

DAILY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 18, 2022

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of **January 18, 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 969,437 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
 - An increase of 5,744 confirmed cases (percent change of -18.9%)
 - An increase of 59* deaths (percent change of +59.5%)
 - An increase of 12,891 resolved cases (percent change of +26.5%)

* This number only includes deaths that have occurred in the last month. In addition, there was 1 death that occurred more than one month ago added to the cumulative count based on data cleaning.

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. In addition, data for hospitalizations, intensive care unit (ICU) admission and deaths in the most recent reporting period should be interpreted with caution due to data entry and reporting lags. For more information, please see our data caveats and check out [our blog](#). Effective, December 31, 2021, the Ministry of Health updated its eligibility requirements for molecular testing (PCR or rapid molecular testing). Details can be found in the Ministry of Health [Interim Guidance](#).

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 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Percentage change January 18, 2022 compared to January 17, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2022
Total number of cases	7,086	5,744	-18.9%	969,437
Number of deaths	37	59	+59.5%	10,726*
Number resolved	10,189	12,891	+26.5%	874,445

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.

*There was 1 death that occurred more than one month ago added to the cumulative count 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 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2022
Sex: Male	3,004	2,487	468,683
Sex: Female	4,062	3,104	496,373
Ages: 0-4	219	176	27,912
Ages: 5-11	325	258	58,426
Ages: 12-19	420	379	85,543
Ages: 20-39	2,643	2,197	373,947
Ages: 40-59	2,045	1,604	270,015
Ages: 60-79	970	789	115,698
Ages: 80 and over	471	328	37,644

Note: Not all cases have an 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

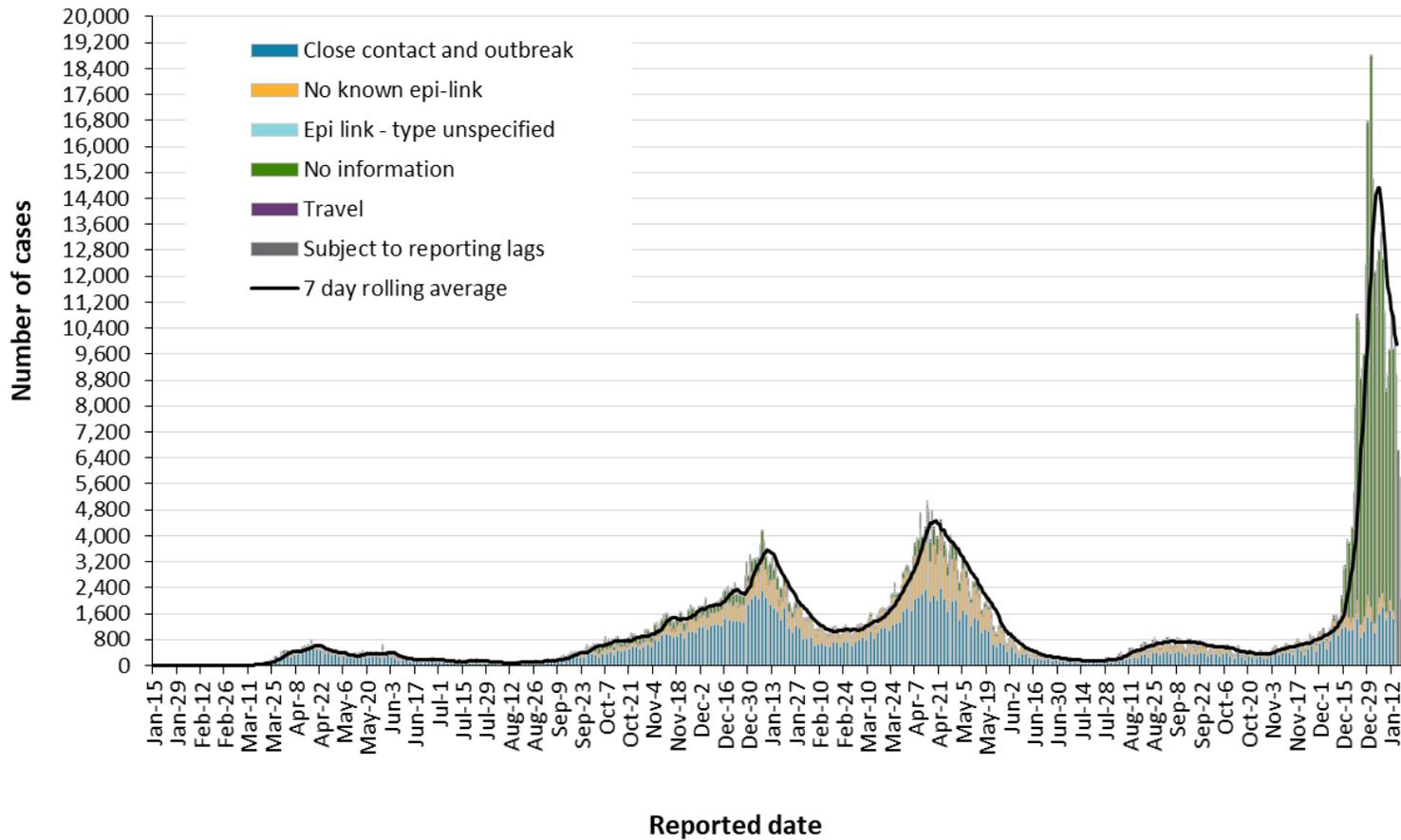
Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 18, 2022
Residents	190	253	19,427
Health care workers	36	108	8,776
Deaths among residents	3	7	4,122
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

