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# Newsletter

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**TORONTO CAMPUS** January 2022

## Toronto News

### ***New Year's Eve parties moved online in cities across Canada***



Canada's major cities are set to ring in the New Year with more of a gentle chime than a resounding clang, with many official celebrations cancelled or moved online for the second year in a row due to COVID-19.

Across the country, residents are being encouraged to tune in to livestreams for fireworks displays and performances or trade parties for outdoor activities.

New Year's Eve is coinciding with a wave of record-setting daily COVID-19 cases driven by the fast-moving Omicron variant.

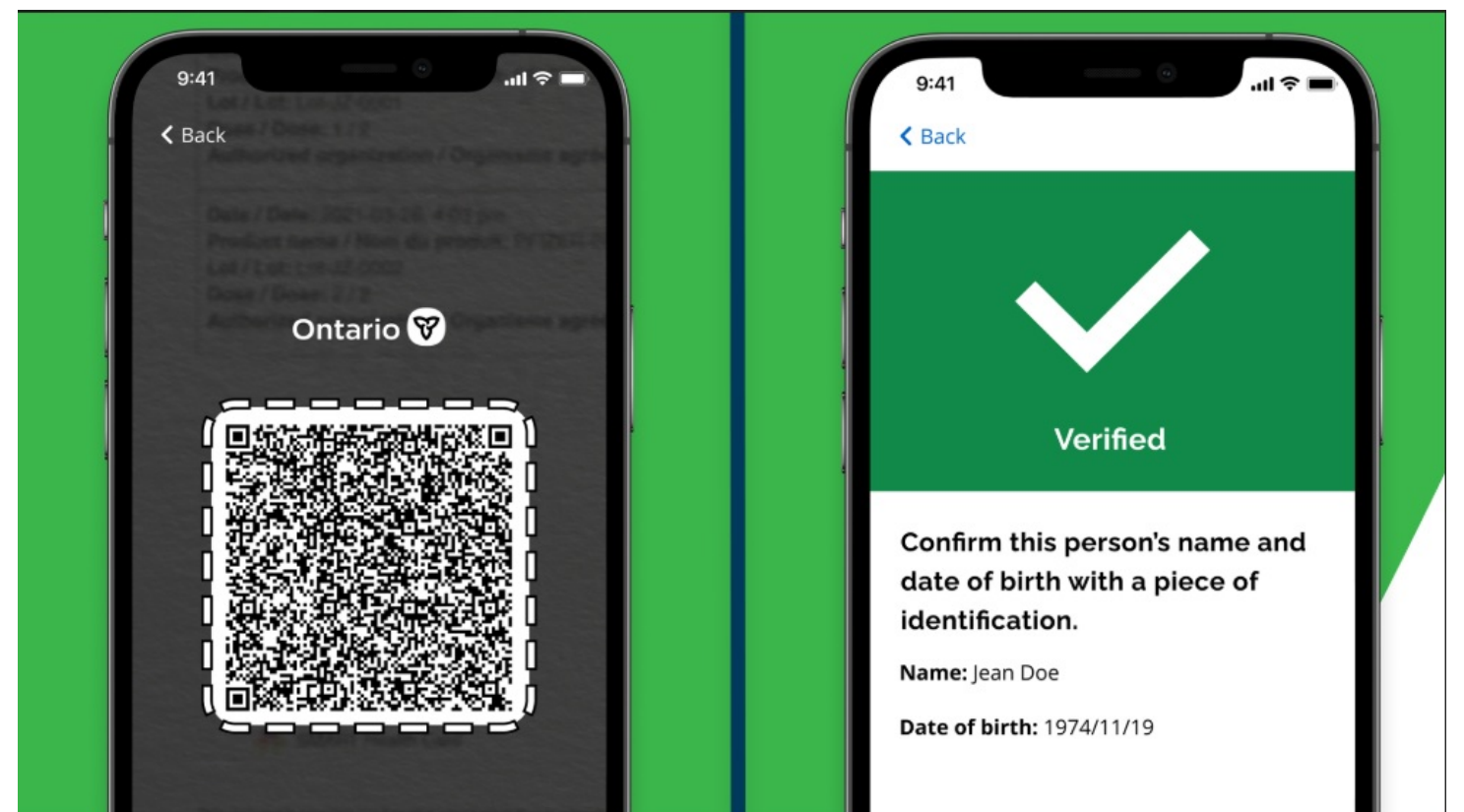
Canada's largest city is trading its tradition of crowding Nathan Phillips Square for an online event.

