

## DAILY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

# COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to September 6, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of September 6, 2021.

Please visit the interactive <u>Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool</u> 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 570,778 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
  - An increase of 564 confirmed cases (percent change of -2.9%)
  - An increase of 3 deaths (percent change of +50.0%)
  - An increase of 688 resolved cases (percent change of -3.9%)

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 September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Percentage change September 6, 2021 compared to September 5, 2021	Cumulative case count as of September 6, 2021	
Total number of cases	581	564	-2.9%	570,778	
Number of deaths	2	3	+50.0%	9,553	
Number resolved	716	688	-3.9%	554,953	

**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.

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

	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count as of September 6, 2021
Gender: Male	279	268	284,442
Gender: Female	294	288	282,413
Ages: 0-4	29	18	15,579
Ages: 5-11	59	71	27,652
Ages: 12-19	79	63	50,831
Ages: 20-39	200	211	215,332
Ages: 40-59	154	138	161,208
Ages: 60-79	50	49	74,546
Ages: 80 and over	10	14	25,524

**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.

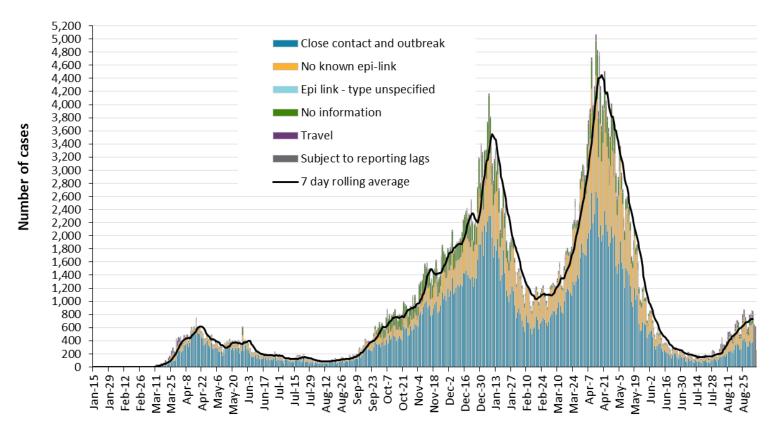
Table 2. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in long-term care homes: Ontario

Long-term care home cases	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count as of September 6, 2021
Residents	2	2	15,507
Health care workers	2	0	7,300
Deaths among residents	1	1	3,989
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 <u>technical notes</u>. Also, the change in cases in these categories may represent existing case records that have been updated.

