

## DAILY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

# COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 29, 2022

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of **January 29, 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 1,030,251 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
  - An increase of 3,960 confirmed cases (percent change of -18.4%)
  - An increase of 55\* deaths (percent change of -5.2%)
  - An increase of 6,503 resolved cases (percent change of -2.7%)

\* This number only includes deaths that have occurred in the last month. In addition, there were 3 deaths that occurred more than one month ago and were 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 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Percentage change January 29, 2022 compared to January 28, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 29, 2022
Total number of cases	4,855	3,960	-18.4%	1,030,251
Number of deaths	58	55	-5.2%	11,412*
Number resolved	6,685	6,503	-2.7%	971,889

**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 were 3 deaths that occurred more than one month ago and were 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 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 29, 2022
Sex: Male	1,979	1,679	494,171
Sex: Female	2,795	2,237	530,807
Ages: 0-4	154	135	29,837
Ages: 5-11	256	259	61,465
Ages: 12-19	269	224	88,936
Ages: 20-39	1,836	1,403	396,497
Ages: 40-59	1,224	1,057	286,540
Ages: 60-79	644	514	123,922
Ages: 80 and over	478	365	42,760

**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**

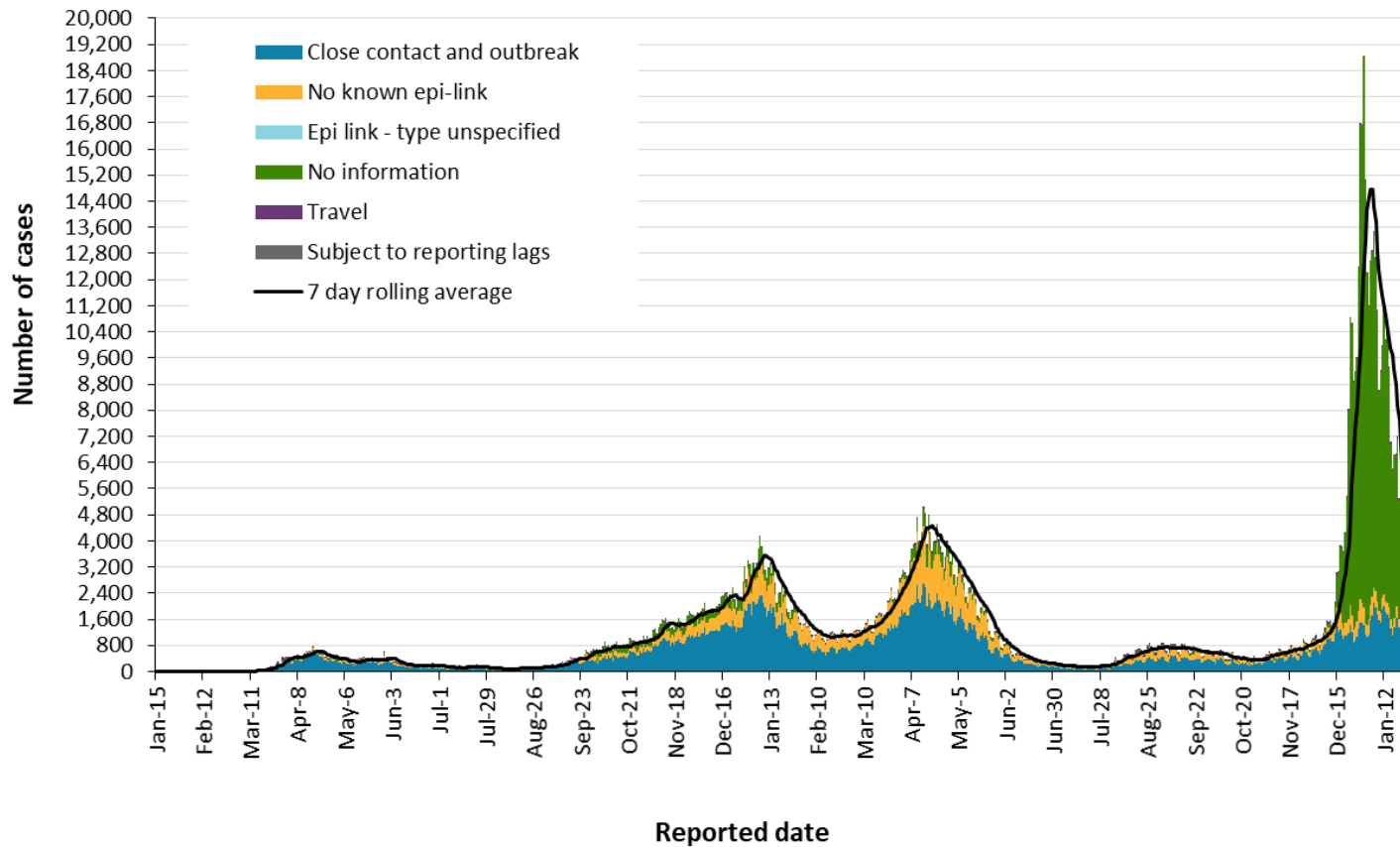
Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Cumulative case count as of January 29, 2022
Residents	240	203	22,049
Health care workers	84	52	9,551
Deaths among residents	14	19	4,271
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

