

Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – October 30, 2020

As of October 30th, 2020, Canada has a total of 229, 438 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario has 74, 715 cases with Toronto having 27, 961 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 reports 896 new coronavirus cases, 9 more deaths

As of today, there are 896 new cases and 9 more deaths due to the coronavirus. This is lower than yesterday (934 cases) but higher than Wednesday (851). There are 7, 669 active cases in Ontario.

Most public health units in the province reported under 30 new cases. However, 314 new cases were recorded in Toronto, 173 in Peel Region, 115 in York Region, 92 in Ottawa, 37 in Halton Region and 32 in Durham Region.

The total number of deaths in the province is now 3, 127. Ontario has 314 people hospitalized due to COVID-19 (down by 8 from the previous day), with 75 patients in an intensive care unit (down by 2 from the previous day) and 52 patients in ICUs on a ventilator (same as the previous day). All hospitalizations have been steadily increasing over the last several weeks.

According to the Minister of Long Term Care (LTC), there has been one more death in a LTC home, which brings the total number of coronavirus-related deaths in LTC homes in Ontario to 1, 939. The number of healthcare workers and staff in LTC homes who have died from coronavirus remains at 8, and it has not changed for months. Currently, there are 78 outbreaks in LTC homes (down by 5 from the previous day), 421 active cases among LTC residents (up by two from the previous day) and 280 active cases among staff (down by three from the previous day).

Government reports show that the number of coronavirus cases are increasing in both schools and early childcare centres across the province. Out of 5, 231 child care centres in Ontario, 131 currently have cases and 38 centres are closed. Out of the 4, 828 public schools in Ontario, 551 schools have a total of 2, 159 cases since schools re-opened in September. Students represent 1, 197 of those 2, 159 cases. There have been 889 new cases in the past 14 days alone. No schools have been closed as a result of positive cases.

In total, 63,919 Ontarians have recovered from COVID-19, which is 85% of known cases. Resolved cases have increased by 796 from the previous day.

Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliott said more than 41,000 tests were processed in the last 24 hours. There is currently a backlog of 41,063 tests that still need results. A total of 5,068,007 tests have been completed since the pandemic began.

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7432064/ontario-coronavirus-cases-october-30-covid19/>

Ford to make announcement after province releases new COVID-19 projections

Although the number of cases has been rising, recent modelling data suggests that the spread of COVID-19 is slowing down across the province. Premier Doug Ford will make an announcement about this data at 1:00 PM today. He will be joined by Education Minister Stephen Lecce and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The worst case scenario is that the province's cases will rise up to 1,000 or 1,200 per day. The number of COVID-19 patients in intensive care units will surpass its capacity of 150 only if the province reaches 1,200 cases per day.

However, health officials do not think that this is going to happen. They believe that cases will go down to 800 per day and stay there throughout November. If this is the case, then the number of COVID-19 patients in intensive care units will stay below the threshold.

Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown, who is the Dean of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, is optimistic that Ontario will avoid the worst case scenario of 15,000 deaths that was suggested in the modelling data that was released earlier this year in the spring. However, the province's death toll has already hit 3,118, which is higher than that data's lower-end estimate of 3,000 deaths. The most recent modelling data does not predict the number of coronavirus-related fatalities that will occur going forward.

Source: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-to-make-announcement-after-province-releases-new-covid-19-projections-1.5167568>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st!

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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