"This year's program allows Torontonians to enjoy the festivities safely at home, helping to protect against the spread of COVID-19," noted a Dec. 29 City of Toronto press release.

To further make the livestream as safe a production as possible the city says it will be emceed by television personality Devo Brown "from a closed studio set."

As they announced, Toronto rang in 2022 with fireworks over Lake Ontario and a virtual concert hosted live from various iconic Toronto venues for New Year's Eve. The livestream was offered on the City of Toronto's CultureTO YouTube channel beginning 10:30 p.m. with viewers able to log on beginning at 10:15 p.m.

### ***Ontario to now require QR code vaccine certificate as proof of COVID vaccination***



The news comes as the government announced that beginning in 2022, it would scrap the non-scannable version of the vaccine certificate in favour of the new enhanced QR code that can be scanned.

As of Jan. 4, QR codes will be the only acceptable way to provide proof of vaccination in the province

The government said Ontarians will be required to have a digital screenshot of the QR-code version on their phones for proof of vaccination or carry a print-out paper copy.

Businesses will use the Verify Ontario app to scan the codes and confirm a person's vaccination status.

The enhanced certificates can be digital or a paper copy. Those with medical exemptions also need verified certificates with a QR code as doctor's notes will no longer be accepted as of January 10.

It's important to note that as of Dec. 23, 2021, the Ontario government defines full vaccination as having two doses and there isn't a formal requirement yet to show proof of having three doses.

The original vaccination receipts, which have been susceptible to fraud, will no longer be accepted.

### ***'Hopefully this is the last time': Ontario businesses reopen with cautious optimism***



The Ontario government is scaling back COVID-19 restrictions on many businesses in the first phase of a 21-day interval reopening plan that takes effect Monday.

As of on Jan 31, these settings will have a capacity limit of 50 per cent, some of which were previously closed:

- Indoor dining at restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities.
- Retailers (including grocery stores and pharmacies).
- Shopping malls.
- Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms.
- Cinemas.
- Meeting and event spaces.
- Recreational amenities and amusement parks, including water parks.
- Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and similar attractions.
- Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments.
- Religious services, rites, or ceremonies.

In addition, social gathering limits will increase to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Events with spectators, such as sporting events, concerts or theatres will be capped at either 500 people or 50 per cent seated capacity, whichever is less, officials said.

Further tweaks were made last week in preparation for reopening since the plan was released on Jan. 20. The government said cinemas/movie theatres can sell food and drinks at concession stands.

They also said restaurants will no longer need to do contact tracing for customers.



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## Testimonial



## Maykel Cordoso Costa from Brazil

### What was the main reason for choosing SGIC?

I got good references from my Travel Agency in Brazil about SGIC. Then I talked to a student who had attended SGIC and she said it was amazing how she improved her skills as days went by. She mentioned feeling insecure about her English at first, but she started feeling very confident about it after a while.

### What did you like about SSP?

It's a good course that focuses on fluency and provides tips to sound more natural, by exploring, phonetic symbols, recording yourself and then getting feedback on that. There is also practice regarding speech patterns related to listening.

The most valuable part of SSP is being able to ask questions and receive feedback from a teacher with vast knowledge of linguistics.

### Which assignment was the most interesting and helpful to you to improve your English skills?

Working with music was fun and effective when it comes to identifying patterns in English. But the most helpful assignment was recording myself and getting feedback on my pronunciation.

### What would you recommend to others about this course?

I would recommend this course to anyone who's already a fluent speaker, once it doesn't provide a lot of feedback on structure and grammar, but focuses on aspects of the language that allow you to sound more natural when speaking English.

## Hina Nishiyama from Japan

### What was the main reason for choosing SGIC?

The main reason for choosing SGIC was an English only policy. Because I'd like to focus on studying English strictly, this policy was attracted for me. Also, location was very convenient.

### What did you like about your program?

Our teacher are really friendly. They always welcomed all of students with a nice smile. And they are very kind and always help students.

I took 2 classes which were Level 6 and SSP. Thanks to these classes, I could get used to speak my opinion in front of people. Also I realized every students have different opinions and we should share them in the class. In the class. Having many chances to speak out was good opportunity for me to improve my English.

### What would you advise to other students who decides to study abroad?

You shouldn't have anxiety about your English skills because you are going to come here to study English. Just you should come to SGIC and enjoy studying here.