**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

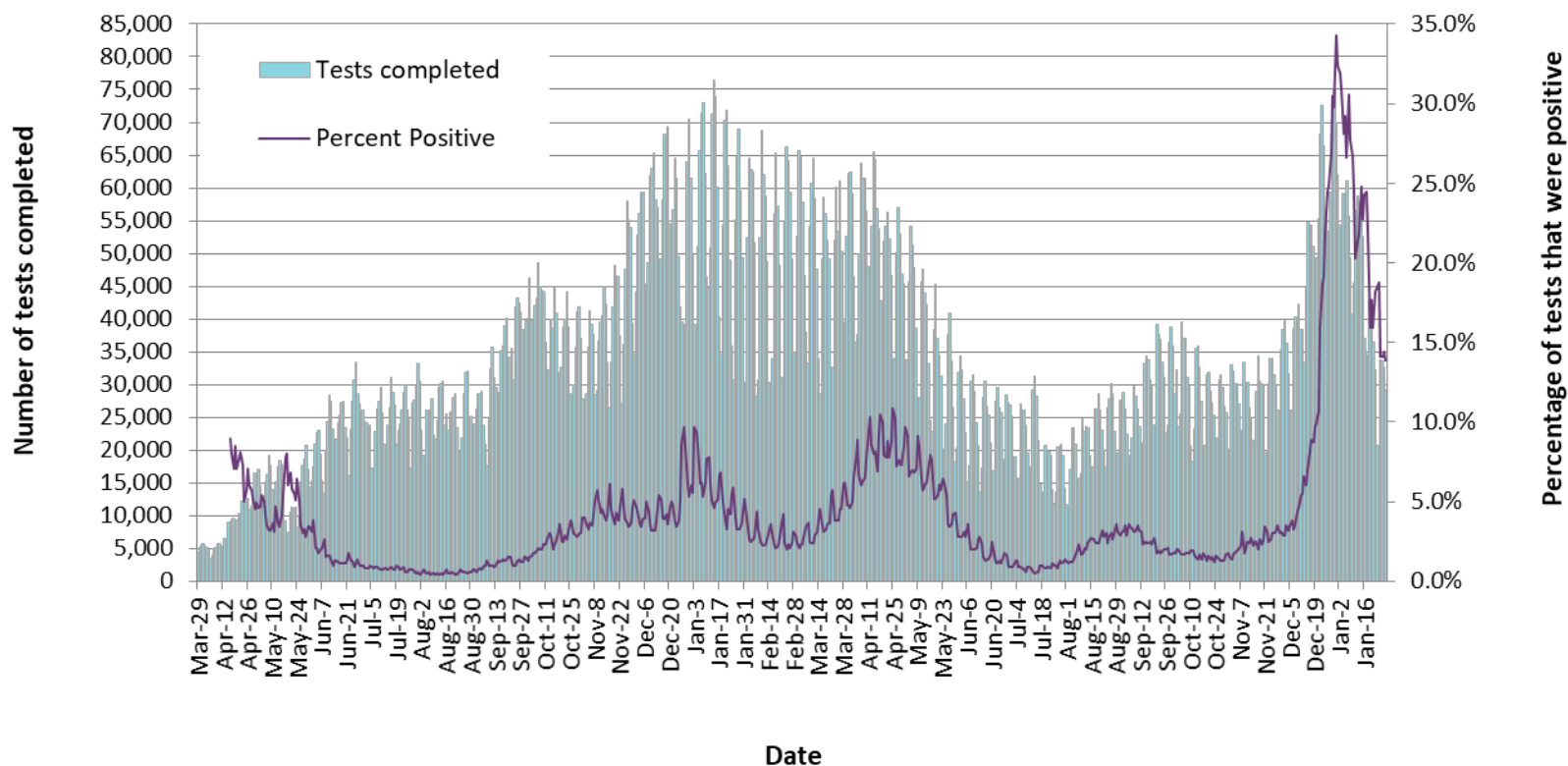
# Time

**Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 29, 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 28, 2022**

