

Daily Epidemiologic Summary

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 27, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM and other case management systems (CCM plus) as of **January 27, 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 262,463 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
 - An increase of 2,093 confirmed cases (percent change of +25.3%)
 - An increase of 56 deaths (percent change of +14.3%)
 - An increase of 2,491 resolved cases (percent change of -8.6%)

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 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Percentage change January 27, 2021 compared to January 26, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 27, 2021
Total number of cases	1,670	2,093	+25.3%	262,463
Number of deaths	49	56	+14.3%	6,014
Number resolved	2,725	2,491	-8.6%	234,971

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

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

	Change in cases January 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 27, 2021
Gender: Male	875	1,039	128,433
Gender: Female	817	1,034	132,574
Ages: 19 and under	238	262	34,291
Ages: 20-39	618	746	96,031
Ages: 40-59	481	598	75,684
Ages: 60-79	238	328	37,866
Ages: 80 and over	102	163	18,553

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 27, 2021: Ontario

	Change in cases January 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count from August 30, 2020 to January 27, 2021
Ages: 4 to 8	54	54	5,528
Ages: 9 to 13	52	46	7,663
Ages: 14 to 17	59	68	8,065

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

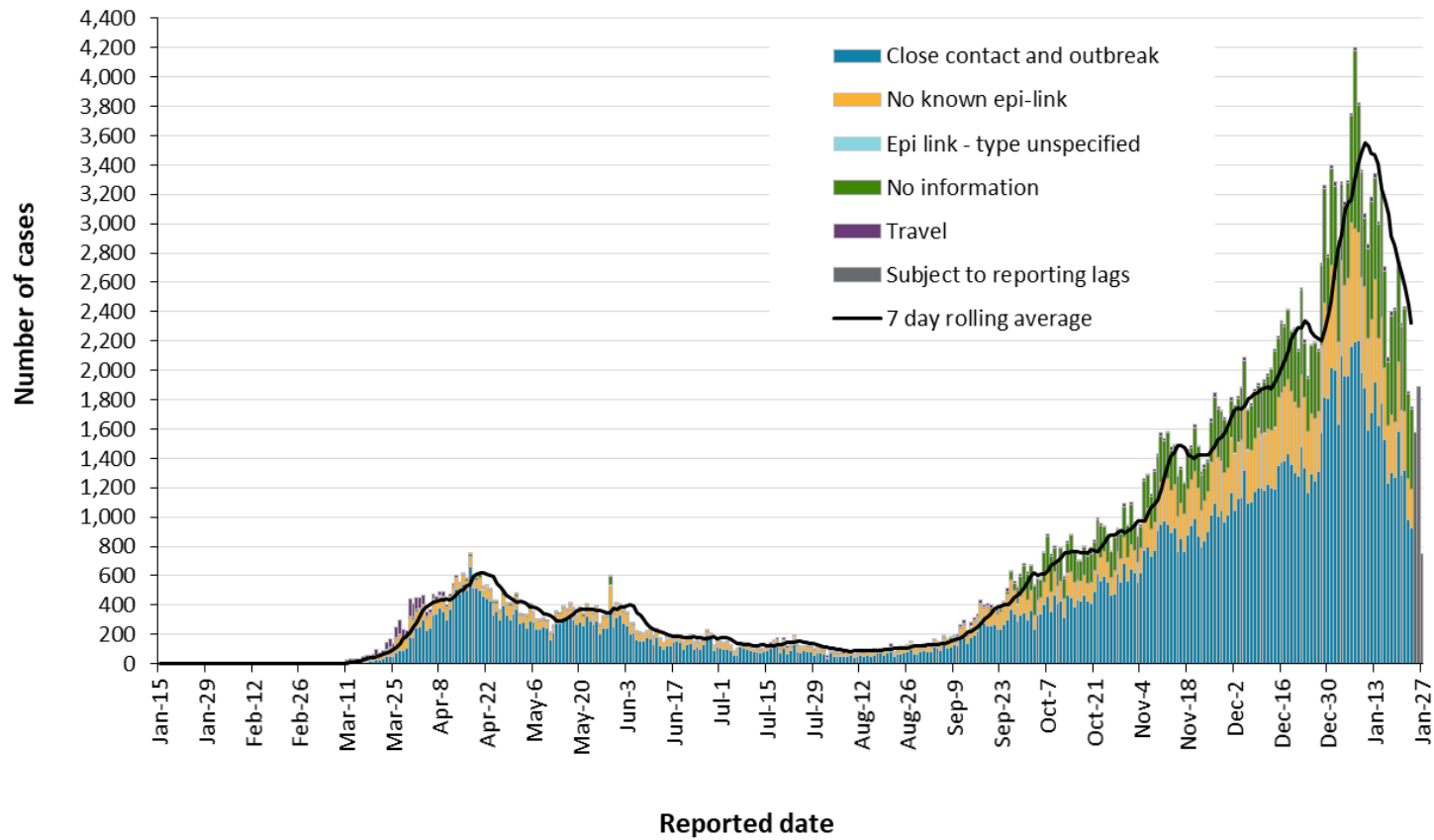
Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 27, 2021
Residents	80	50	14,264
Health care workers	76	42	5,813
Deaths among residents	25	31	3,518
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