### Time

Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to September 6, 2021

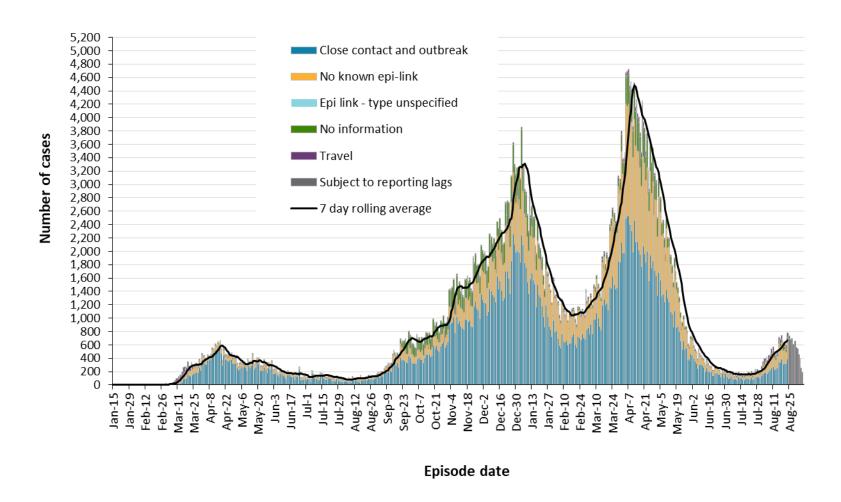


Reported date

Data Source: CCM

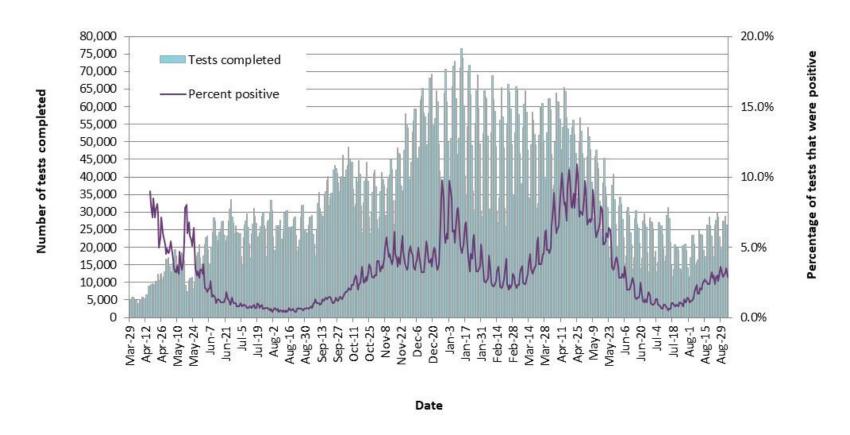
COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to September 6, 2021

Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and approximation of symptom onset date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to September 6, 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 <u>technical notes</u>. **Data Source**: CCM





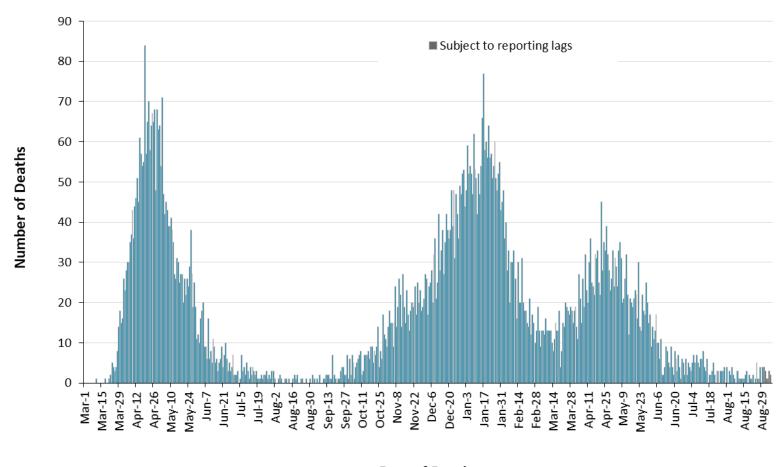
**Note:** The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

\*The daily number of tests completed and percent positivity were not released on September 6, 2021; therefore, information is not available for September 5, 2021.

**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 September 6, 2021



Date of Death

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

Table 3. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by severity: Ontario

	Cumulative case count as of September 6, 2021	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	9,553	1.7%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	5	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	91	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	633	0.4%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	3,093	4.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	5,730	22.4%
Ever in ICU	5,665	1.0%
Ever hospitalized	29,202	5.1%

**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. Percentage of deaths reported for each age group is calculated using all cases in the age group as the denominator.

## Geography

Table 4. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	1	0	1,129	1,390.7
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	0	3	3,374	2,139.4
TOTAL NORTH WEST	1	3	4,503	1,885.0
Algoma Public Health	0	0	433	367.4
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	5	2	703	543.7
Porcupine Health Unit	1	0	2,183	2,568.2
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	1	2	2,283	1,112.3
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0	209	616.8
TOTAL NORTH EAST	7	4	5,811	1,017.2
Ottawa Public Health	27	30	28,592	2,741.0
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	8	2	4,817	2,231.5
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	1	0	1,299	751.6
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	3	1	1,624	776.2
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	1	0	1,806	1,003.6
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	0	3	772	711.7
TOTAL EASTERN	40	36	38,910	2,016.6

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Durham Region Health Department	21	32	26,347	3,703.4
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	2	3	2,346	1,230.0
Peel Public Health	87	52	112,581	7,199.9
Peterborough Public Health	2	7	1,712	1,155.8
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	21	18	13,116	2,169.7
York Region Public Health	61	64	55,099	4,590.6
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	194	176	211,201	4,779.7
Toronto Public Health	114	118	170,491	5,705.1
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Chatham-Kent Public Health	8	17	2,124	1,992.1
Grey Bruce Health Unit	3	1	2,210	1,254.6
Huron Perth Public Health	2	5	2,089	1,428.4
Lambton Public Health	0	2	3,696	2,779.5
Middlesex-London Health Unit	20	18	13,510	2,645.9
Southwestern Public Health	5	5	4,113	1,878.9
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	55	72	18,670	4,332.3
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	93	120	46,412	2,694.5
Brant County Health Unit	6	21	4,185	2,725.4
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	40	35	23,520	4,043.2

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	3	0	2,807	2,339.0
Halton Region Public Health	23	17	18,262	2,991.0
Niagara Region Public Health	25	23	16,912	3,510.7
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	23	6	19,089	3,154.0
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	12	5	8,675	2,780.5
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	132	107	93,450	3,262.0
TOTAL ONTARIO	581	564	570,778	3,873.9

**Notes:** Health units with data corrections or updates could result in records being removed from totals, leading to negative or zero counts.

