

YCC 323/COVID-19 Update December 21th, 2020

Dear Resident,

We want to provide an update to all residents on the recent government announcements. Toronto has not seen a decrease in Covid-19 cases and will remain in the lockdown stage and will be reassessed January 4th, 2020. In the lockdown stage all, indoor social gatherings are prohibited, except for a gathering of members of a single household, or a gathering that includes members of a household and one other person from outside that household who lives alone. Outdoor social gatherings are still limited to 10 people.

Ontario Begins Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine

At long last there is a glimmer of hope in the fight against COVID-19. Canada has received its first doses of the Pfizer vaccine with 6,000 doses arriving in Ontario. History was made in Toronto when on Dec 14th five health workers were immunized.

The government of Ontario has a 3-phase plan to implement the vaccinations. Vulnerable populations will get the vaccine first, followed by front line healthcare workers and then the general population.

In Phase one, 90,000 doses of Pfizer's vaccine and 30,000 to 85,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine (if approved by Health Canada) will be prioritized for healthcare workers in hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings caring for seniors.

When a stockpile of vaccines becomes available, the province will shift to Phase Two of its plan, which is expected to begin later in the winter of 2021. In Phase Two, vaccinations will be administered to healthcare workers, as well as to residents in long-term care homes and retirement homes, to home care patients with chronic conditions and to additional First Nation communities and urban Indigenous populations.

Phase Three will begin when vaccines are available for every resident in Ontario. The government has not said when Phase Three is expected to begin. The prime minister has stated that he expects all Canadians who want to be vaccinated will be inoculated by September 2021.

Although the vaccines are being rolled out, it is far too early to be casual about COVID. Stay cautious and follow the public health advice.

2020 Holiday Season Guidance

- Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if they are mild;
- Get tested if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or if you've been advised of exposure by your local public health unit or through the COVID Alert mobile app;

- To maintain social distancing, the number of occupants in any elevator be voluntarily limited to 2 persons. Families of greater than 2 who are travelling together are exempt
- Indoor social gatherings are limited to members of the same household. Fines and penalties for non-compliance range from a ticket of \$750.00 to much more significant penalties if deemed appropriate.
- Wear a face covering indoors and wear one outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained or if wearing one is required;
- Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly.
- Individuals and families from higher transmission regions should avoid travel to lower transmission regions (e.g., from Grey level to Red level), except for essential reasons.
- Download the COVID Alert mobile app.
- Parcels are delivered to the unit itself or left in the lobby parcel shelf, please sanitize before and after touching the parcels.
- The Management office will be closed. Staff will be on site however if you wish to communicate with Management please contact our office by telephone or email. As always, we will be pleased to assist you.

Entertainment options during The Holidays

With most regions in grey zone, you may be wondering what you can do for entertainment over the holidays? While the point of physical distancing is to keep people (physically) apart, it does not mean we can't do things together or connect with others. Zoom video conferencing - will suspend there 40-minute limit for the holidays starting December 23rd until December 26th, Virtual meetings are not ideal but can assist in keeping in touch with friends and family. Every day there seems to be new ways to experience the arts, talent, and attractions in the city from the solitude of your living room. Add these to your staycation repertoire: just click or copy and paste to your search bar:

Virtual Tours and Sightseeing

Go on a sightseeing tour of Toronto—from above or on the ground. Hit full screen and away you go panoramic “helicopter tour” of the city - <https://www.airpano.com/360photo/Toronto-Canada/>

Tour Toronto's renowned museums (no lines!). There's free, unlimited entry 24/7 when you tour online! Google

Arts & Culture which offers 360 walk through the ROM exhibits -

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/royal-ontario-museum>

[Experience the AGO from Home | Art Gallery of Ontario - https://ago.ca/agoinsider/experience-ago-from-home](https://ago.ca/agoinsider/experience-ago-from-home)

[Gardiner Museum, Toronto, Canada — Google Arts &](https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-george-r-gardiner-museum-of-ceramic-art)

[Culture](https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-george-r-gardiner-museum-of-ceramic-art) – <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-george-r-gardiner-museum-of-ceramic-art>

Tiff stay at home cinema- <https://tiff.net/stayathome>

Watch sharks and piranha feedings live from Ripley's Aquarium of Canada.

<https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/live-cameras/>

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Outdoor Activities- While taking part in outdoor activities, do your part by following public health advice.

[The Best Free Outdoor Skating Rinks and Trails | Places to Go | toronto4kids.com](https://toronto4kids.com)

[Snowboarding and Skiing in and Around Greater Toronto Area \(todocanada.ca\)](https://todocanada.ca)

[Bluffs Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Event | Family Activities | toronto4kids.com](https://toronto4kids.com)

[Nights of Lights - https://www.nightsoflights.ca/index.html](https://www.nightsoflights.ca/index.html)

[Toronto Zoo | Holiday Drive-](https://www.torontozoo.com/holiday?utm_source=Toronto4kids&utm_medium=Takeover&utm_campaign=HolidayDriveThru)

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Information and government announcements are continuously being made and we are committed to providing you with updates as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. For the most up-to date information please visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>