

Daily Epidemiologic Summary

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 18, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM and other case management systems (CCM plus) as of **January 18, 2021**.

Please visit the interactive [Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool](#) to explore recent COVID-19 data by public health unit, age group, sex, and trends over time.

A [weekly summary report](#) is available with additional information to complement the daily report.

This **daily** report provides an epidemiologic summary of recent COVID-19 activity in Ontario. The change in cases is determined by taking the cumulative difference between the current day and the previous day.

Highlights

- There are a total of 242,277 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day,* this represents:
 - An increase of 1,913 confirmed cases (percent change of -25.8%)
 - An increase of 46 deaths (percent change of +91.7%)
 - An increase of 2,873 resolved cases (percent change of +1.7%)

* Due to a technical issue, Toronto Public Health could not report an undetermined number of new cases today, resulting in an underestimation of the daily counts.

In this document, the term 'change in cases' refers to cases publicly reported by the province for a given day. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals for updated case counts (i.e., age group, gender) differing from the overall updated case counts.

The term public health unit reported date in this document refers to the date local public health units were first notified of the case.

Case Characteristics

Table 1a. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19: Ontario

	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021*	Percentage change January 18, 2021 compared to January 17, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2021
Total number of cases	2,578	1,913	-25.8%	242,277
Number of deaths	24	46	+91.7%	5,479
Number resolved	2,826	2,873	+1.7%	209,183

Note: The number of cases publicly reported by the province each day may not align with case counts reported to public health on a given day; public health unit reported date refers to the date local public health was first notified of the case. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports.

Data Source: CCM plus

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Table 1b. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by age group and gender: Ontario

	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2021
Gender: Male	1,218	966	118,340
Gender: Female	1,334	948	122,557
Ages: 19 and under	336	265	31,707
Ages: 20-39	972	701	88,639
Ages: 40-59	743	561	69,777
Ages: 60-79	349	266	34,847
Ages: 80 and over	174	123	17,256

Note: Not all cases have a reported age or gender reported. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals (i.e., age group, gender) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Data Source: CCM plus

Table 2. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school aged children by age group, August 30, 2020 to January 18, 2021: Ontario

	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count from August 30, 2020 to January 18, 2021
Ages: 4 to 8	53	52	5,088
Ages: 9 to 13	72	50	7,111
Ages: 14 to 17	83	68	7,415

Note: Includes all confirmed cases of COVID-19 for specified ages, regardless of school attendance. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals (i.e., age group) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Data Source: CCM plus

Table 3. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in long-term care homes: Ontario

