

# WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

# COVID-19 in Ontario: Focus on July 4, 2021 to July 10, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of July 13, 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 <u>daily summary</u> is available and provides an epidemiologic summary of recent COVID-19 activity in Ontario. This weekly report provides an epidemiologic summary of COVID-19 activity in Ontario over time.

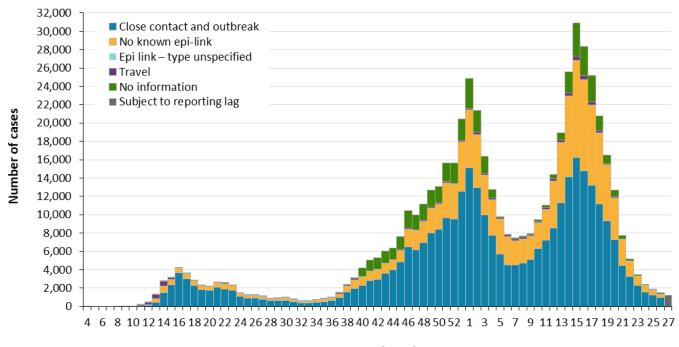
# Highlights

- There are a total of 547,229 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario with a public health unit reported date up to July 10, 2021.
- For the period with a public health unit (PHU) reported date between July 4 to 10, 2021 (week 27):
  - A total of 1,226 cases were reported to public health compared to 1,471 cases the previous week (June 27 to July 3, 2021).
  - Grey Bruce (73.6 in week 27) and Region of Waterloo (42.1 in week 27) have among the highest reported rates of cases per 100,000 in the province since week 25. While the Region of Waterloo has reported rates above 40.0 for several weeks, Grey Bruce reported a rate of 21.8 during week 24.
  - While rates of cases per 100,000 among individuals in age groups 20 to 39 remain the highest (11.0 in week 27), rates among cases 19 and under, 20 to 39, and 40 to 59 are beginning to converge, with rates between 7.6 and 11.0 reported in week 27.

The term public health unit reported date in this document refers to the date local public health units were first notified of the case. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports. Thus comparisons of case counts by public health unit reported date may not align with daily change in cases publicly reported by the province for the same time period, which reflects the difference in cumulative counts between one day and the next.

## **Cases Over Time**

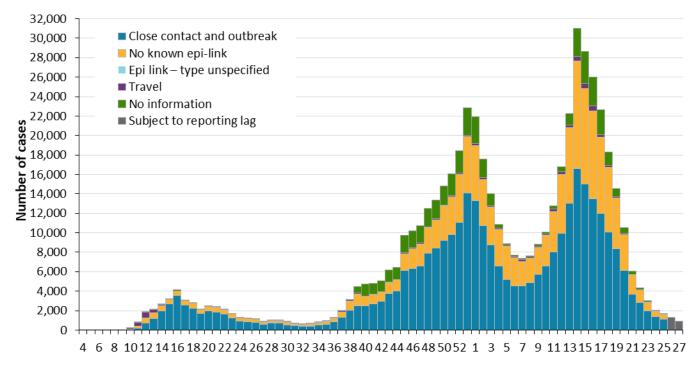
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely source of acquisition and public health unit reported week: Ontario



#### Reported week

**Note**: Include cases with reported dates ranging from week-4 (January 19 and 25, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). See <u>Table 1A</u> in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely source of acquisition and approximation of symptom onset week: Ontario



#### Episode week

**Note:** Not all cases have an episode date. Cases without an episode date are not included in the figure. The definition for how episode date is defined is available in the technical notes. Include cases with episode dates ranging from week-4 (January 19 and 25, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). See <u>Table 1A</u> in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

# **Case Characteristics**

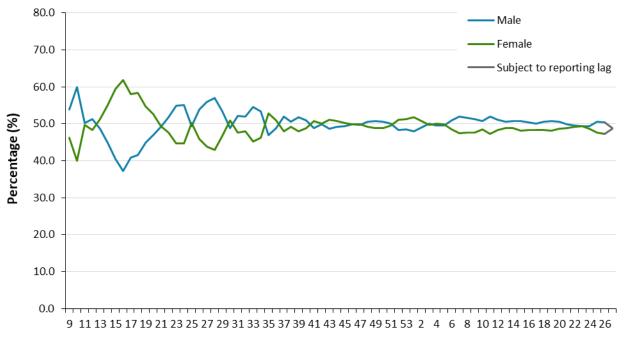
Table 1. Summary of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit reported date: Ontario