### **Outbreaks**

Table 5. 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 September 5, 2021	Change in outbreaks September 6, 2021	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	0	0	8	1,502
Retirement homes	0	1	5	882
Hospitals	1	1	6	590

**Note:** Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM 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 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.

#### Variant COVID-19 Cases

The laboratory detection of a variant of concern (VOC) is a multi-step process. Samples that test positive for SARS-CoV-2 and have a cycle threshold (Ct) value  $\leq$  35 can be tested for mutations common to variants of concern. If positive for the mutation of interest with a Ct value of  $\leq$  30, these samples may then undergo genomic analyses to identify the VOC lineage. VOC lineages may still be confirmed using genomic analysis despite specific S gene mutation(s) being documented as 'unable to complete' due to poor sequence quality at the genome position. For more information about whole genome sequencing, please see the SARS CoV-2 Whole Genome Sequencing in Ontario report.

Table 6. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected: Ontario

	Change in cases September 5, 2021	Change in cases September 6, 2021	Cumulative case count up to September 6, 2021
Variant of Concern			
Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	0	4	146,435
Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	0	0	1,501
Lineage P.1 (Gamma) ***	0	0	5,223
Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	170	10	12,647
Mutations			
N501Y and E484K	5	1	4,442
N501Y (E484K unknown)‡	-1	-2	12,310
E484K (N501Y negative)	1	0	5,905
E484K (N501Y unknown)	0	0	427
Mutation not detected§	307	353	22,936

**Note:** Interpret the VOC and mutation trends with caution due to the varying time required to complete VOC testing and/or genomic analysis following the initial positive test for SARS-CoV-2. Due to the nature of the genomic analysis, test results may be completed in batches. 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 for calculating the change in cases and the cumulative case counts uses data from the Investigation Subtype field only. Changes to the VOC testing algorithm may impact counts and trends. Further details can be found in the <a href="https://data.caveats.section.">data.caveats.section.</a>

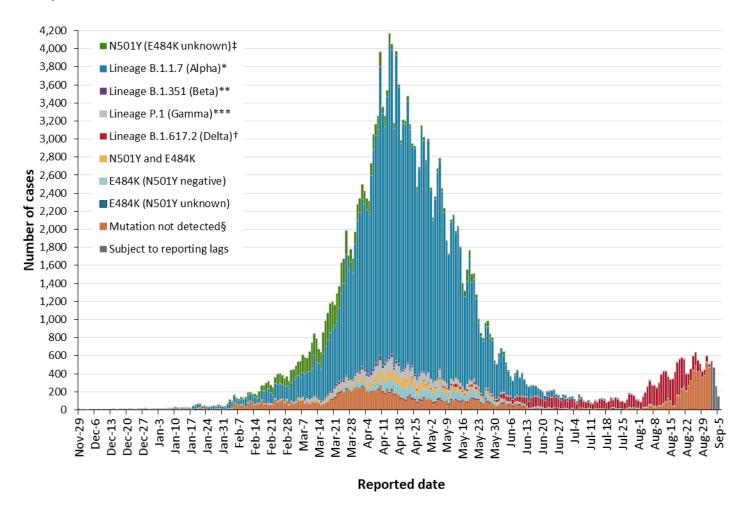
<sup>\*</sup>Includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation in the Investigation Subtype field \*\*Includes B.1.351 cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.351 based on 'Mutation K417N+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes P.1 cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be P.1 based on 'Mutation K417T+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field

†Includes B.1.617.2 and AY.3 cases identified by genomic analysis. Mutations common to B.1.617.2 are not included in the current VOC mutation test.

‡The category 'N501Y (E484K unknown)' mainly consists of results from before the introduction of the E484K test. Counts will shift from this category into a VOC lineage category as E484K tests or genomic analysis are completed. §Includes cases identified as 'Mutation not detected' or 'Mutation N501Y- and E484K-' in the Investigation Subtype field only.