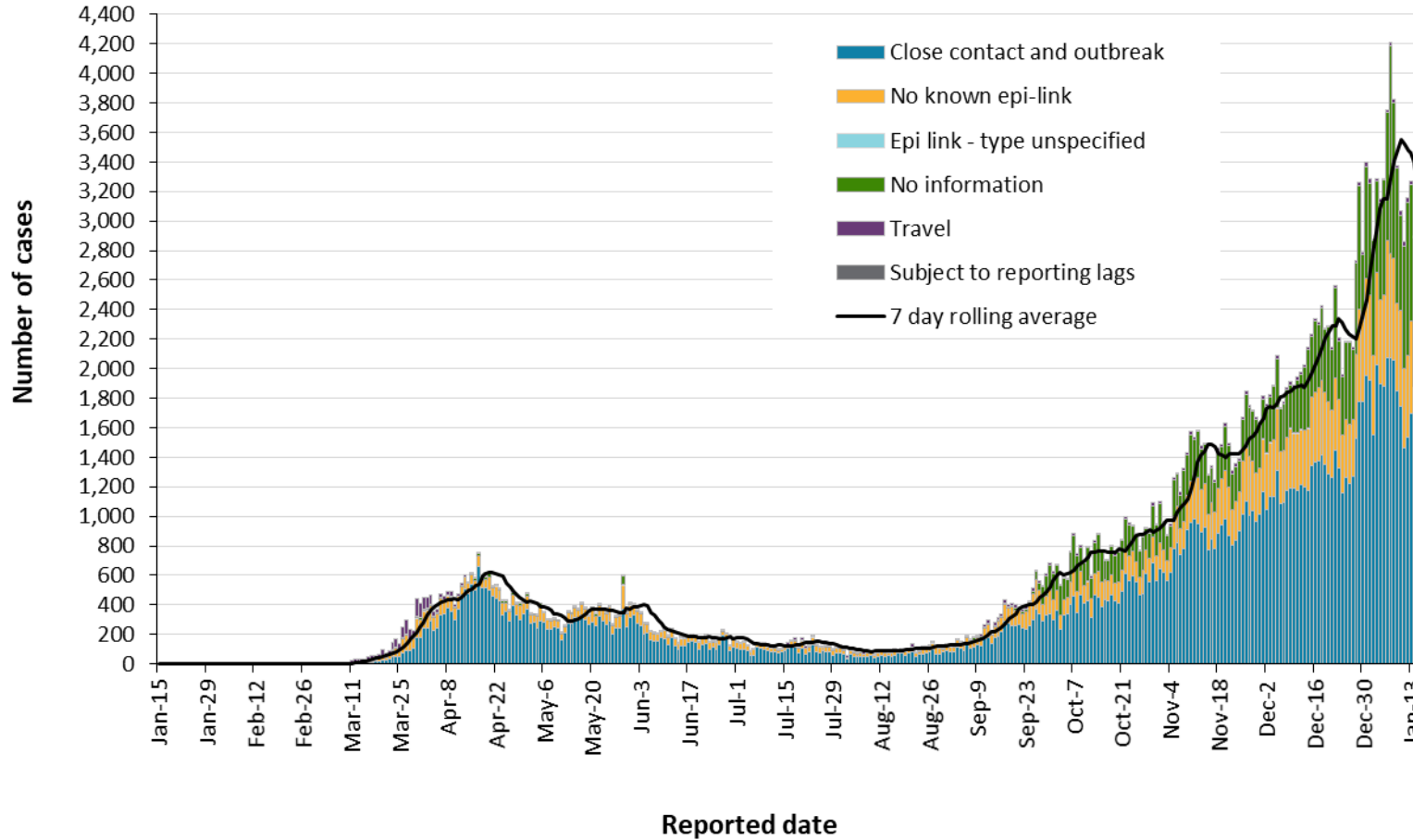
Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2021
Residents	127	75	13,412
Health care workers	52	57	5,318
Deaths among residents	14	20	3,232
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

Note: Information on how long-term care home residents and health care workers are identified is available in the technical notes. Also, the change in cases in these categories may represent existing case records that have been updated.

