**External Dashboard Summary Notes** (August 31, 2020)

**City of Toronto COVID-19 Summary**

**Data downloaded Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 PM, and posted the next day by 3:00 PM**

**Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) and CORES; Ontario Ministry of Health: IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO population estimates**

This summary provides an overview of COVID-19 cases among residents of Toronto. This page is updated daily with the most up-to-date information from the integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) and CORES, downloaded at 2:00 PM Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdayand posted by 3:00 PM the following day. When using the charts below, hover over the bars to view numbers (counts) and other relevant information. You can also download the most current data Excel file directly. Please note that the data shown here may differ from other sources, as data are extracted at different times. The data in the charts are subject to change as the public health investigation into reported cases is currently ongoing. It can take up to two weeks for symptomatic individuals to seek care, get tested, and for Toronto Public Health to receive the results. Additionally, data definitions are subject to change as the pandemic evolves.

**Technical Notes**

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| **Term** | **Definition** |
| Cases | Includes both confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported to Toronto Public Health. Please refer to the Ontario Ministry of Health website for Ontario's current provincial case definitions:  <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_case_definition.pdf> |
| Outbreak Cases | Outbreak associated cases include persons with COVID-19 within a defined group or setting. These are generally in healthcare (e.g. long-term care homes, hospitals) and residential or congregate settings (e.g., homeless shelters, group homes), but can also be in workplaces and other settings. |
| Sporadic Cases | Sporadic cases refer to all other cases in general members of the population. |
| Recent Cases | Cases with an episode date within the last 21 days from the refresh date. |
| Recovered | COVID-19 cases not reported FATAL in Case Outcome  AND  (Case outcome = recovered, OR,  today's date is more than 14 days from symptom onset + case is not currently hospitalized) |
| Deaths | Confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases with a fatal outcome reported: includes deaths in institutional outbreaks, as well as deaths among sporadic cases. |
| Cumulative Institutional Outbreaks | Total number of currently active and closed confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in Toronto healthcare institutions, including: long-term care homes, retirement homes, hospitals (acute, chronic, and psychiatric). This includes outbreaks that are currently ongoing and those that have been declared over. |
| Episode Date | The episode date is a derived variable that best estimates when the disease was acquired, and refers to the earliest available date from: symptom onset (the first day that COVID-19 symptoms occurred), laboratory specimen collection date, or reported date. |
| Laboratory Specimen Collection Date | The date on which the earliest positive specimen (e.g. nasopharyngeal swab) for COVID-19 was collected. |
| Reported Date | The date on which the case was reported to Toronto Public Health. When the case is reported by a laboratory, this is the date on which the result was received, and may be later than the test reported date if the test result was reported outside of business hours. |
| Highlighted Area of Graphs by Episode Date | Cases whose symptoms began in the previous 14 days are likely under-reported due to the time for individuals to seek medical attention, availability of laboratory testing, and for test results to be reported. Therefore, data for this time period will change as additional information is available. |
| Ever Hospitalized | Cases that were hospitalized related to their COVID-19 infection (includes cases that are currently hospitalized and those that have been discharged or are deceased). |
| Ever Hospitalized – ICU | Cases that were admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) related to their COVID-19 infection (includes cases that are currently in ICU and those that have been discharged or are deceased) |
| Ever Hospitalized – Intubation | Cases that were intubated related to their COVID-19 infection (includes cases that are currently intubated and those that have been discharged or deceased) |
| Currently Hospitalized | Cases that are currently admitted to hospital (i.e., no discharge date reported) |
| Currently Hospitalized – ICU | Cases that are currently admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) (i.e. no discharge date reported) |
| Currently Hospitalized – Intubation | Cases that are currently intubated (i.e. no discharge date reported) |
| Exposures | The most likely way that cases acquired their COVID-19 infection. Only the most likely exposure for each case is reported. Exposures that occurred up to 14 days before symptoms start are potential acquisition sources, and can include:   * **Travel:** Travel outside of Ontario. * **Close contact with a case:** Was in closecontact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (e.g. reside in the same household). * **Institutional setting:** Institutional settings includes, but not limited to: long-term care homes, acute care hospitals, complex case hospitals, special care facilities, retirement homes, rehabilitation hospitals. * **Healthcare setting:** Healthcare settings includes, but not limited to: family physician, dentist, ophthalmologist, sports doctor. * **Community:** Cases with no reported travel outside of Ontario, no known close contact with a COVID-19 case, and no reported infection acquired in an institutional or healthcare setting.   Approximately 20% of cases overall do not have an exposure. |
| Unknown gender | Information on gender was not available. |
| Rate per 100,000 population | COVID-19 rates are crude incidence rates that show the number of COVID-19 cases for every 100,000 people. Rates are calculated for each neighbourhood in Toronto. They are calculated by dividing COVID-19 cases by the total number of people in the applicable population.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *Number of Cases*  *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* | x 100,000 | | *Total number of people in that population* | |
| Map | The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases and corresponding rates per 100,000 population by City of Toronto neighbourhood are presented. |
| Postal Codes | We are only able to map those cases with a valid postal code. While this information is being updated all the time, approximately 5% of cases currently have a missing or invalid postal code. During an outbreak, all data are provisional and undergoing continuous validation and improvement. |