

Story Cover

Who is getting the jab?

New variants, combined with waning immunity for many Torontonians may lead to a rising cases. Who gets access to a fourth dose?

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Introduction

Toronto is a is the capital city of the Canadian province of Ontario. With a recorded population of 2,794,356 in 2021, it is the most populous city in Canada and the fourth most populous city in North America.

The city is the anchor of the Golden Horseshoe, an urban agglomeration of 9,765,188 people (as of 2021) surrounding the western end of Lake Ontario, while the Greater Toronto Area proper had a 2021 population of 6,712,341. Toronto is an international centre of business, finance, arts, and culture, and is recognized as one of the most multicultural and cosmopolitan cities in the world.

The diverse population of Toronto reflects its current and historical role as an important destination for immigrants to Canada. More than 50 percent of residents belong to a visible minority population group, and over 200 distinct ethnic origins are represented among its inhabitants. While the majority of Torontonians speak English as their primary language, over 160 languages are spoken in the city.

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Timeline

A pandemic is declared

The COVID-19 pandemic in Toronto is an ongoing viral pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel infectious disease caused by severe acute [respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)] (Hyperlink the text in bracket with this link: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SARS-CoV-2>). Toronto is the most populous city in Canada, and the fourth most populous city in North America. Toronto is considered to have the longest continuous COVID-19 lockdown of any major city in the world.

January 23, 2020	On January 23, 2020, the first identified case of COVID-19 in Canada during the pandemic was admitted to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.
March 17, 2020	The government of Ontario declared its first state of emergency during the pandemic.
March 23, 2020	Toronto mayor John Tory declaring a local state of emergency.

May 9, 2022	Mayor John Tory announced the termination of Toronto's COVID-19 state of emergency after being in effect for 777 days.
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Section #1

Understanding the COVID-19 Landscape

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1	In December 2020, Health Canada approved the Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the mRNA-1273 vaccine developed by Moderna. Widespread plans for COVID-19 vaccinations across Canada and the province began during the week of December 14, 2020.	Slide1Image.jpg
2	The city of Toronto has made the rate of COVID-19 cases per 100k people available to the public. Neighborhoods in the northwest show a greater rate of infection.	<i>The COVID19 Landscape</i>
3	The hardest hit neighborhoods include Humbermede, Maple Leafe, Downsview and Weston.	<i>The COVID19 Landscape</i>
4	In December 2020, the first vaccine was administered. Some neighborhoods saw a quicker uptake of vaccines.	<i>The COVID19 Landscape</i>
5	Are those same neighborhoods with high rates of infections getting vaccinated against the virus?	<i>The COVID19 Landscape</i>
6	Neighborhoods like Glenfield-Jane Heights, Maple Leaf and Weston (symbolized in light purple) are areas where residents saw a high rate of infections but a low rate of vaccination. Which begs the question, why is this happening?	Map created in the first tutorial or <i>Understand Vaccine Distribution in Toronto</i>

Section #2

Who is most at risk?

Second booster dose immunization programs for other high-risk groups and the general public may be needed in the future if data suggest concerning trends in COVID-19 pandemic - Health Canada

Section #3

Find a vaccination center

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