

DAILY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 7, 2022

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of **January 7, 2022**.

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

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. For more information about whole genome sequencing, please see the [SARS CoV-2 Whole Genome Sequencing in Ontario 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 866,632 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
 - An increase of 13,362 confirmed cases (percent change of +12.3%)
 - An increase of 31* deaths (percent change of -26.2%)
 - An increase of 12,007 resolved cases (percent change of +0.5%)

* This number only includes deaths that have occurred in the last month.

Due to changes in the availability of testing, driven by increasing COVID-19 cases related to the Omicron variant, case counts in this report are an underestimate of the true number of individuals with COVID-19 in Ontario. As such, data should be interpreted with caution. For more information, please see our data caveats and check out [our blog](#).

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, sex) 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 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Percentage change January 7, 2022 compared to January 6, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 7, 2022
Total number of cases	11,899	13,362	+12.3%	866,632
Number of deaths	42	31	-26.2%	10,345*
Number resolved	11,946	12,007	+0.5%	719,739

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. The number of deaths presented in the change in cases column for each day only includes deaths that occurred in the last 30 days.

* This number only includes deaths that have occurred in the last month. One (1) death was removed from the cumulative total based on data cleaning.

Data Source: CCM

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

	Change in cases January 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 7, 2022
Sex: Male	4,945	5,639	425,613
Sex: Female	6,897	7,659	437,647
Ages: 0-4	257	284	25,365
Ages: 5-11	484	495	53,813
Ages: 12-19	874	988	78,662
Ages: 20-39	4,837	5,632	334,496
Ages: 40-59	3,511	3,935	239,506
Ages: 60-79	1,380	1,475	102,988
Ages: 80 and over	547	538	31,597

Note: Not all cases have a reported age or sex 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, sex) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Data Source: CCM

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

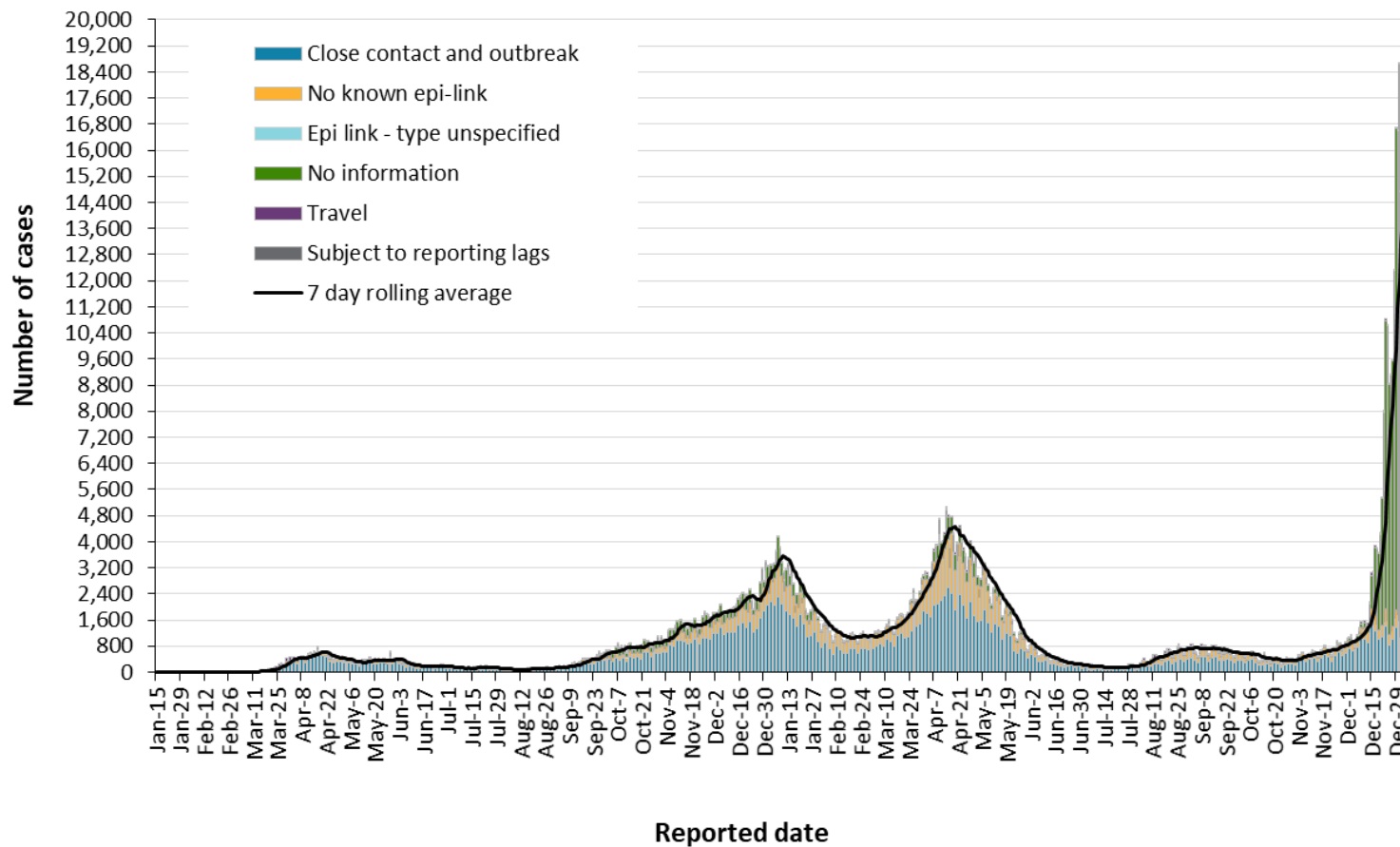
Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 7, 2022
Residents	191	264	16,972
Health care workers	65	81	7,938
Deaths among residents	7	6	4,053
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