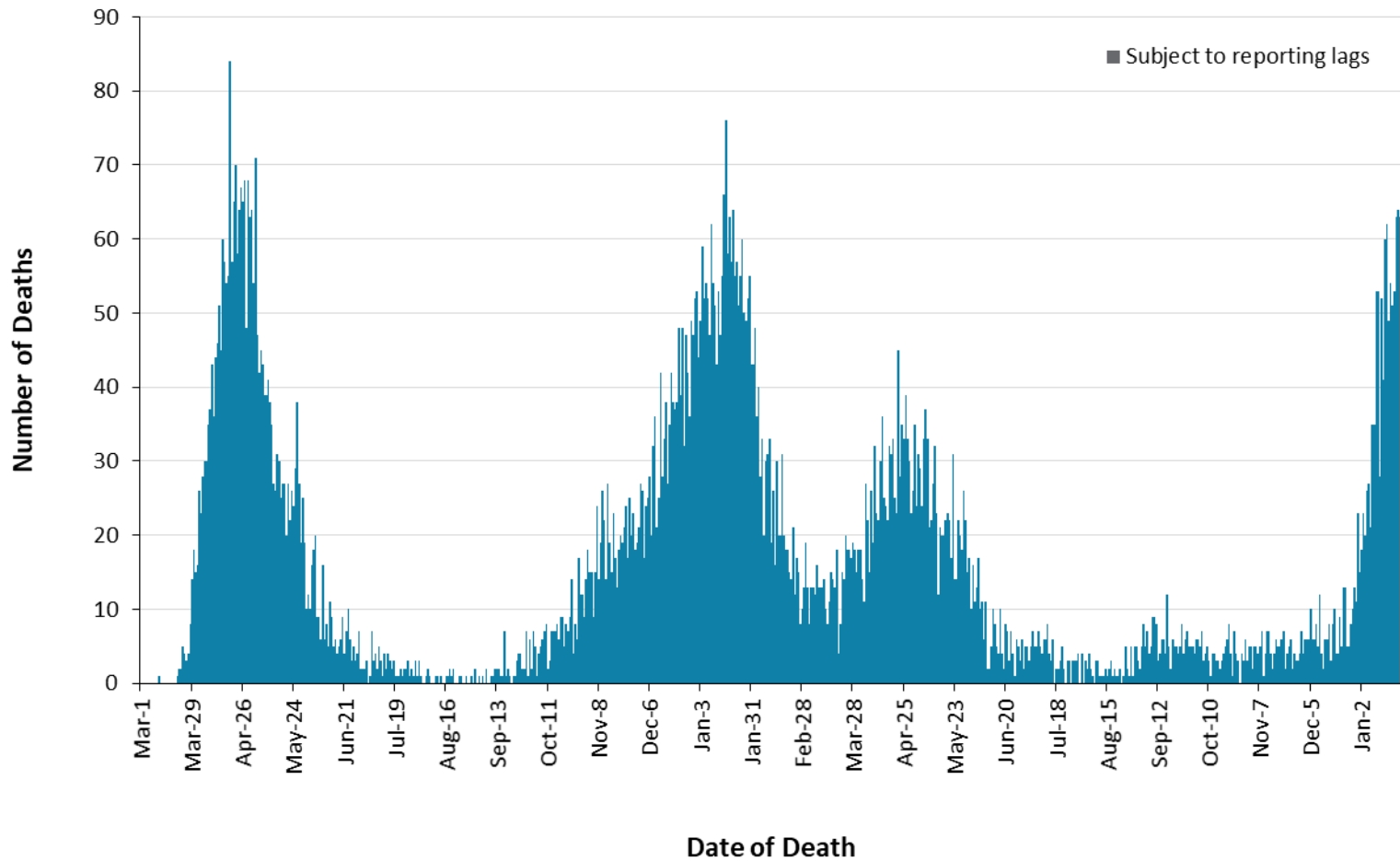


**Note:** The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive. 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 29, 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 29, 2022	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	11,412	1.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	10	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	125	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	827	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	3,796	3.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	6,652	15.6%
Ever in ICU	7,259	0.7%
Ever hospitalized	38,814	3.8%

**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 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	49	32	3,304	4,069.7
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	91	55	6,744	4,276.3
<b>TOTAL NORTH WEST</b>	140	87	10,048	4,206.1
Algoma Public Health	66	36	3,652	3,099.1
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	29	35	2,785	2,153.8
Porcupine Health Unit	51	38	4,230	4,976.5
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	97	67	9,012	4,390.6
Timiskaming Health Unit	3	5	967	2,853.8
<b>TOTAL NORTH EAST</b>	246	181	20,646	3,613.9
Ottawa Public Health	288	224	57,709	5,532.3
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	82	87	12,530	5,804.7
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	44	37	5,758	3,331.6
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	71	36	8,637	4,128.0
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	60	43	5,599	3,111.5
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	33	30	2,789	2,571.1
<b>TOTAL EASTERN</b>	578	457	93,022	4,821.1
Durham Region Health Department	186	119	49,943	7,020.1

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	71	64	6,204	3,252.8
Peel Public Health	663	557	165,804	10,603.7
Peterborough Public Health	45	26	4,912	3,316.3
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	194	150	31,705	5,244.7
York Region Public Health	294	234	94,489	7,872.4
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL EAST</b>	1,453	1,150	353,057	7,990.1
Toronto Public Health	774	721	266,903	8,931.3
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Chatham-Kent Public Health	66	43	6,025	5,650.9
Grey Bruce Health Unit	34	23	5,382	3,055.4
Huron Perth Public Health	36	22	5,058	3,458.6
Lambton Public Health	85	43	8,717	6,555.5
Middlesex-London Health Unit	254	199	28,967	5,673.0
Southwestern Public Health	68	63	10,135	4,629.8
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	198	165	34,323	7,964.6