Data Source: CCM plus

Time

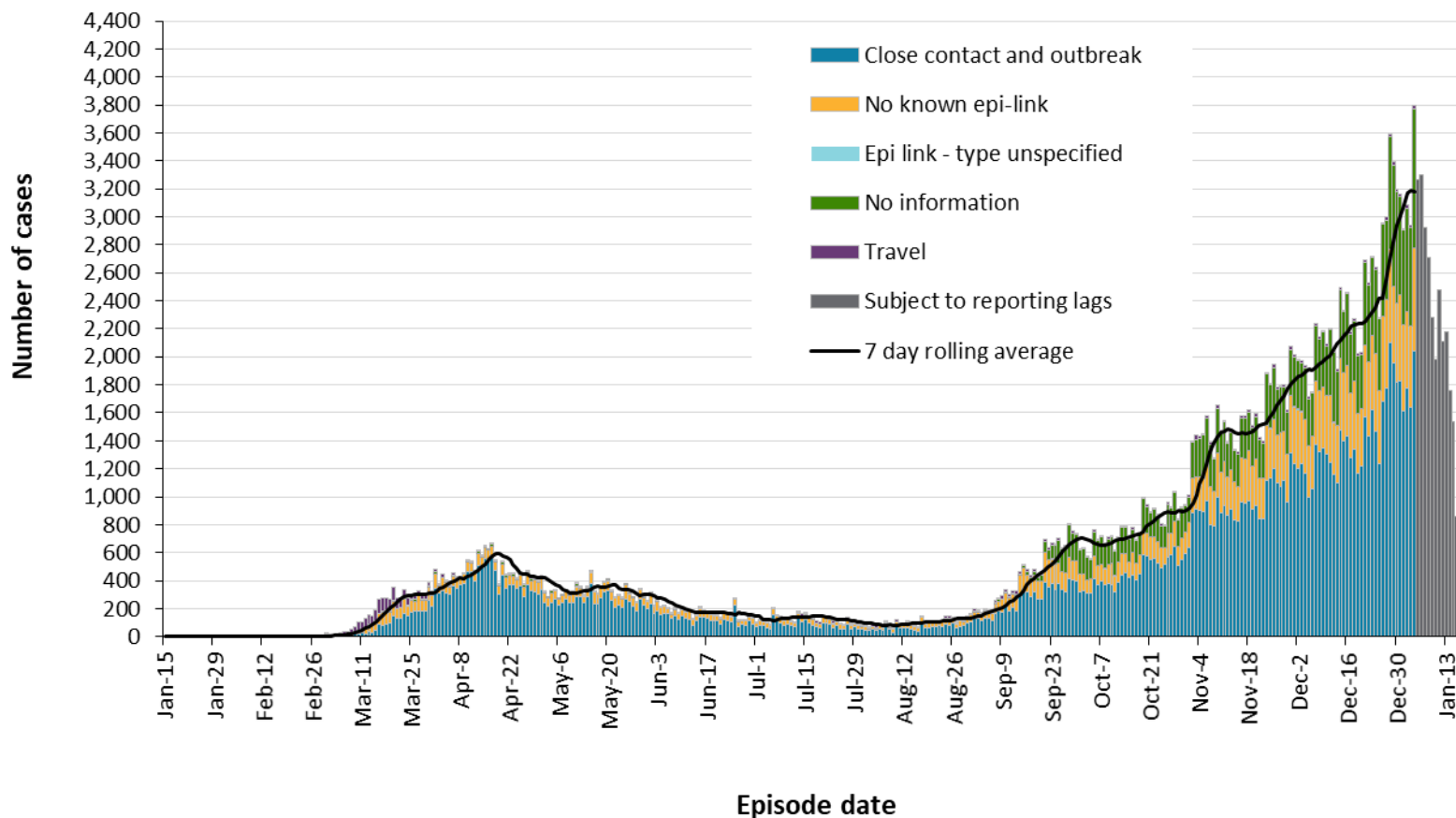
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 18, 2021



Data Source: CCM plus

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Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and approximation of symptom onset date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 18, 2021