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

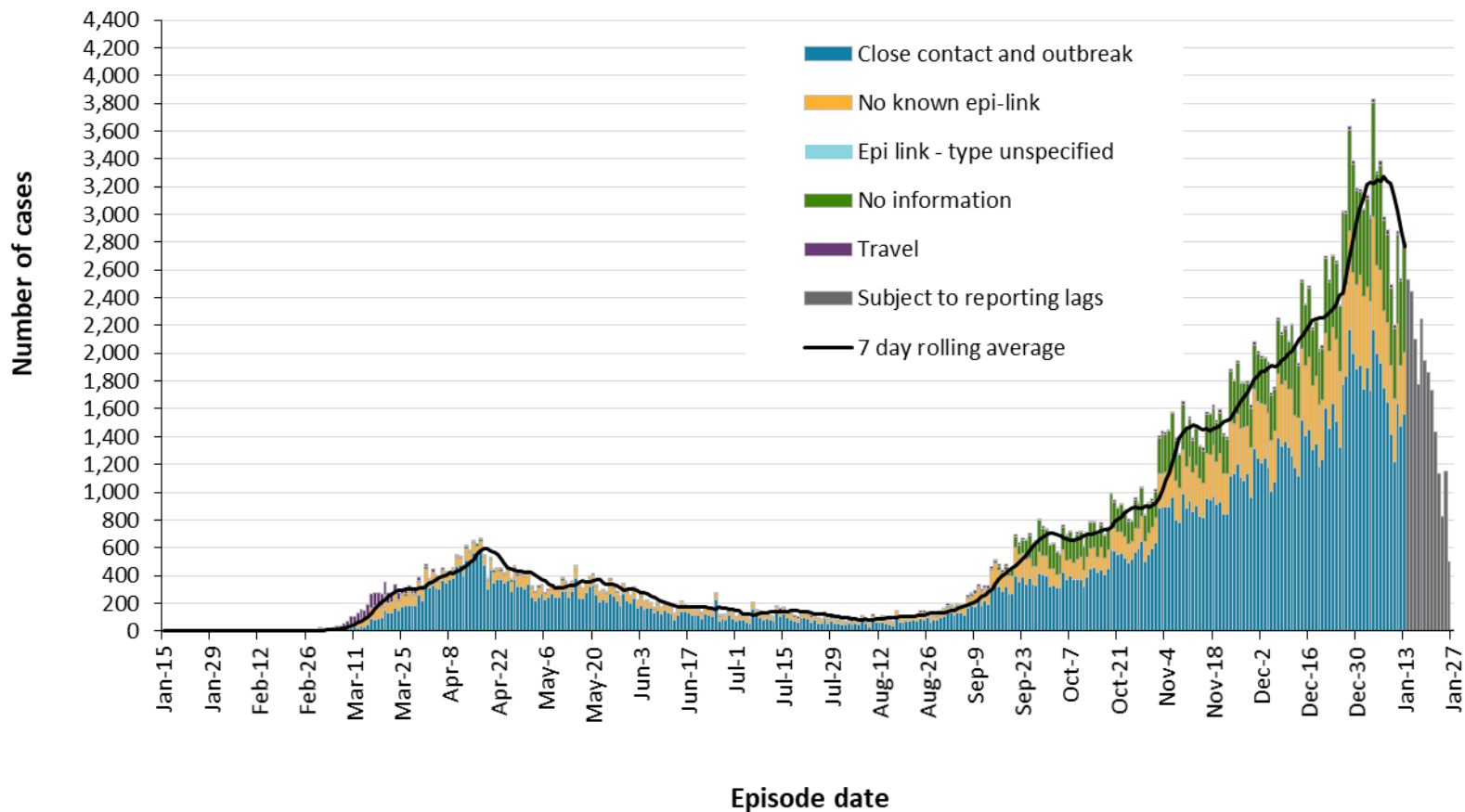
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 27, 2021