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

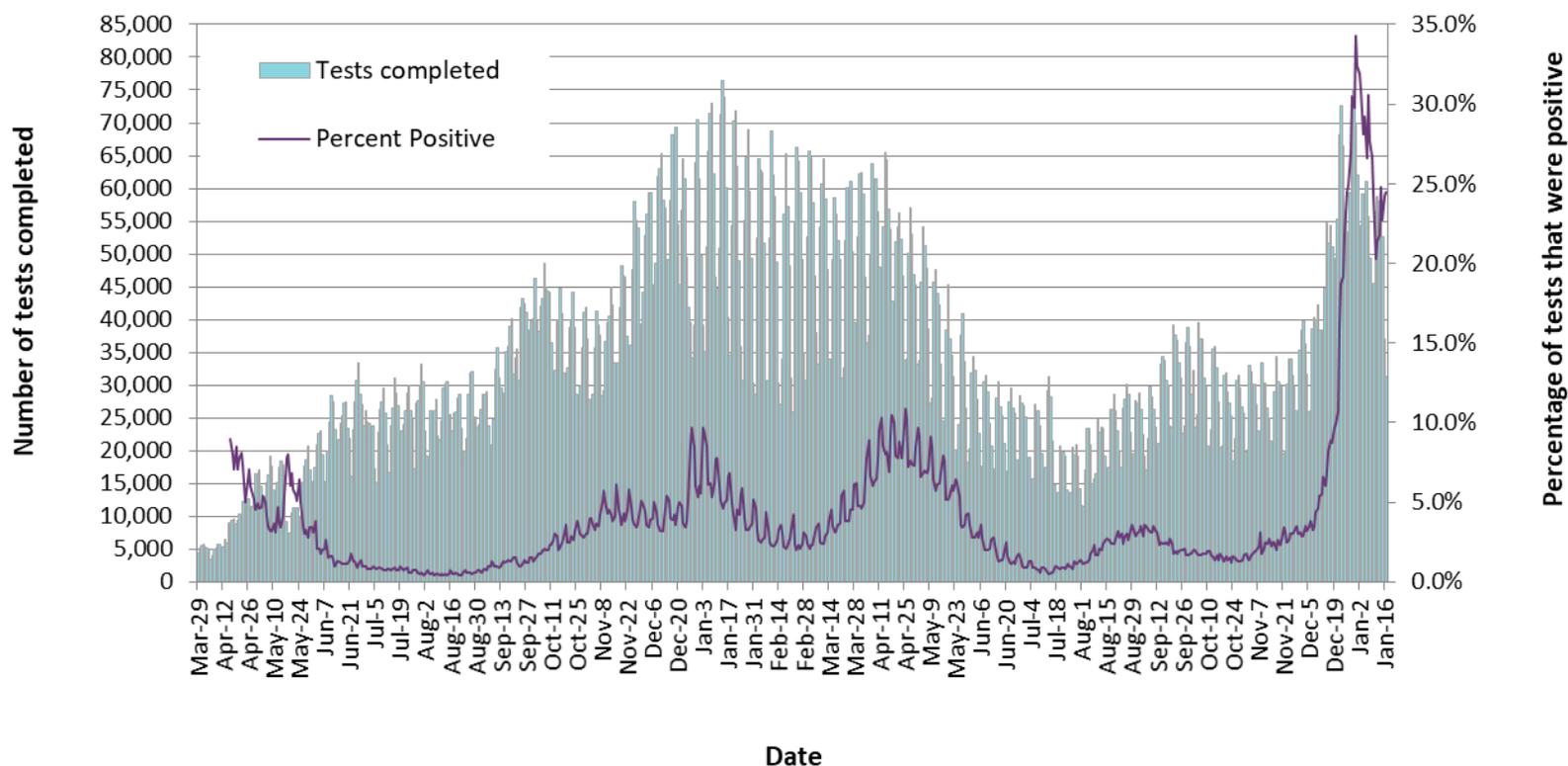
Time

Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 18, 2022



Note: Changes in testing eligibility went into effect on December 31, 2021, limiting access to testing and resulting in a change in the population being tested.
Data Source: CCM

Figure 2. Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positivity: Ontario, March 29, 2020 to January 17, 2022