<b>TOTAL SOUTH WEST</b>	741	558	98,607	5,724.8
Brant County Health Unit	55	46	9,192	5,986.0
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	187	212	45,586	7,836.4
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	64	23	6,368	5,306.3
Halton Region Public Health	148	179	40,195	6,583.1

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 28, 2022	Change in cases January 29, 2022	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Niagara Region Public Health	212	128	31,267	6,490.6
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	181	150	38,151	6,303.5
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	76	68	17,209	5,515.8
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL WEST</b>	923	806	187,968	6,561.3
<b>TOTAL ONTARIO</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>1,030,251</b>	<b>6,992.3</b>

**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 28, 2022	Change in outbreaks January 29, 2022	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	4	4	351	2,066
Retirement homes	3	2	246	1,339
Hospitals	6	6	204	1,044

**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 29, 2022 at 1 p.m.** for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of **January 27, 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 14, 2022 to January 26, 2022**

Public Health Unit Name	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	Jan 19 to Jan 25	Jan 20 to Jan 26	% change from Jan 14 – Jan 20 to Jan 20 – Jan 26
<b>NORTH WEST</b>								
Northwestern Health Unit	349.8	418.8	394.2	408.9	428.7	431.1	473.0	+35.2%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	319.6	309.4	341.8	358.9	357.6	348.1	344.3	+7.7%
<b>NORTH EAST</b>								
Algoma Public Health	303.0	320.8	301.3	312.3	327.6	298.7	315.7	+4.2%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	190.2	201.8	200.3	197.2	197.2	204.9	200.3	+5.3%
Porcupine Health Unit	287.1	269.4	284.7	263.5	269.4	267.1	257.6	-10.3%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	415.6	388.8	350.8	336.2	369.3	344.9	325.0	-21.8%
Timiskaming Health Unit	218.4	183.0	180.0	156.4	183.0	171.2	159.4	-27.0%
<b>EASTERN</b>								
Ottawa Public Health	253.1	245.1	244.5	229.4	224.2	230.0	219.5	-13.3%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	386.4	364.6	344.2	336.3	336.8	321.5	313.2	-18.9%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	196.1	175.9	170.1	165.5	187.5	189.2	195.6	-0.3%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	161.1	170.1	173.0	174.9	186.4	186.4	188.8	+17.2%