Data Source: CCM plus

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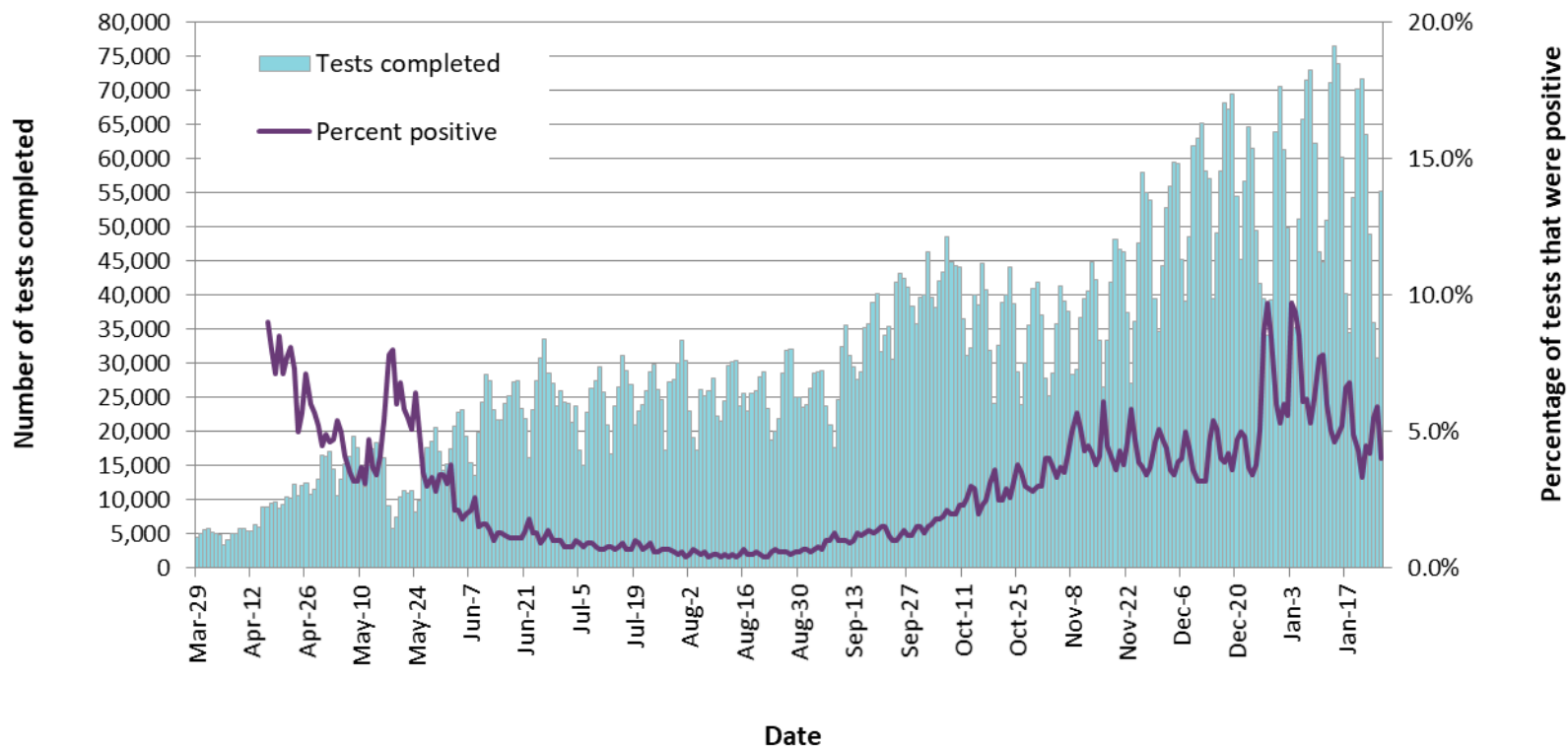
Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and approximation of symptom onset date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 27, 2021



