime and calls for service increased in May after the easing of physical distancing measures that were introduced in mid-March.

Source:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/11/09/todays-coronavirus-news-disabled-veterans-struggle-with-covid-19-trumps-election-night-party-adds-to-virus-scrutiny-cambodias-new-virus-rules-restrain-holiday-celebrations.html>

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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

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