

COVID UPDATE - PROVINCE WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY

On Wednesday April 7, 2021, the Premier of Ontario announced a Province wide State of Emergency and a 28 day Stay at Home Order. In line with the similar order issued in January of this year, and was as a result of climbing case loads and admittance of patients into hospital ICU wards.

As of April 9, 2021, Ontario has officially reported another 4,227 cases of COVID-19; the second most on a single day at any point during the pandemic.

New cases today include 1,218 in Toronto, 762 in Peel Region, 532 in York Region, 247 in Durham Region, 246 in Ottawa, 174 in Halton Region, 159 in Middlesex-London, 133 in Hamilton and 107 in Niagara Region.

It was reported by CBC News last night (April 8, 2021) that Ontario Health has ordered hospitals in much of the province to stop performing all but emergency and life-saving surgeries because of the growing caseload of COVID-19 patients. Ontario already has a backlog of more than 245,000 procedures that were postponed due to a halt in non-emergency procedures last year amid the first wave of the pandemic. (CBC, 2021).

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