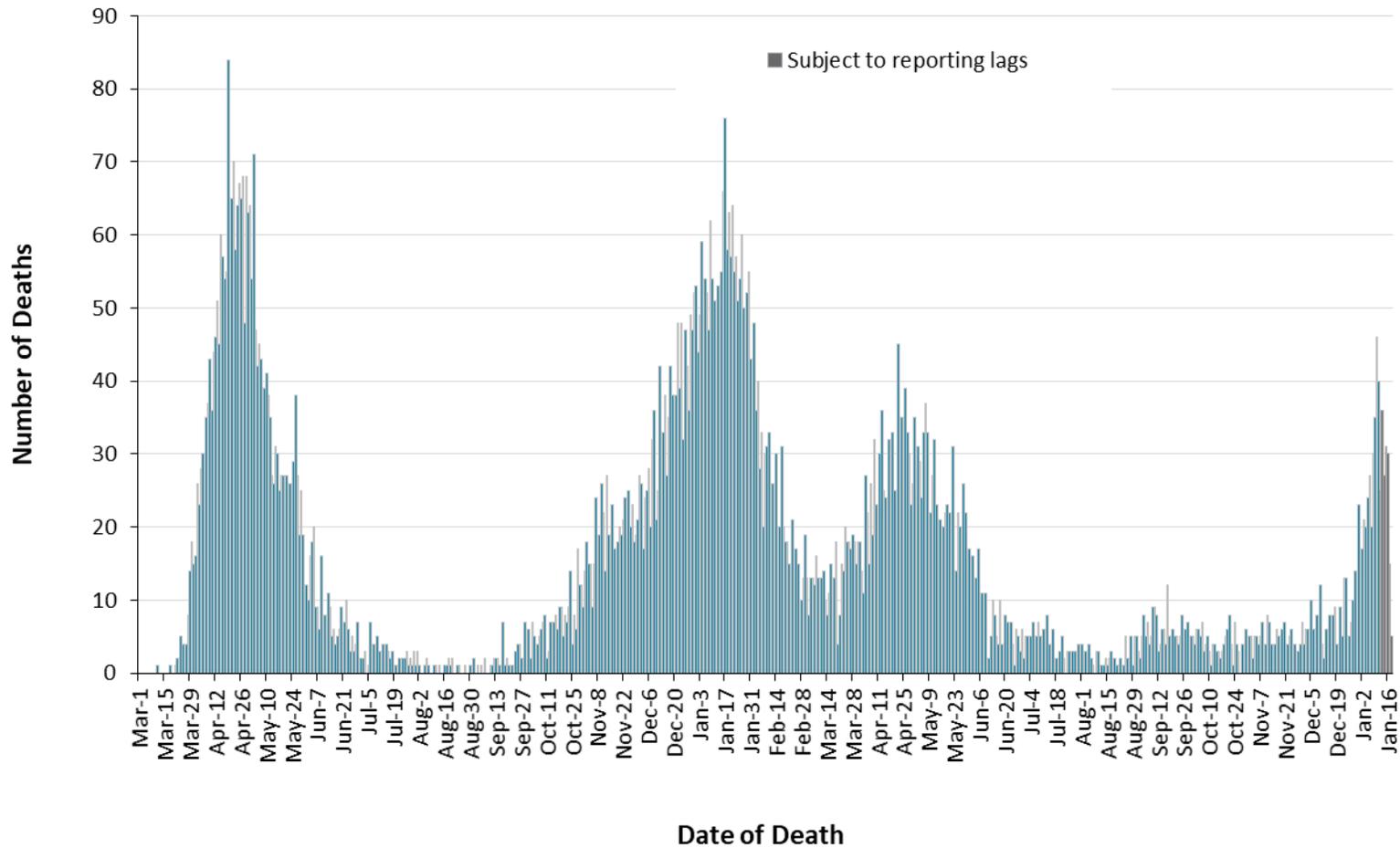


Note: The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive. Changes in testing eligibility went into effect on December 31, 2021, limiting access to testing and resulting in a change in the population being tested.

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 18, 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 18, 2022	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	10,726	1.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	9	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	119	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	770	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	3,578	3.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	6,248	16.6%
Ever in ICU	6,851	0.7%
Ever hospitalized	35,711	3.7%

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 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	16	38	2,735	3,368.8
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	47	96	5,838	3,701.8
TOTAL NORTH WEST	63	134	8,573	3,588.7
Algoma Public Health	37	42	3,063	2,599.3
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	27	44	2,386	1,845.2
Porcupine Health Unit	43	36	3,867	4,549.4
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	58	66	7,889	3,843.5
Timiskaming Health Unit	16	8	878	2,591.1
TOTAL NORTH EAST	181	196	18,083	3,165.3
Ottawa Public Health	333	244	54,075	5,183.9
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	72	51	11,398	5,280.3