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

Time

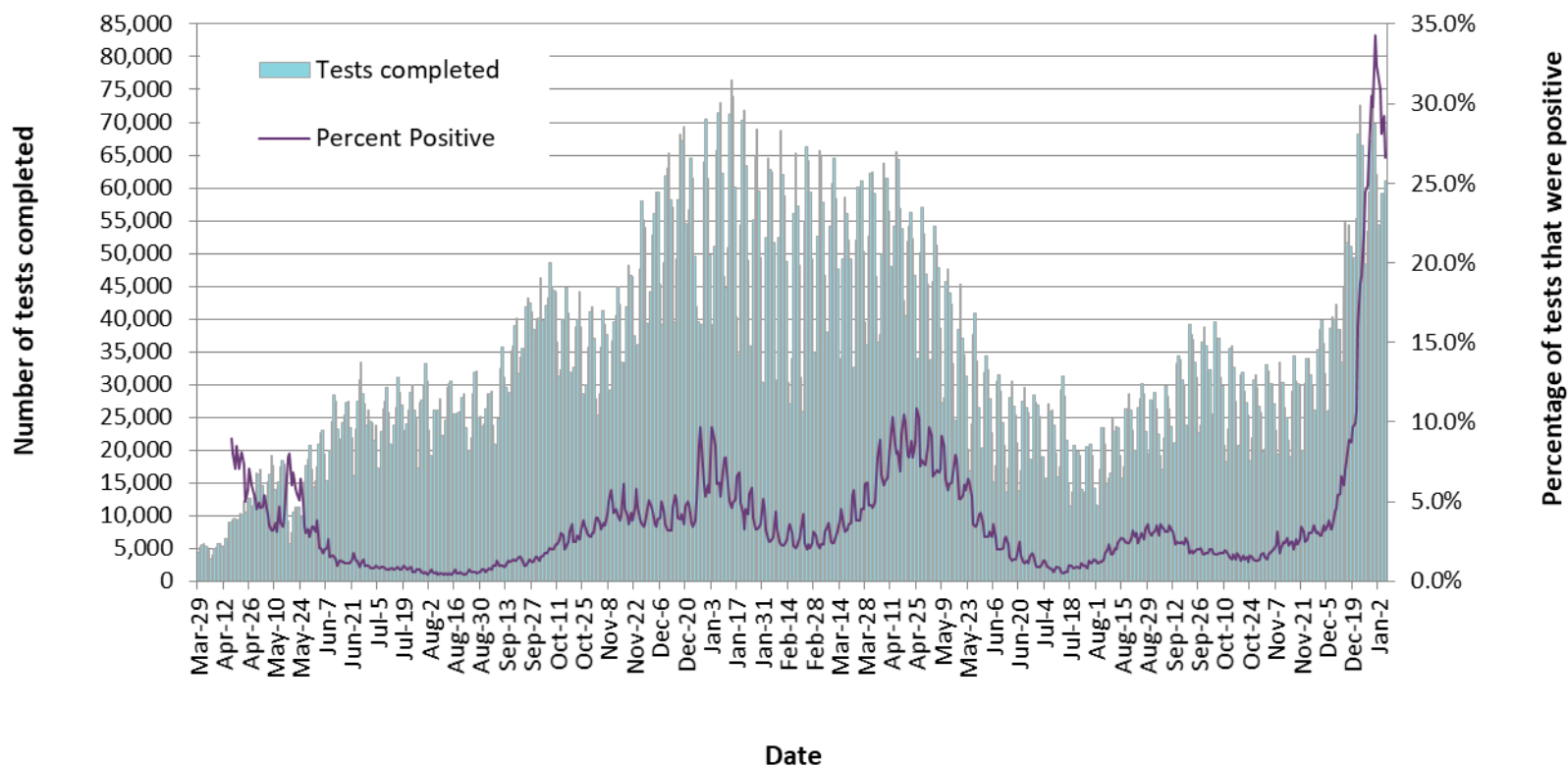
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 7, 2022