Figure 5. Confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected by public health unit reported date: Ontario, November 29, 2020 to September 6, 2021



**Note:** Reported date is based on the date the case was reported, not the date that the VOC or mutation was identified. Further details on testing for variants of concern can be found in the <u>technical notes</u>. Interpret the VOC and mutation trends with caution due to the varying time required to complete testing and/or genomic analysis following the initial positive test for SARS-CoV-2. Data for calculating the change in cases and the cumulative case count uses data from the Investigation Subtype field only. Data for cases with a B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1 and B.1.617.2 lineage detected or any of the mutations listed above are determined using the

Investigation Subtype field only. Changes to the VOC testing algorithm may impact counts and trends. Further details can be found in the <u>data caveats</u> section. As of March 22, 2021, positive specimens with a  $Ct \le 35$  are tested for both the N501Y and E484K mutation, with all E484K positive specimens with a  $Ct \le 30$  forwarded for further genomic analysis. If found to be positive for the N501Y mutation only, no further genomic analysis are performed as these are presumed to be B.1.1.7. As of May 26, 2021, cases where an E484K mutation is detected will no longer be reflexed for sequencing as VOC testing labs switched to a representative sampling method where only a proportion of all positives with a  $Ct \le 30$  are forwarded for further genomic analysis.

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#### **Technical Notes**

#### **Data Sources**

- The data for this report were based on information successfully extracted from the Public Health
  Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all PHUs by PHO as of September 6, 2021 at 1
  p.m. for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of September 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.
  for cases reported up to January 31, 2021.
- VOC data for this report were based on information successfully extracted from CCM for all PHUs by PHO as of **September 6, 2021 at 1 p.m.** for cases reported from April 1, 2021 onwards and as of **September 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.** for cases reported up to March 31, 2021.
- CCM is a dynamic disease reporting system, which allows ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted from CCM represent a snapshot at the time of extraction and may differ from previous or subsequent reports.
- Ontario population estimate data were sourced from Statistics Canada. Population estimates 2001-2020: Table 1 annual population estimates by age and sex for July 1, 2001 to 2020, health regions, Ontario [unpublished data table]. Ottawa, ON: Government of Canada; 2021 [received April 22, 2021].
- 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. 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.
- Data cleaning for older cases is incorporated on Mondays and may impact the case count published on Tuesdays
- Lags in CCM 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 <u>MOH Case Definition</u> <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) document</u> are included in the report counts from CCM
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, as defined in the provincial case definitions, are counted as unique investigations.
- Case classification information may be updated for individuals with a positive result issued from a point-of-care assays.
- 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 represents an estimate of disease onset. This date is calculated based on the
  earliest 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 or
  hospitalization/ICU was reported as 'Yes' 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 permanent health unit. This is
  equivalent to the diagnosing health unit (DHU) in iPHIS. 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-PHO (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. 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. 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 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 may include some duplicate records, if these records were not identified and resolved.
- Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM 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 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, August 22 to September 3, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	August 22 to August 28	August 23 to August 29	August 24 to August 30	August 25 to August 31	August 26 to Sept 1	August 27 to Sept 2	August 28 to Sept 3	% change from August 22- August 28 to August 28 – Sept 3
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	7.4	6.2	6.2	3.7	4.9	6.2	11.1	+50.0%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	4.4	5.7	5.7	7.6	7.0	5.7	4.4	0.0%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	9.3	9.3	11.0	7.6	6.8	6.8	5.1	-45.2%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	4.6	4.6	7.7	11.6	13.1	19.3	21.7	+371.7%
Porcupine Health Unit	11.8	12.9	12.9	15.3	14.1	20.0	21.2	+79.7%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	14.6	17.1	16.6	11.2	11.2	11.7	10.2	-30.1%
Timiskaming Health Unit	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	N/A
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	18.4	19.5	19.8	19.5	22.1	21.4	23.9	+29.9%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	29.2	30.6	30.6	35.2	34.3	31.0	32.4	+11.0%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	18.5	17.4	19.1	20.8	19.7	23.1	19.1	+3.2%

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Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.8	5.3	6.7	7.2	+148.3%
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.0	3.9	5.0	5.0	+13.6%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	+100.0%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	32.2	33.2	33.6	34.9	32.3	32.0	31.8	-1.2%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	4.2	3.1	3.7	4.7	5.2	5.8	6.3	+50.0%
Peel Public Health	38.0	38.9	38.2	40.7	40.6	39.9	42.7	+12.4%
Peterborough Public Health	12.2	13.5	16.2	15.5	15.5	14.2	14.2	+16.4%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	25.1	24.0	26.0	29.4	30.4	28.8	31.1	+23.9%
York Region Public Health	47.4	47.4	46.9	47.7	46.2	44.7	45.5	-4.0%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	34.0	34.4	35.2	35.9	36.3	35.0	36.4	+7.1%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	45.0	48.8	46.0	47.8	71.3	74.1	79.7	+77.1%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	9.7	9.7	10.8	11.4	12.5	11.4	10.2	+5.2%