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	21	15	5,197	3,007.0
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	33	43	8,043	3,844.1
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	54	31	5,000	2,778.6
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	51	19	2,418	2,229.1
TOTAL EASTERN	564	403	86,131	4,464.0

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Durham Region Health Department	465	202	47,292	6,647.5
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	28	21	5,316	2,787.2
Peel Public Health	1,106	914	157,405	10,066.5
Peterborough Public Health	39	28	4,488	3,030.0
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	285	298	29,284	4,844.2
York Region Public Health	545	390	90,338	7,526.5
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	2,468	1,853	334,123	7,561.6
Toronto Public Health	1,628	949	256,420	8,580.5
TOTAL TORONTO	1,628	949	256,420	8,580.5
Chatham-Kent Public Health	64	45	5,295	4,966.2
Grey Bruce Health Unit	37	27	4,971	2,822.0
Huron Perth Public Health	30	27	4,606	3,149.6
Lambton Public Health	87	49	7,956	5,983.2
Middlesex-London Health Unit	205	179	26,624	5,214.2
Southwestern Public Health	79	90	9,346	4,269.4
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	179	306	32,007	7,427.2
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	681	723	90,805	5,271.9
Brant County Health Unit	73	95	8,527	5,553.0
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	327	359	42,706	7,341.3
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	37	56	5,835	4,862.2