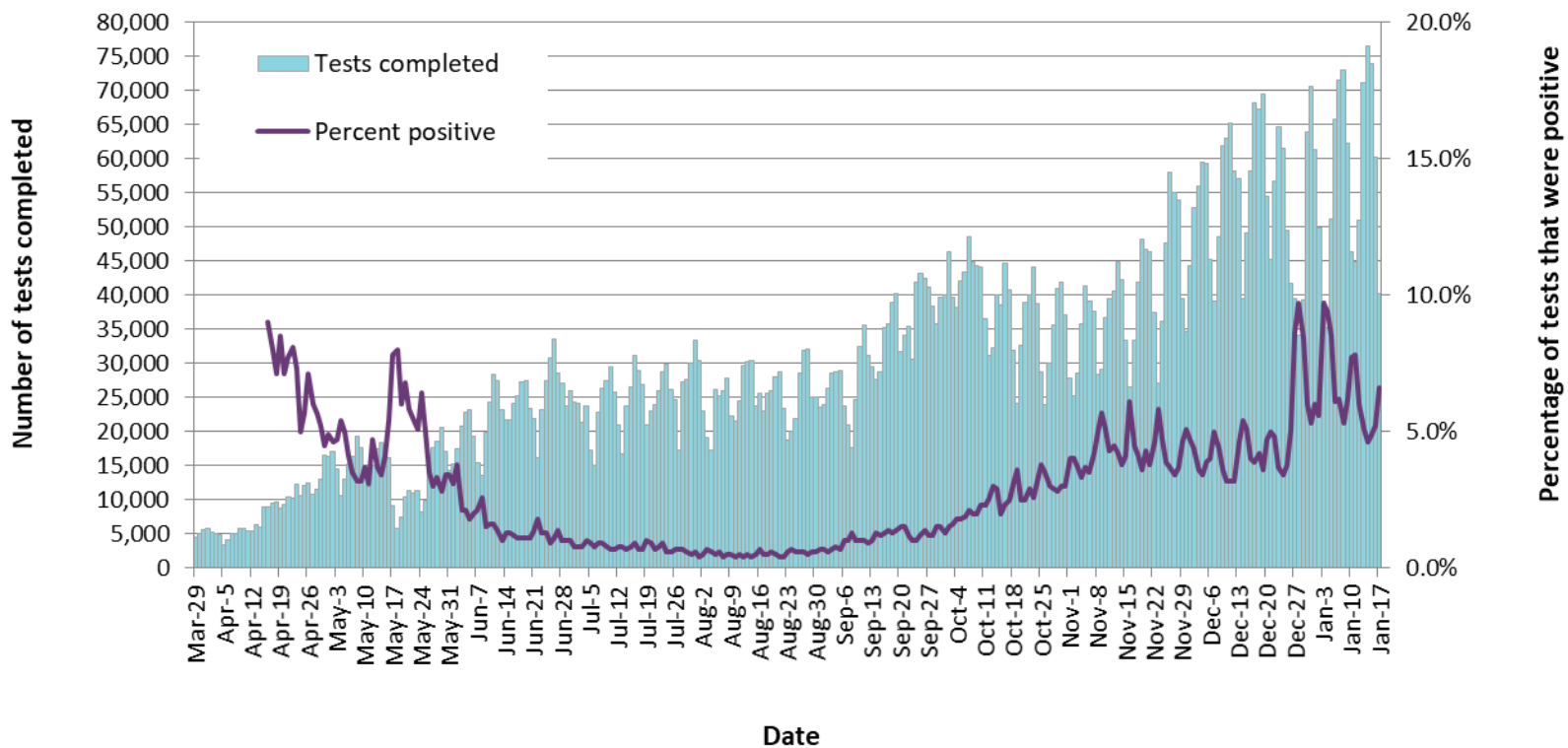


Note: Not all cases may have an episode date and those without one are not included in the figure. Episode date is defined and available in the technical notes.

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Figure 3. Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positivity: Ontario, March 29, 2020 to January 17, 2021