Data Source: CCM

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Figure 2. Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positivity: Ontario, March 29, 2020 to January 6, 2022

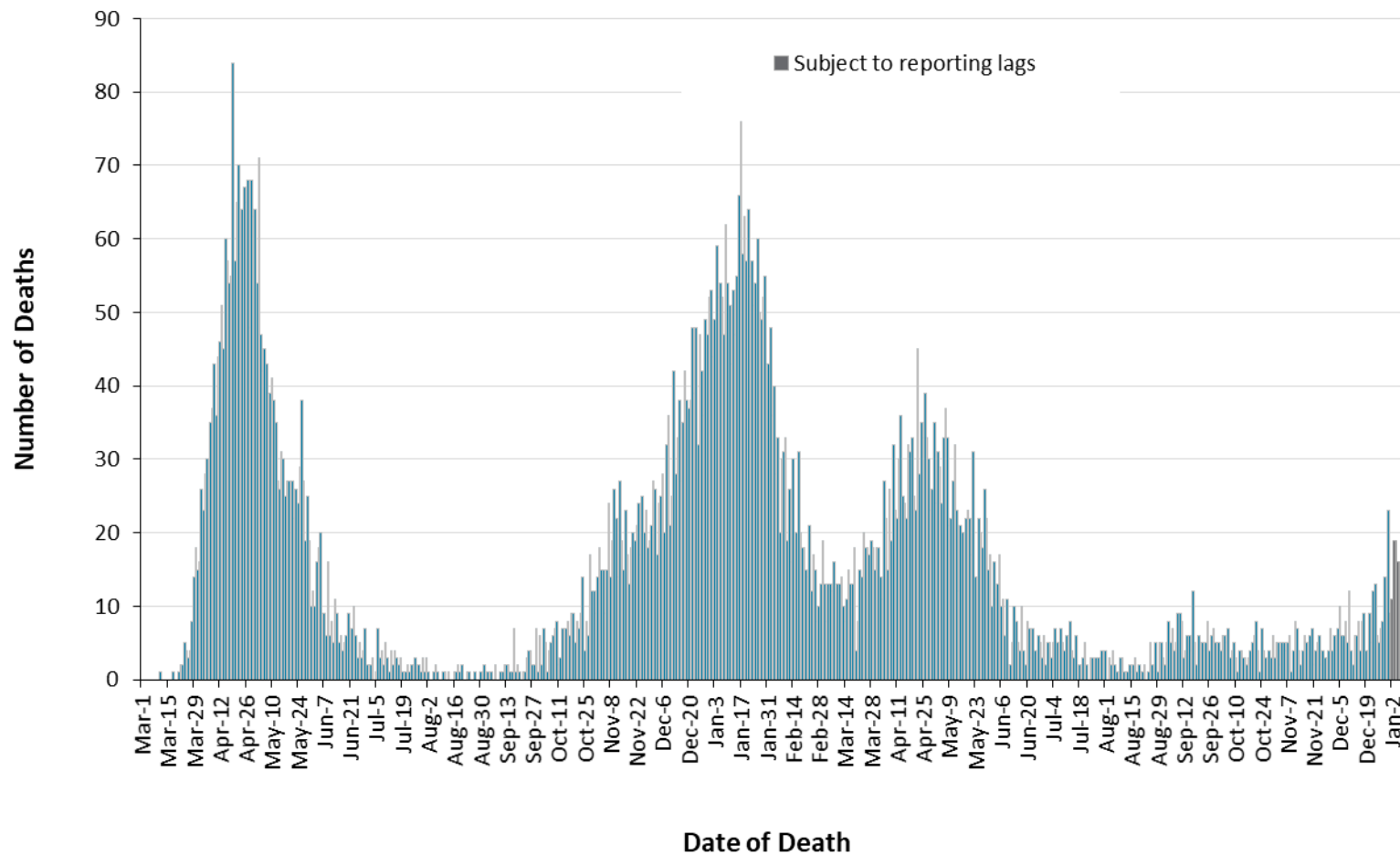


Note: The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

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

Severity

Figure 3. Confirmed deaths among COVID-19 cases by date of death: Ontario, March 1, 2020 to January 7, 2022