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Huron Perth Public Health	18.5	15.0	16.4	16.4	19.1	19.8	18.5	0.0%
Lambton Public Health	12.0	11.3	9.8	9.0	8.3	6.8	5.3	-55.8%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	36.6	33.3	33.7	34.7	34.9	32.9	30.7	-16.1%
Southwestern Public Health	10.5	9.6	10.5	11.4	13.7	14.6	12.3	+17.1%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	103.7	110.2	112.1	108.6	98.6	108.8	112.5	+8.5%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	31.3	37.1	39.7	44.9	51.4	59.3	56.0	+78.9%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	86.8	89.4	91.5	96.1	92.1	88.9	83.2	-4.1%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	22.5	20.8	22.5	20.8	16.7	19.2	19.2	-14.7%
Halton Region Public Health	19.8	20.1	20.5	21.9	22.4	24.4	25.5	+28.8%
Niagara Region Public Health	24.5	26.8	30.9	31.8	34.3	37.4	38.8	+58.4%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	23.1	23.8	24.8	26.8	25.8	25.6	24.8	+7.4%
Wellington-Dufferin- Guelph Public Health	31.1	32.1	33.3	36.9	39.7	40.1	37.2	+19.6%
TOTAL ONTARIO	32.4	33.1	33.8	34.9	34.9	34.8	35.5	+9.6%

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

Table A2. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC by public health unit: Ontario as of September 6, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative count for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count for mutations‡
Algoma Public Health	68	0	14	9	26
Brant County Health Unit	670	2	97	162	498
Chatham-Kent Public Health	132	5	16	67	104
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	5,062	66	105	794	2,094
Durham Region Health Department	9,522	66	270	540	1,212
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	662	46	21	24	269
Grey Bruce Health Unit	310	0	6	578	54
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	368	3	23	56	408
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	443	0	23	105	308
Halton Region Public Health	5,089	30	167	475	617
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	111	0	18	44	393
Huron Perth Public Health	278	0	12	100	28
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	457	2	35	22	132
Lambton Public Health	438	0	18	80	126
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	295	19	0	18	44
Middlesex-London Health Unit	3,384	2	124	467	184

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative count for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count for mutations‡
Niagara Region Public Health	4,285	4	20	112	1,103
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	235	28	3	44	14
Northwestern Health Unit	59	0	1	10	16
Ottawa Public Health	6,845	515	55	290	465
Peel Public Health	31,185	161	1,774	1,711	2,832
Peterborough Public Health	629	4	8	41	162
Porcupine Health Unit	1,108	2	0	57	8
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	691	13	10	27	268
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	3,129	21	98	1,588	260
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	232	8	7	7	12
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	4,002	36	173	387	689
Southwestern Public Health	684	3	21	131	160
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	104	1	2	9	74
Timiskaming Health Unit	82	1	0	1	0
Toronto Public Health	46,065	375	1,522	2,796	7,470
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	2,085	1	81	290	179
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	1,852	8	19	493	139

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative count for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative count for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count for mutations‡
York Region Public Health	15,874	79	480	1,112	2,736
TOTAL ONTARIO	146,435	1,501	5,223	12,647	23,084

**Note:** Interpret the VOC and mutation trends with caution due to the varying time required to complete VOC testing and/or genomic analysis following the initial positive test for SARS-CoV-2. Due to the nature of the genomic analysis, test results may be completed in batches. 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 for calculating the change in cases and the cumulative case count uses data from the Investigation Subtype field only. Changes to the VOC testing algorithm may impact counts and trends. Further details can be found in the <a href="https://datacaveats.org/datacaveats">datacaveats</a> section.

If a VOC is identified through genomic analysis, the change in cases and/or cumulative case counts for mutations will fluctuate as the case is moved to one of the listed lineages.

<sup>\*</sup>Includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes B.1.351 cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.351 based on 'Mutation K417N+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes P.1 cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be P.1 based on 'Mutation K417T+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field

<sup>†</sup>Includes B.1.617.2 and AY.3 cases identified by genomic analysis. Mutations common to B.1.617.2 are not included in the current VOC mutation test.

<sup>‡</sup>Mutations includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases with the following mutations detected, reported from the Investigation Subtype field: N501Y and E484K, N501Y (E484K unknown), E484K (N501Y negative), E484K (N501Y unknown).

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