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.

Data Source: CCM plus

Figure 3. Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positivity: Ontario, March 29, 2020 to January 26, 2021

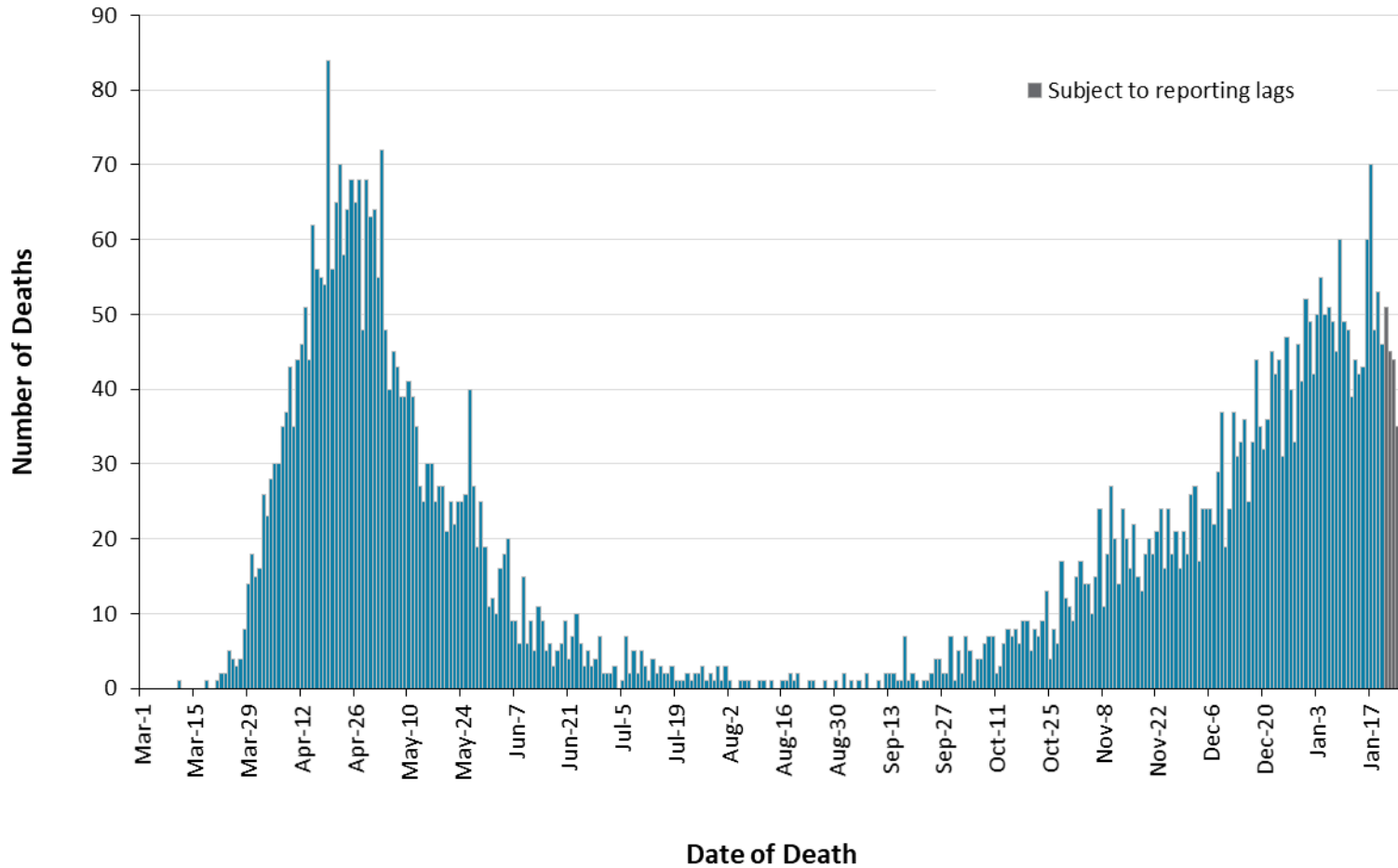


Note: The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

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 27, 2021



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

Data Source: CCM plus

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

	Cumulative case count as of January 27, 2021	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	6,014	2.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	2	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	22	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	225	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	1,621	4.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	4,143	22.3%
Ever in ICU	2,425	0.9%
Ever hospitalized	13,183	5.0%

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 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	0	3	252	287.4
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	14	14	897	598.2
TOTAL NORTH WEST	14	17	1,149	483.5
Algoma Public Health	0	2	152	132.8
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	0	0	185	142.6
Porcupine Health Unit	10	5	239	286.4
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	13	8	489	245.7
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0	89	272.3
TOTAL NORTH EAST	23	15	1,154	206.3
Ottawa Public Health	82	45	13,138	1245.7
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	28	30	2,394	1147.0
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	0	1	358	212.5
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	2	1	650	305.6
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	3	7	792	457.4
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	0	0	296	272.5