Public Health Unit Name	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	Jan 19 to Jan 25	Jan 20 to Jan 26	% change from Jan 14 – Jan 20 to Jan 20 – Jan 26
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	207.3	216.7	209.0	197.3	220.1	219.5	200.1	-3.5%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	205.6	207.4	243.4	201.9	219.4	235.1	232.3	+13.0%
<b>CENTRAL EAST</b>								
Durham Region Health Department	455.1	373.9	311.2	265.0	254.7	243.5	241.1	-47.0%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	265.8	254.3	263.7	265.8	267.9	275.8	283.1	+6.5%
Peel Public Health	503.1	459.1	419.5	367.6	340.6	325.2	304.8	-39.4%
Peterborough Public Health	255.9	238.3	197.8	191.1	195.1	179.6	172.8	-32.5%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	386.8	343.7	299.4	264.0	251.3	232.1	234.1	-39.5%
York Region Public Health	342.8	299.8	257.9	230.9	215.3	202.6	186.9	-45.5%
<b>TORONTO</b>								
Toronto Public Health	352.5	314.0	281.8	250.8	230.9	226.0	218.3	-38.1%
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	484.9	471.8	419.2	427.7	416.4	406.1	392.0	-19.2%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	187.3	167.5	159.5	144.8	144.2	135.7	131.1	-30.0%
Huron Perth Public Health	188.0	184.6	193.5	195.6	196.2	192.8	177.1	-5.8%
Lambton Public Health	487.3	449.0	424.9	391.8	376.0	299.3	324.9	-33.3%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	348.6	319.2	307.1	291.8	282.4	275.6	266.9	-23.4%

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Southwestern Public Health	264.0	239.4	258.1	253.1	237.5	233.0	243.0	-8.0%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	501.5	409.8	375.0	371.5	346.4	324.6	320.9	-36.0%
<b>CENTRAL WEST</b>								
Brant County Health Unit	407.0	360.8	362.7	338.6	296.3	268.3	237.7	-41.6%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	436.8	392.3	411.5	385.1	352.4	310.3	296.7	-32.1%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	352.5	315.0	303.3	282.5	282.5	262.5	255.0	-27.7%
Halton Region Public Health	449.7	379.2	330.8	282.5	249.1	214.1	206.5	-54.1%
Niagara Region Public Health	380.9	337.3	298.9	282.9	299.3	282.9	281.3	-26.1%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	369.9	319.2	289.8	267.3	260.1	251.0	237.8	-35.7%
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	288.8	277.6	254.8	234.3	226.3	216.0	203.9	-29.4%
<b>TOTAL ONTARIO</b>	<b>365.7</b>	<b>328.8</b>	<b>302.9</b>	<b>277.0</b>	<b>264.6</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>-33.2%</b>

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

**Data Source:** CCM

**Table A2. Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a fatal outcome by date of death in the last 30 days: Ontario**

Date of Death	Number of deaths
December 31, 2021	23
January 1, 2022	15
January 2, 2022	18
January 3, 2022	23
January 4, 2022	20
January 5, 2022	26
January 6, 2022	27
January 7, 2022	21
January 8, 2022	35
January 9, 2022	35
January 10, 2022	53
January 11, 2022	53
January 12, 2022	28
January 13, 2022	52
January 14, 2022	41
January 15, 2022	60
January 16, 2022	62
January 17, 2022	49
January 18, 2022	54
January 19, 2022	51
January 20, 2022	53

Date of Death	Number of deaths
January 21, 2022	63
January 22, 2022	64
January 23, 2022	63*
January 24, 2022	44*
January 25, 2022	46*
January 26, 2022	48*
January 27, 2022	26*
January 28, 2022	14*
January 29, 2022	0*

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

\*Subject to reporting lags

**Data Source:** CCM

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