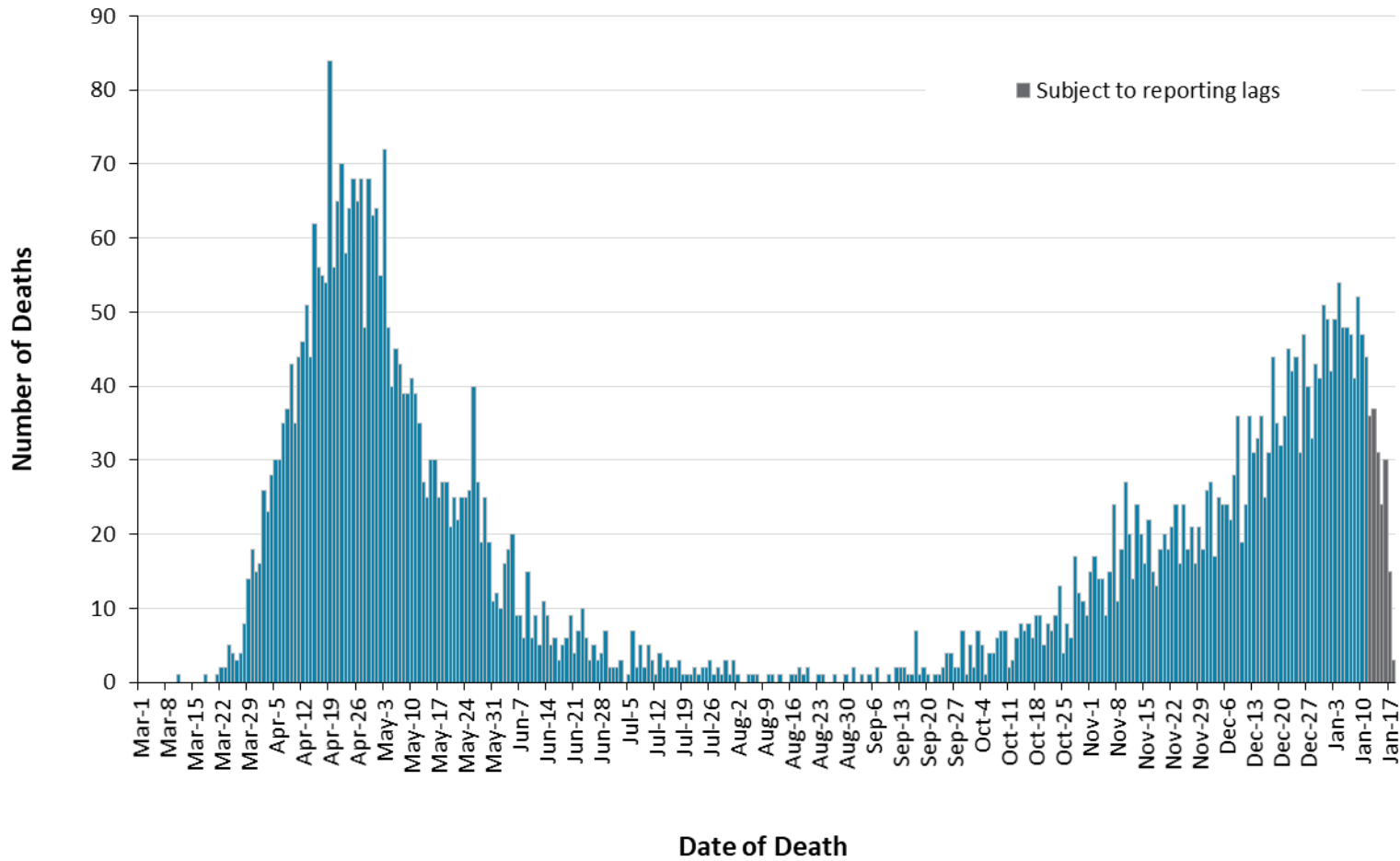


Note: The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

Data Source: The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, data reported by member microbiology laboratories.

Severity

Figure 4. Confirmed deaths among COVID-19 cases by date of death: Ontario, March 1, 2020 to January 18, 2021



Note: Cases without a death date are not included in the figure.

Data Source: CCM plus

Table 4. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by severity: Ontario

	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2021	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	5,479	2.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	1	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	20	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	207	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	1,463	4.2%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	3,787	21.9%
Ever in ICU	2,270	0.9%
Ever hospitalized	11,970	4.9%

Note: Not all cases have an age reported. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and/or updated and may result in totals differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Data Source: CCM plus

Geography

Table 5. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	3	1	236	269.2
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	8	5	731	487.5
TOTAL NORTH WEST	11	6	967	406.9
Algoma Public Health	2	0	142	124.1
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	1	4	185	142.6
Porcupine Health Unit	0	6	176	210.9
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	1	3	399	200.5
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0	85	260.0
TOTAL NORTH EAST	4	13	987	176.5
Ottawa Public Health	92	41	12,405	1,176.2
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	36	14	2,178	1,043.5
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	4	3	349	207.1
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	0	3	627	294.8
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	1	0	767	442.9
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	2	2	295	271.6