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

Data Source: CCM

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

	Cumulative case count as of January 7, 2022	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	10,345	1.2%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	9	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	117	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	747	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	3,441	3.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	6,030	19.1%
Ever in ICU	6,546	0.8%
Ever hospitalized	33,434	3.9%

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

Data Source: CCM

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 January 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	63	97	2,281	2,809.6
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	118	135	4,940	3,132.4
TOTAL NORTH WEST	181	232	7,221	3,022.7
Algoma Public Health	63	87	2,545	2,159.7
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	47	39	1,954	1,511.1
Porcupine Health Unit	61	43	3,465	4,076.5
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	109	179	6,549	3,190.6
Timiskaming Health Unit	5	6	756	2,231.1
TOTAL NORTH EAST	285	354	15,269	2,672.7
Ottawa Public Health	656	894	49,138	4,710.6
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	213	250	9,919	4,595.1
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	140	85	4,487	2,596.2
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	80	87	7,396	3,534.9
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	77	71	4,482	2,490.7
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	21	59	1,950	1,797.7
TOTAL EASTERN	1,187	1,446	77,372	4,010.0
Durham Region Health Department	425	770	40,020	5,625.3

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	66	138	4,523	2,371.4
Peel Public Health	1,745	1,736	142,855	9,136.0
Peterborough Public Health	126	91	3,822	2,580.4
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	508	422	25,301	4,185.4
York Region Public Health	965	1,086	81,052	6,752.9
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	3,835	4,243	297,573	6,734.4
Toronto Public Health	2,405	2,422	236,603	7,917.4
TOTAL TORONTO	2,405	2,422	236,603	7,917.4
Chatham-Kent Public Health	129	72	4,407	4,133.4
Grey Bruce Health Unit	127	50	4,379	2,485.9
Huron Perth Public Health	87	70	4,167	2,849.4
Lambton Public Health	153	171	6,812	5,122.9
Middlesex-London Health Unit	481	448	23,400	4,582.8
Southwestern Public Health	171	180	8,275	3,780.1
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	370	412	28,369	6,583.0
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	1,518	1,403	79,809	4,633.5
Brant County Health Unit	84	126	7,417	4,830.1
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	425	929	37,792	6,496.6
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	109	91	5,102	4,251.4
Halton Region Public Health	742	783	32,060	5,250.8

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 6, 2022	Change in cases January 7, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Niagara Region Public Health	379	424	25,527	5,299.1
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	564	687	30,346	5,013.9
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	185	222	14,541	4,660.7
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	2,488	3,262	152,785	5,333.2
TOTAL ONTARIO	11,899	13,362	866,632	5,881.8

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

Data Source: CCM

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 January 6, 2022	Change in outbreaks January 7, 2022	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	24	30	342	1,907
Retirement homes	22	27	193	1,118
Hospitals	21	12	148	781

Note: Ongoing outbreaks are those that are reported in CCM as 'Open' and without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded. 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

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 **January 7, 2022 at 1 p.m.** for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of **January 6, 2022 at 9 a.m.** for cases reported up to January 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

- Due to changes in the availability of testing, driven by increasing COVID-19 cases related to the Omicron variant, case counts in this report are an underestimate of the true number of individuals with COVID-19 in Ontario. As such, data should be interpreted with caution.
- 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 Thursdays and may impact the case count published on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- 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 [MOH Case Definition – Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) document](#) 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.