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
TOTAL EASTERN	115	84	17,628	915.1
Durham Region Health Department	63	85	10,465	1469.0
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	1	4	831	439.8
Peel Public Health	342	331	53,499	3331.3
Peterborough Public Health	6	6	527	356.1
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	21	53	5,330	888.9
York Region Public Health	171	228	24,897	2031.1
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	604	707	95,549	2132.5
Toronto Public Health	450	700	81,887	2624.3
TOTAL TORONTO	450	700	81,887	2624.3
Chatham-Kent Public Health	15	25	1,148	1079.8
Grey Bruce Health Unit	1	3	621	365.5
Huron Perth Public Health	6	18	1,205	862.2
Lambton Public Health	2	15	1,803	1376.7
Middlesex-London Health Unit	36	37	5,552	1093.9
Southwestern Public Health	3	16	2,252	1064.8
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	37	67	11,927	2807.5
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	100	181	24,508	1449.5
Brant County Health Unit	15	6	1,459	940.1

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 26, 2021	Change in cases January 27, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	84	94	9,018	1522.9
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	4	3	1,259	1103.6
Halton Region Public Health	48	64	7,930	1280.9
Niagara Region Public Health	128	123	7,616	1611.9
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	75	56	9,188	1572.3
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	10	43	4,118	1320.3
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	364	389	40,588	1424.5
TOTAL ONTARIO	1,670	2,093	262,463	1765.7

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

Data Source: CCM plus

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 26, 2021	Change in outbreaks January 27, 2021	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	1	2	240	1,160
Retirement homes	4	1	151	663
Hospitals	1	1	87	353