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
TOTAL EASTERN	135	63	16,621	862.8
Durham Region Health Department	76	82	9,815	1,377.7
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	7	3	727	384.8
Peel Public Health	507	346	49,888	3,106.4
Peterborough Public Health	4	4	479	323.7
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	65	48	4,829	805.4
York Region Public Health	151	235	23,063	1,881.5
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	810	718	88,801	1,981.9
Toronto Public Health*	815	550	75,239	2,411.2
TOTAL TORONTO	815	550	75,239	2,411.2
Chatham-Kent Public Health	28	13	1,024	963.2
Grey Bruce Health Unit	1	2	599	352.6
Huron Perth Public Health	15	37	1,072	767.0
Lambton Public Health	52	28	1,671	1,275.9
Middlesex-London Health Unit	67	73	5,093	1,003.5
Southwestern Public Health	31	22	2,091	988.7
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	97	81	11,117	2,616.8
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	291	256	22,667	1,340.6
Brant County Health Unit	12	5	1,375	885.9

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 17, 2021	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	121	63	8,299	1,401.5
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	13	6	1,190	1,043.1
Halton Region Public Health	79	71	7,355	1,188.0
Niagara Region Public Health	151	52	6,705	1,419.1
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	85	79	8,430	1,442.6
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	51	31	3,641	1,167.3
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	512	307	36,995	1,298.4
TOTAL ONTARIO	2,578	1,913	242,277	1,629.9

Notes: Health units with data corrections or updates could result in records being removed from totals resulting in negative counts.

Data Source: CCM plus

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Outbreaks

Table 6. Summary of recent confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks reported in long-term care homes, retirement homes and hospitals by status: Ontario

Institution type	Change in outbreaks January 17, 2021	Change in outbreaks January 18, 2021	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	2	9	259	1,085
Retirement homes	5	5	171	616
Hospitals	1	2	88	317

Note: Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. The start of the outbreak is determined by the onset date of first case, or if missing the outbreak reported date, or else if that is also missing, then the outbreak created date.

Data Source: CCM plus

Technical Notes

Data Sources

- The data for this report were based on:
 - Information extracted from the Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database for Toronto Public Health as of **January 18, 2021 at 1 p.m.**
 - Information successfully uploaded to the Ministry from Local Systems: Toronto Public Health (Coronavirus Rapid Entry System) CORES as of **January 18, 2021 at 2 p.m.**
 - Information successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all other PHUs by PHO as of **January 18, 2021 at 1 p.m.**
- CCM and CCM plus (which includes CCM, iPHIS, and CORES) are dynamic disease reporting systems, which allow ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted from CCM and the Local Systems represent a snapshot at the time of extraction and may differ from previous or subsequent reports.
- Ontario population projection data for 2020 were sourced from Ministry, IntelliHEALTH Ontario. Data were extracted on November 26, 2019.
- COVID-19 test data were based on information from The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, reported by member microbiology laboratories.

Data Caveats

- The data only represent cases reported to public health units and recorded in CCM plus. As a result, all counts will be subject to varying degrees of underreporting due to a variety of factors, such as disease awareness and medical care seeking behaviours, which may depend on severity of illness, clinical practice, changes in laboratory testing, and reporting behaviours.
- Lags in CCM plus data entry due to weekend staffing may result in lower case counts than would otherwise be recorded.
- Only cases meeting the confirmed case classification as listed in the MOH [COVID-19 case definition](#) are included in the report counts from CCM plus. This includes persons with a positive detection of serum/plasma immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, which was added to the confirmed case definition on August 6, 2020.
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, i.e. where genome sequencing indicates the two episodes are caused by different viral lineages, added to the confirmed case definition on November 20, 2020, are counted as unique investigations.
- The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of

tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

- Reported date is the date the case was reported to the public health unit.
- Case episode date is based on an estimate of the best date of disease onset. This date is calculated based on either the date of symptom onset, specimen collection/test date, or the date reported to the public health unit.
- Resolved cases are determined only for COVID-19 cases that have not died. Cases that have died are considered fatal and not resolved. The following cases are classified as resolved:
 - Cases that are reported as 'recovered' in CCM
 - Cases that are not hospitalized and are 14 days past their episode date
 - Cases that are currently hospitalized (no hospital end date entered) and have a status of 'closed' in CCM (indicating public health unit follow-up is complete) and are 14 days past their symptom onset date or specimen collection date
- Hospitalization includes all cases for which a hospital admission date was reported at the time of data extraction. It includes cases that have been discharged from hospital as well as cases that are currently hospitalized. Emergency room visits are not included in the number of reported hospitalizations.
- ICU admission includes all cases for which an ICU admission date was reported at the time of data extraction. It is a subset of the count of hospitalized cases. It includes cases that have been treated or that are currently being treated in an ICU.
- Orientation of case counts by geography is based on the diagnosing health unit (DHU). DHU refers to the case's public health unit of residence at the time of illness onset and not necessarily the location of exposure. Cases for which the DHU was reported as MOH (to signify a case that is not a resident of Ontario) have been excluded from the analyses.
- Likely source of acquisition is determined by examining the epidemiologic link and epidemiologic link status fields in CCM and local systems. If no epidemiologic link is identified in those fields the risk factor fields are examined to determine whether a case travelled, was associated with a confirmed outbreak, was a contact of a case, had no known epidemiological link (sporadic community transmission) or was reported to have an unknown source/no information was reported. Some cases may have no information reported if the case is untraceable, was lost to follow-up or referred to FNIHB. Cases with multiple risk factors were assigned to a single likely acquisition source group which was determined hierarchically in the following order:
 - For cases with an episode date *on or after* April 1, 2020: Outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > travel > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown

- For cases with an episode date *before* April 1, 2020: Travel > outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown
- Deaths are determined by using the outcome field in CCM plus. Any case marked 'Fatal' is included in the deaths data. The CCM field Type of Death is not used to further categorize the data.
 - The date of death is determined using the outcome date field for cases marked as 'Fatal' in the outcome field.
- COVID-19 cases from CCM plus for which the Classification and/or Disposition was reported as ENTERED IN ERROR, DOES NOT MEET DEFINITION, IGNORE, DUPLICATE, or any variation on these values have been excluded. The provincial case count for COVID-19 includes cases that are counted once across all systems from which the case data are obtained. Duplicate records may exist if these records were not identified and resolved prior to data upload to the Ministry.
- Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. The start of the outbreak is determined by the onset date of first case, or if missing the outbreak reported date, or else if that is also missing, then the outbreak created date.
- 'Long-term care home residents' includes cases that reported 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of a long-term care home'; or 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the Outbreak number or case comments field); or were reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number or case comments field) with an age over 70 years and did not report 'No' to the risk factors 'Resident of long-term care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility'. 'Long-term care home residents' excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the health care worker occupational risk factors.
- The 'health care workers' variable includes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the occupation of health care worker, doctor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, midwife, other medical technicians, personal support worker, respiratory therapist, first responder.
- 'Health care workers associated with long-term care outbreaks' includes 'health care workers' reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number or case comments field). Excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to risk factors 'Resident of long-term care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and 'Yes' to the calculated 'health care workers' variable.
- Percent change is calculated by taking the difference between the current period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period) and previous period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period), divided by the previous period.