- 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 based on local public health unit assessment
 - Cases that are not hospitalized and are 14 days past their symptom onset date or specimen collection date (where symptom onset date is not known)
 - 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 hospitalized (or that had their hospital stay extended) because of COVID-19. It includes cases that have been discharged from hospital as well as cases that are currently hospitalized. Includes Intensive Care Unit (ICU) cases but not emergency room visits. Hospitalizations were identified by a reported hospital admission date or reported 'Yes' for hospitalization/ICU
- 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.
- Male/Female information presented in this report are sourced from the Sex field in CCM and are intended to represent sex assigned at birth. On October 14, 2021 changes were made in CCM to enable reporting on the Sex field where these data are supplemented by archived Male/Female information previously entered in the Gender field.
- 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
 - 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

- 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.
 - If the date of death is missing the outcome date field is used as a proxy 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 are those that are reported in CCM as 'Open' and without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded. Closed outbreaks are 'Closed' or have a 'Declared Over Date' recorded in CCM or where the outbreak start date (determined by the onset date of first case, or if missing the reported date, or if missing the created date) is more than 5 months from the current date, even for outbreaks where the outbreak status value selected in CCM is 'OPEN'.
- '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, December 23, 2021 to January 4, 2022

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 23 to Dec 29	Dec 24 to Dec 30	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	% change from Dec 23 – Dec 29 to Dec 29 – Jan 4
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	315.3	412.6	513.6	560.4	607.3	617.1	672.5	+113.3%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	203.5	260.6	336.7	355.7	379.8	388.1	388.1	+90.7%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	246.9	334.4	381.0	404.8	396.3	410.7	418.4	+69.5%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	290.0	318.6	365.8	362.7	375.1	347.2	350.3	+20.8%
Porcupine Health Unit	527.1	576.5	700.0	707.1	705.9	654.1	674.1	+27.9%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	323.0	362.5	461.9	511.1	553.9	562.2	540.8	+67.4%
Timiskaming Health Unit	292.2	348.2	389.6	436.8	451.5	445.6	392.5	+34.3%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	492.0	549.1	594.7	658.9	665.8	667.7	662.5	+34.7%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	547.6	643.5	713.0	803.3	811.2	862.6	904.8	+65.2%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	446.7	541.0	579.8	635.3	689.1	674.7	664.8	+48.8%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	500.4	539.1	586.4	638.5	668.2	688.7	654.8	+30.9%

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 23 to Dec 29	Dec 24 to Dec 30	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	% change from Dec 23 – Dec 29 to Dec 29 – Jan 4
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	413.5	470.7	570.7	601.3	617.4	616.9	584.6	+41.4%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	263.7	326.3	378.9	400.1	482.1	515.3	533.8	+102.4%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	504.8	551.0	588.1	646.0	668.8	673.4	723.9	+43.4%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	290.5	341.3	384.8	435.7	466.6	504.9	506.0	+74.2%
Peel Public Health	507.5	531.3	604.1	666.8	699.8	719.5	738.8	+45.6%
Peterborough Public Health	369.3	403.7	453.0	482.0	518.5	537.4	533.4	+44.4%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	440.7	510.5	574.5	591.4	616.2	625.1	619.0	+40.5%
York Region Public Health	654.8	706.4	756.9	775.3	781.4	769.4	772.6	+18.0%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	703.2	740.0	789.4	812.1	802.1	805.8	777.9	+10.6%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	296.4	308.6	327.3	341.4	375.2	410.8	444.6	+50.0%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	304.9	305.4	354.8	393.4	463.8	459.3	493.9	+62.0%
Huron Perth Public Health	250.3	298.1	349.4	393.2	469.1	493.0	493.0	+97.0%
Lambton Public Health	452.7	537.7	616.7	651.3	809.2	815.2	849.1	+87.6%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	465.9	528.2	549.3	609.1	659.8	697.2	696.0	+49.4%

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 23 to Dec 29	Dec 24 to Dec 30	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	% change from Dec 23 – Dec 29 to Dec 29 – Jan 4
Southwestern Public Health	340.3	371.8	403.8	445.8	511.2	541.8	538.6	+58.3%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	303.8	327.9	386.6	453.2	507.5	552.0	602.6	+98.4%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	521.0	577.0	636.9	668.8	715.7	727.4	683.8	+31.2%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	736.8	760.2	837.5	866.6	856.1	849.7	818.9	+11.1%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	398.3	409.1	490.8	520.8	571.6	561.6	566.6	+42.3%
Halton Region Public Health	670.7	667.2	705.6	744.4	715.6	744.1	739.8	+10.3%
Niagara Region Public Health	417.5	410.0	456.9	470.0	515.2	539.1	558.6	+33.8%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	449.4	494.2	530.5	585.2	628.4	640.4	657.9	+46.4%
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	524.4	525.7	617.6	686.9	726.9	699.1	637.8	+21.6%
TOTAL ONTARIO	529.8	569.2	623.6	663.5	683.0	692.4	691.3	+30.5%

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

Data Source: CCM

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