	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Total number of cases	1,471	1,226	547,229	3,681.5
Gender: Male	742	599	272,716	3,726.0
Gender: Female	696	597	270,818	3,589.3
Ages: 19 and under	378	282	88,230	2,813.0
Ages: 20-39	491	457	204,940	4,930.9
Ages: 40-59	358	298	156,105	3,964.5
Ages: 60-79	179	163	72,706	2,460.5
Ages: 80 and over	65	26	25,150	3,702.5
Number resolved	N/A	N/A	536,814	N/A

**Note:** Not all cases have an age or gender reported.

Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

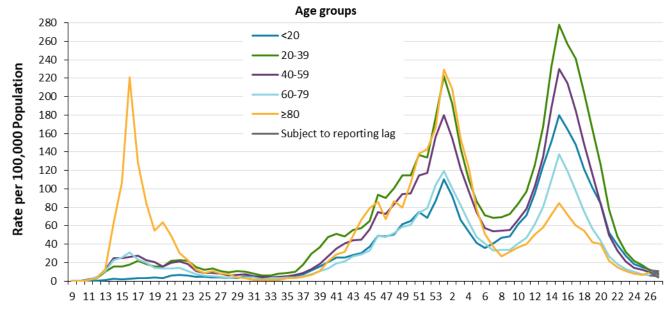
Figure 3. Percentage of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by gender and public health unit reported week: Ontario



#### Reported Week

**Note:** Not all cases have a gender reported. The denominator for calculating weekly percentages includes all cases. Only weeks with more than 10 cases by public health unit reporting date are included (starting in week-9). Include cases with reported dates ranging from week-9 (February 23 and 29, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

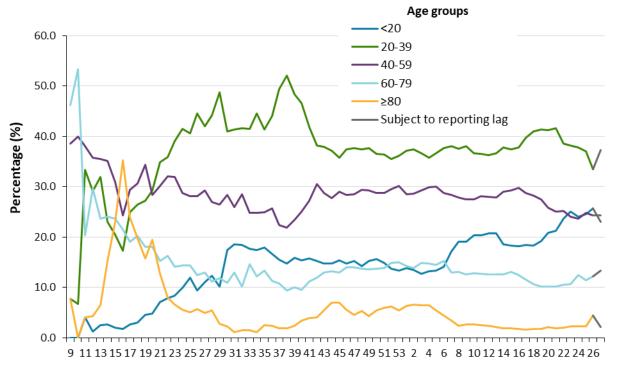
Figure 4a. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population by age group and public health unit reported week: Ontario



### **Reported Week**

**Note**: Not all cases have an age reported. Only weeks with more than 10 cases by public health unit reporting date are included (starting in week 9). Include cases with reported dates ranging from week 9 (February 23 and 29, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). See <u>Table 1A</u> in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Figure 4b. Percentage of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by age group and public health unit reported week: Ontario



#### Reported week

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# **Deaths**

500 ■ Number of deaths 450 400 350

Figure 5. Deaths among confirmed cases of COVID-19 by week of death: Ontario

■ Subject to reporting lag Number of deaths 300 250 200 150

#### Death week

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Note: Cases without a death date are not included in the figure. Include cases with date of death ranging from week-4 (January 19 and 25, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM

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Table 2. Summary of deaths among confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit reported week: Ontario

Deaths	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Number of deaths	15	7	9,263	62.3
Gender: Male	8	4	4,694	64.1
Gender: Female	7	3	4,508	59.7
Ages: 19 and under	0	0	4	0.1
Ages: 20-39	0	0	82	2.0
Ages: 40-59	2	1	594	15.1
Ages: 60-79	3	1	2,955	100.0
Ages: 80 and over	10	5	5,627	828.4

**Note:** Age and gender may not be reported for all cases. Reported week is the week the case was reported to the public health unit. This is different than the "week of death" presented in Figure 5 which reflects the week the case was reported to have a 'Fatal' outcome.

Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

# **Exposure**

Table 3. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely source of acquisition and public health unit reported week: Ontario

	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Percentage	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Percentage	Cumulative case count up to July 10	Cumulative percentage
Travel	67	4.6%	93	7.6%	9,128	1.7%
Outbreak-associated or close contact of a confirmed case	980	66.6%	694	56.6%	328,441	60.0%
Epidemiological link  – type unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	110	0.0%
No known epidemiological link	344	23.4%	324	26.4%	158,639	29.0%
Information missing or unknown	80	5.4%	115	9.4%	50,911	9.3%
Total	1,471		1,226		547,229	

**Note**: Information for how cases are grouped within each category is available in the technical notes. Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

# Sub-populations of interest

Table 4. Summary of cases of COVID-19 among health care workers: Ontario

Health care workers	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10
Number of cases	13	30	23,641
Ever hospitalized	1	0	459
Ever in ICU	0	0	97

Note: Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

Data Source: CCM

Table 5. Summary of cases of COVID-19 associated with long-term care home outbreaks: Ontario

Long-term care home associated cases	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10
Residents	21	9	15,439
Deaths among residents	5	1	3,976
Health care workers	1	3	7,226
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. Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

Table 6: Summary of cases of COVID-19 among long-term care home (LTCH) residents and health care workers by vaccine category: Ontario

Vaccine category	Number of resident cases	Percent of resident cases	Number of health care worker cases	Percent of health care worker cases	Total LTCH cases	Percent of LTCH cases
Breakthrough	89	13.7%	30	8.4%	119	11.8%
Partially vaccinated	159	24.4%	83	23.2%	242	24.0%
Not yet protected	403	61.9%	244	68.3%	647	64.2%
Total post- vaccination cases	651		357		1,008	

**Note:** Include cases reported from December 14, 2020 to July 12, 2021. The number of LTCH residents and health-care workers that have received at least one dose of vaccine can be found in the latest version of the <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a>
<a href="Vaccine Uptake">Vaccine Uptake</a> in Ontario report.</a>

Data Source: CCM/COVaxON

Table 7: Summary of cases of COVID-19 among school aged children by age group: Ontario

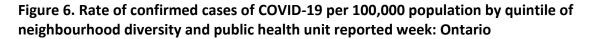
	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count from August 30 up to July 10
Ages: 4-8	99	70	16,335
Ages: 9-13	91	62	20,435
Ages: 14-17	82	59	20,786

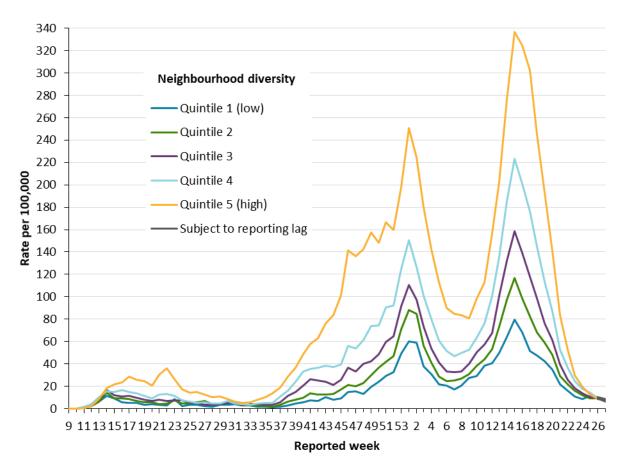
**Note:** Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags. Includes all confirmed cases of COVID-19 for specified ages, regardless of school attendance. Cumulative counts include cases of COVID-19 reported starting week-36 (August 30 to September 5, 2020).

Table 8: Summary of reinfection cases of COVID-19 by age group and public health unit reported week: Ontario

Age Group	Reported Week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported Week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative count from November 1 up to July 10	Percent of reinfection cases
Ages: 19 and under	1	0	34	14.4%
Ages: 20-39	1	1	105	44.5%
Ages: 40-59	1	1	71	30.1%
Ages: 60-79	1	0	20	8.5%
Ages: 80 and over	0	0	6	2.5%
Total reinfection cases	4	2	236	

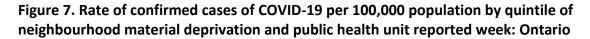
**Note:** Cases identified as reinfections meeting the <u>provincial definition</u> as indicated by public health units selecting the reinfection checkbox. Cumulative counts include cases of COVID-19 reinfection reported starting week-45 (November 1 to 7, 2020). Not all cases have a reported age or gender. 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.