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 27, 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 27, 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 27, 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 12 to January 24, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 12 to Jan 18	Jan 13 to Jan 19	Jan 14 to Jan 20	Jan 15 to Jan 21	Jan 16 to Jan 22	Jan 17 to Jan 23	Jan 18 to Jan 24	% change from Jan 12-Jan 18 to Jan 18-Jan 24
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	13.7	11.4	10.3	10.3	13.7	16.0	13.7	N/A
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	54.0	44.7	76.7	88.7	94.7	95.4	93.4	+73%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	12.2	13.1	16.6	9.6	9.6	7.9	7.0	-42.6%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	4.6	5.4	4.6	4.6	3.1	3.1	1.5	-67.4%
Porcupine Health Unit	28.8	26.4	28.8	32.4	33.6	59.9	63.5	+120.5%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	15.6	14.6	19.1	24.6	25.6	29.6	33.2	+112.8%
Timiskaming Health Unit	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	9.2	9.2	+50.8%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	82.6	75.1	74.6	70.2	65.3	61.8	58.9	-28.7%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	118.8	109.7	110.7	98.2	83.8	75.2	71.9	-39.5%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	13.1	12.5	13.7	13.1	10.1	7.7	5.9	-55%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	6.1	5.2	7.5	8.5	9.4	10.8	9.4	+54.1%

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 12 to Jan 18	Jan 13 to Jan 19	Jan 14 to Jan 20	Jan 15 to Jan 21	Jan 16 to Jan 22	Jan 17 to Jan 23	Jan 18 to Jan 24	% change from Jan 12-Jan 18 to Jan 18-Jan 24
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	15.6	13.9	11.5	9.8	7.5	8.1	8.1	-48.1%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	6.4	5.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.8	0.9	-85.9%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	97.8	94.3	98.5	85.3	80.4	75.0	70.7	-27.7%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	33.9	32.8	49.8	50.3	48.7	48.7	50.3	+48.4%
Peel Public Health	230.6	219.5	207.4	200.9	195.0	182.1	175.7	-23.8%
Peterborough Public Health	29.1	25.7	23.7	24.3	25.7	27.0	25.7	-11.7%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	76.4	76.6	79.1	79.2	76.2	74.9	72.2	-5.5%
York Region Public Health	140.2	135.5	127.5	131.3	123.5	124.0	117.4	-16.3%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	191.3	190.9	186.6	177.3	169.3	163.2	166.1	-13.2%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	95.9	90.3	85.6	81.8	90.3	84.7	75.2	-21.6%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	23.0	20.0	17.7	14.1	13.5	10.0	10.6	-53.9%
Huron Perth Public Health	114.5	113.1	104.5	100.9	93.0	85.9	92.3	-19.4%
Lambton Public Health	194.7	189.4	184.8	168.7	153.5	101.6	85.5	-56.1%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	110.9	105.0	97.9	92.6	80.4	78.0	72.7	-34.4%

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 12 to Jan 18	Jan 13 to Jan 19	Jan 14 to Jan 20	Jan 15 to Jan 21	Jan 16 to Jan 22	Jan 17 to Jan 23	Jan 18 to Jan 24	% change from Jan 12-Jan 18 to Jan 18-Jan 24
Southwestern Public Health	93.6	92.2	83.7	79.9	70.9	71.9	65.7	-29.8%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	262.5	241.0	212.6	190.2	175.4	150.9	144.5	-45%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	72.8	63.1	51.5	41.9	41.9	39.9	38.0	-47.8%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	108.9	103.0	99.1	99.5	105.4	98.6	95.1	-12.7%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	75.4	83.3	78.9	66.6	69.2	64.9	59.6	-21%
Halton Region Public Health	81.1	75.3	76.6	79.8	85.0	80.3	76.9	-5.2%
Niagara Region Public Health	206.1	188.2	183.7	177.6	159.6	147.3	146.2	-29.1%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	144.1	136.4	128.2	123.9	118.1	107.8	106.4	-26.2%
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	117.0	118.6	119.3	127.3	121.2	123.8	123.4	+5.5%
TOTAL ONTARIO	134.4	129.3	125.3	120.6	115.2	109.5	107.2	-20.2%

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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