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 17, 2022	Change in cases January 18, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Halton Region Public Health	418	436	37,477	6,138.0
Niagara Region Public Health	199	140	29,054	6,031.2
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	304	307	35,537	5,871.6
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	143	93	16,166	5,181.5
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	1,501	1,486	175,302	6,119.1
TOTAL ONTARIO	7,086	5,744	969,437	6,579.6

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 17, 2022	Change in outbreaks January 18, 2022	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	5	9	422	2,016
Retirement homes	4	10	318	1,274
Hospitals	11	11	241	940

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 18, 2022 at 1 p.m.** for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of **January 17, 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, January 3, 2022 to January 15, 2022

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	453.3	449.6	372.0	372.0	380.6	368.3	390.5	-13.9%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	368.4	418.5	444.5	460.4	391.2	400.1	395.7	+7.4%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	329.3	319.1	307.2	302.1	280.0	269.9	298.7	-9.3%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	268.4	258.3	245.2	201.1	228.9	215.8	215.0	-19.9%
Porcupine Health Unit	409.4	431.8	361.2	317.6	316.5	312.9	295.3	-27.9%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	409.2	436.5	439.4	444.8	435.6	429.7	465.8	+13.8%
Timiskaming Health Unit	301.0	312.8	295.1	203.6	206.6	218.4	221.3	-26.5%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	447.4	431.2	412.6	393.0	352.5	332.2	302.9	-32.3%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	698.1	665.2	630.5	583.7	544.3	500.3	485.5	-30.5%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	359.9	361.0	357.0	324.6	313.0	303.8	306.1	-14.9%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox &	319.3	301.1	268.1	248.5	236.1	229.4	218.4	-31.6%

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Addington Public Health								
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	215.6	202.8	209.5	207.3	200.1	186.7	193.4	-10.3%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	314.4	285.8	292.2	354.9	339.3	306.1	281.2	-10.6%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	623.8	651.1	652.4	702.8	747.9	750.2	766.5	+22.9%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	334.5	323.5	305.1	312.0	295.7	295.7	299.4	-10.5%
Peel Public Health	704.4	685.6	653.4	632.4	603.0	580.4	562.5	-20.1%
Peterborough Public Health	391.6	378.1	363.2	320.0	304.5	302.5	315.3	-19.5%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	505.4	489.7	479.6	459.4	422.2	422.2	427.1	-15.5%
York Region Public Health	624.5	623.1	577.5	578.7	558.6	529.9	522.5	-16.3%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	536.8	507.9	486.1	467.7	455.3	446.4	441.1	-17.8%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	695.9	671.5	679.0	585.3	578.7	506.5	474.6	-31.8%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	320.7	301.4	274.8	230.5	236.7	223.1	215.7	-32.7%
Huron Perth Public Health	285.8	257.1	264.6	222.2	221.5	194.9	191.5	-33.0%

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
Lambton Public Health	674.6	682.1	632.5	666.3	638.5	609.2	566.3	-16.1%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	587.9	547.6	542.5	491.6	451.0	423.6	400.5	-31.9%
Southwestern Public Health	423.0	387.8	392.9	364.5	333.0	318.9	302.0	-28.6%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	647.6	643.0	632.3	598.2	540.7	573.9	528.6	-18.4%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	504.7	513.8	502.1	505.3	491.7	510.6	469.5	-7.0%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	724.1	688.3	695.0	682.5	603.2	559.2	510.7	-29.5%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	459.1	460.8	509.1	453.3	416.6	410.8	432.5	-5.8%
Halton Region Public Health	746.0	718.0	690.2	669.5	597.5	576.5	539.0	-27.7%
Niagara Region Public Health	561.7	550.9	516.5	534.3	523.1	509.2	505.1	-10.1%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	668.0	669.2	653.1	671.1	642.9	624.1	578.8	-13.4%
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	390.1	387.2	396.2	391.0	359.9	330.5	324.4	-16.8%
TOTAL ONTARIO	555.4	540.9	522.4	509.8	485.6	470.4	457.3	-17.7%

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

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