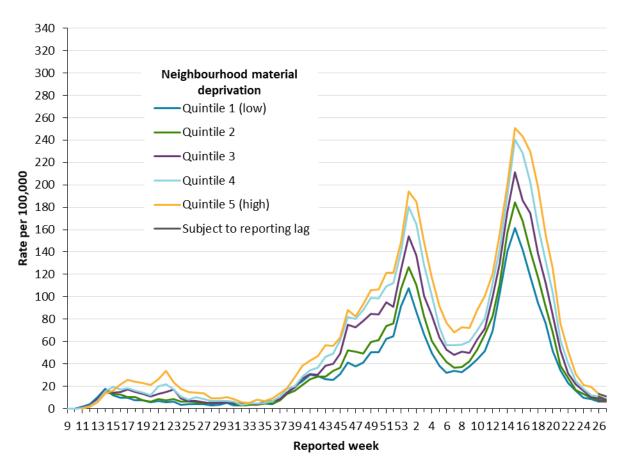




**Note:** Neighbourhood diversity is measured using the ethnic concentration dimension of the Ontario Marginalization Index. The ethnic concentration dimension is based on the proportion of non-white and non-Indigenous residents and/or the proportion of immigrants that arrived in Canada within the past five years. Only weeks with more than 10 cases by public health unit reporting date are included (starting in week 9). Include cases with reported dates ranging from weeks 9 (February 23 to 29, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 to 10, 2021). As of June 8, all rate denominators were changed to the 2021 OHIP RPDB population, and as a result, rates shown here may differ from previous reports. See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM, Ontario Marginalization Index





**Note:** Neighbourhood material deprivation is measured using the material deprivation dimension of the Ontario Marginalization Index. The material deprivation dimension uses Canadian census data on income, quality of housing, educational attainment and family structure characteristics to assess the ability of individuals and communities to access and attain basic material needs. Only weeks with more than 10 cases by public health unit reporting date are included (starting in week 9). Include cases with reported dates ranging from weeks 9 (February 23 to 29, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 to 10, 2021). As of June 8, all rate denominators were changed to the 2021 OHIP RPDB population, and as a result, rates shown here may differ from previous reports. See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

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Table 9: Summary of cases of COVID-19 by quintile of neighbourhood diversity and public health unit reported week: Ontario

	Cases Reported Week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Cases Reported Week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population up to July 10
Quintile 1 (least diverse)	224	193	28,631	1,289.0
Quintile 2	213	156	43,006	1,816.0
Quintile 3	241	207	63,813	2,461.8
Quintile 4	290	237	109,728	3,508.3
Quintile 5 (most diverse)	377	356	260,539	6,027.8

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Table 10: Summary of cases of COVID-19 by quintile of neighbourhood material deprivation and public health unit reported week: Ontario

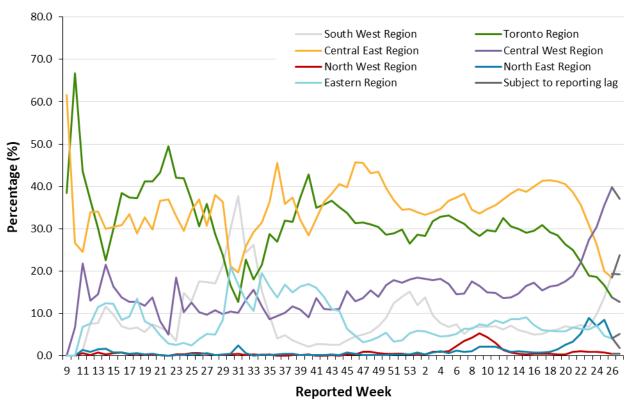
	Cases Reported Week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Cases Reported Week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative case count up to July 10	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population up to July 10
Quintile 1 (least material deprivation)	212	214	84,249	2,444.7
Quintile 2	232	211	89,042	2,868.0
Quintile 3	258	219	97,983	3,533.5
Quintile 4	282	216	107,917	4,107.1
Quintile 5 (most material deprivation)	361	289	126,526	4,721.1

**Note:** Neighbourhood material deprivation is measured using the material deprivation dimension of the Ontario Marginalization Index. The material deprivation dimension uses Canadian census data on income, quality of housing, educational attainment and family structure characteristics to assess the ability of individuals and communities to access and attain basic material needs. Cumulative counts and rates include cases of COVID-19 reported starting week 9 (February 23 to 29, 2020).

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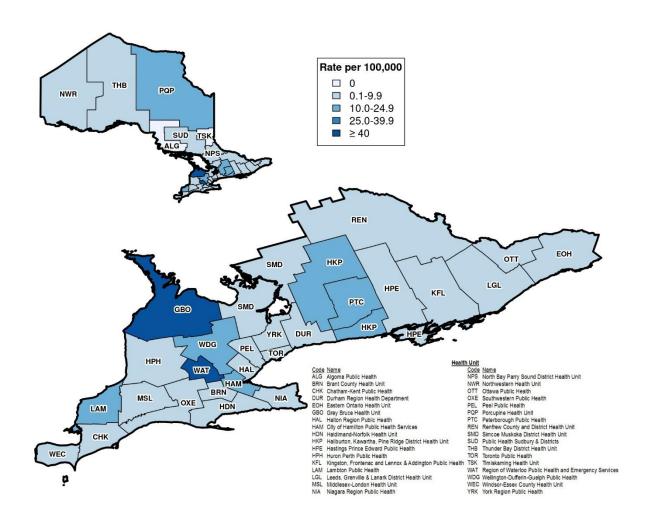
# Geography