Appendix A

Table A1. Weekly rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population over recent rolling 7-day periods, by reported date and public health unit: Ontario, January 3 to January 15, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 3 to Jan 9	Jan 4 to Jan 10	Jan 5 to Jan 11	Jan 6 to Jan 12	Jan 7 to Jan 13	Jan 8 to Jan 14	Jan 9 to Jan 15	% change from Jan 3-Jan 9 to Jan 9-Jan 15
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	50.2	50.2	49.0	34.2	26.2	30.8	20.5	-59.2%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	40.0	42.7	36.0	48.0	42.7	46.7	43.3	+8.3%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	39.3	39.3	31.5	28.0	21.8	23.6	16.6	-57.8%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	23.1	24.7	20.0	13.1	13.1	12.3	13.1	-43.3%
Porcupine Health Unit	34.8	37.2	37.2	38.4	37.2	16.8	14.4	-58.6%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	34.7	35.7	40.7	36.2	33.7	30.6	21.1	-39.2%
Timiskaming Health Unit	12.2	12.2	12.2	9.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	-50.0%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	93.4	95.6	91.6	96.4	99.9	94.4	92.1	-1.4%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	162.4	156.2	151.9	147.1	140.4	141.8	136.1	-16.2%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	17.8	14.2	13.1	11.9	11.3	10.1	10.1	-43.3%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	26.3	24.9	20.7	18.8	14.6	12.7	10.8	-58.9%

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 3 to Jan 9	Jan 4 to Jan 10	Jan 5 to Jan 11	Jan 6 to Jan 12	Jan 7 to Jan 13	Jan 8 to Jan 14	Jan 9 to Jan 15	% change from Jan 3-Jan 9 to Jan 9-Jan 15
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	21.4	23.1	20.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	17.9	-16.4%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	25.8	29.5	30.4	31.3	22.1	13.8	12.9	-50.0%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	160.6	155.1	151.9	144.0	130.1	128.2	116.5	-27.5%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	46.6	43.4	43.4	41.3	36.0	34.4	35.5	-23.8%
Peel Public Health	263.6	260.2	252.9	249.7	258.2	254.8	246.6	-6.4%
Peterborough Public Health	35.8	32.4	33.8	29.7	33.8	31.8	25.0	-30.2%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	82.6	84.2	83.1	79.9	79.7	82.1	81.9	-0.8%
York Region Public Health	198.9	192.3	184.4	178.7	170.0	157.1	158.7	-20.2%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	227.3	226.3	229.7	232.1	225.4	198.8	190.2	-16.3%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	116.6	107.2	104.4	111.0	100.6	111.0	108.2	-7.2%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	39.4	37.7	40.0	38.9	33.0	30.0	27.7	-29.7%
Huron Perth Public Health	88.0	89.4	98.0	101.6	106.6	100.2	109.5	+24.4%
Lambton Public Health	226.8	264.2	269.5	284.0	277.9	260.4	272.6	+20.2%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	165.3	167.5	149.7	152.1	154.3	148.4	142.5	-13.8%

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 3 to Jan 9	Jan 4 to Jan 10	Jan 5 to Jan 11	Jan 6 to Jan 12	Jan 7 to Jan 13	Jan 8 to Jan 14	Jan 9 to Jan 15	% change from Jan 3-Jan 9 to Jan 9-Jan 15
Southwestern Public Health	149.4	148.9	156.5	153.2	146.6	139.5	142.8	-4.4%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	287.6	274.0	294.5	299.6	312.1	304.4	299.4	+4.1%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	116.6	101.8	103.7	99.2	93.4	99.9	90.8	-22.1%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	154.7	149.3	147.4	142.9	137.0	128.2	120.9	-21.8%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	102.6	97.3	94.7	92.9	91.2	92.9	78.9	-23.1%
Halton Region Public Health	119.7	108.2	100.5	99.8	88.4	89.2	81.7	-31.7%
Niagara Region Public Health	230.9	251.4	250.6	257.8	249.5	241.1	248.7	+7.7%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	185.0	189.3	191.1	188.1	185.8	186.4	178.0	-3.8%
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	147.5	145.2	129.5	116.7	108.0	107.4	114.1	-22.6%
TOTAL ONTARIO	167.4	165.9	164.0	163.1	159.9	151.1	146.5	-12.5%

Note: Rates are based on the sum of the daily case counts during the date ranges specified in each column.

Data Source: CCM plus

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