

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – October 27, 2020**

As of October 27th, 2020, Canada has a total of 222, 007 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 72, 051 cases with Toronto having 25, 278 cases.

Source:

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

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**Ontario reports 827 new COVID-19 cases as positivity rate rises above 3 per cent**

Ontario health officials have reported 827 new COVID-19 cases and four deaths due to COVID-19. Three of the four people who died today were residents of Long-Term Care (LTC) homes. One of those four people was between 20 and 39 years old.

In the past 24 hours, provincial labs processed 23,900 tests, which is only about half of their capacity. The previous 24-hour period processed more than 4,000 tests compared to today's number.

According to Ministry of Health officials, Tuesdays are the day of the week that typically represents the lowest number of testing output because this data represents samples collected on Sunday and processed in labs on Monday. In general, fewer people have been getting tested on the weekends since the majority of testing has moved to appointment-only.

As of today, the rate of positive results has risen to 3.46% from the low to mid 2% range, which was the average over the past several days.

Health Minister Christine Elliot reported that 691 people recovered from COVID-19 today, but the number of active infections has still increased by 132. The number of active cases of novel coronavirus infection in Ontario has increased from 6, 237 last week to 7, 418.

There are 355 new cases in Toronto, 169 in Peel, 89 in York Region and 58 in Ottawa. In the Greater Toronto Area, there are 44 new cases in Durham Region, 14 in Hamilton and 10 in Halton Region.

Source:

<https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-827-new-covid-19-cases-as-positivity-rate-rises-above-3-per-cent-1.5162590>

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## **Toronto the lone virus hotspot to see spike in COVID-19 cases Tuesday**

Ontario has four COVID-19 virus hotspots: Toronto, Peel, York, and Ottawa. Toronto is the only hotspot where the cases have gone up from yesterday to today. In fact, 355 of the province's 827 new cases are in Toronto. In other words, more than one third of Ontario's cases are from Toronto alone. Meanwhile, the number of cases have decreased in the other hotspots. Peel went from 215 to 169, York from 90 to 89 and Ottawa from 76 to 58.

Since yesterday, four people in Ontario have died from COVID-19. The total number of deaths in the province is now 3, 103. The majority of those deaths (1, 994) were people who were living in LTC. Across the province, there are 312 people in hospital for the coronavirus, 75 people in intensive care units, and 52 people on ventilators.

The provincial government is not reaching their goal of 50,000 tests every day. Premier Doug Ford says that this is due to a backlog that has now been cleared. Ford urges people with symptoms to get tested.

Source: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/10/27/ontario-covid19-cases-october27/>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **March of Dimes**

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

- Transitioning to Long-Term Care
  - Date: Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Time: 2:30
- After Caregiving, What's changed in you?
  - Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 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=Z2xyZjFZQUUpNRFB6YzAwU085N3pGUT09>

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 Communication Facilitator Sarah, at 416-222-4448 or [sarah.nydp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.nydp@gmail.com)