Figure 8. Percentage of COVID-19 cases by geographic region and public health unit reported week: Ontario



**Note:** Only weeks with more than 10 cases by public health unit reporting date are included (starting in week-9). Include cases with reported dates ranging from week-9 (February 23 and 29, 2020) to week 27 (July 4 and 10, 2021). <u>Table 2A</u> in Appendix A has a listing of public health units by region.

Figure 9. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in public health reported week 27 (July 4 to 10, 2021) by public health unit: Ontario



**Note**: The provincial rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in week 27 was 8.2 cases per 100,000 population.

# **Outbreaks**

Table 11. Number of public health unit declared COVID-19 outbreaks by setting type: Ontario

Setting Type	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported to July 10
Congregate Care	5	13	2,941
Long-term care homes	2	4	1,490
Retirement homes	0	1	873
Hospitals	3	8	578
Congregate Living	4	14	1,302
Correctional facility	1	3	59
Shelter	0	3	266
Group Home/supportive housing	2	6	771
Short-term accommodations	0	0	37
Congregate other	1	2	169
Education and Childcare	2	4	2,434
Child care	2	3	996
Camp – Day*	0	0	0
Camp – Overnight*	0	0	0
Camp – Unspecified*	0	0	0
School – Elementary**	0	1	1,071
School – Elementary/secondary**	0	0	64
School – Secondary**	0	0	257
School – Post-secondary**	0	0	46
Other settings	15	46	4,174
Bar/restaurant/nightclub	2	2	332

Setting Type	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported to July 10
Medical/health services	0	0	151
Personal service settings	0	0	28
Recreational fitness	0	1	92
Retail	2	4	459
Other recreation/community	1	7	213
Workplace – Farm	2	5	215
Workplace - Food processing	0	2	274
Other types of workplaces	7	19	2,377
Other	1	2	8
Unknown	0	4	25
Total number of outbreaks	26	77	10,851

**Note:** Reported week is based on the outbreak reported date, and if unavailable, the date the public health unit created the outbreak. Ongoing outbreaks includes all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded 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'. Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags. Outbreak categories are mutually exclusive. Retail includes settings such as grocery stores, pharmacies, malls, etc. Other types of workplaces include settings such as offices as well as warehousing, shipping and distribution, manufacturing facilities, mines and construction sites, etc. Other recreation/community includes settings such as entertainment and event venues, gatherings (e.g., weddings), religious facilities, etc. Medical/health services refer to settings such as doctor's office or clinic, wellness clinics, etc., and excludes categories listed in the congregate care setting group.

Ongoing re-classification of settings for reported outbreaks can result in outbreak counts that may differ from previously reported counts. Outbreaks in settings outside of Ontario are excluded from all outbreak counts.

<sup>\*</sup>Cumulative counts include COVID-19 camp outbreaks reported starting week-27 of 2021 (July 4 to 10, 2021).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Cumulative counts include COVID-19 school outbreaks reported starting week-36 (August 30 to September 5, 2020).

Table 12. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with COVID-19 outbreaks by setting type and public health unit reported week: Ontario

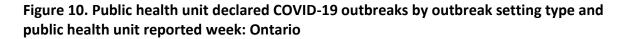
Cases associated with the outbreak setting type	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative number of cases
Congregate Care	58	52	39,990
Long-term care homes	27	16	26,309
Retirement homes	17	0	7,306
Hospitals	14	36	6,375
Congregate Living	39	14	9,832
Correctional facility	10	0	1,752
Shelter	10	1	2,776
Group Home/supportive housing	16	12	3,594
Short-term accommodations	3	0	207
Congregate other	0	1	1,503
Education and Childcare	5	3	10,370
Child care	5	3	4,086
Camp – Day*	0	0	0
Camp – Overnight*	0	0	0
Camp – Unspecified*	0	0	0
School – Elementary**	0	0	4,433
School – Elementary/secondary**	0	0	338
School – Secondary**	0	0	1,097
School – Post-secondary**	0	0	416
Other settings	100	72	33,533
Bar/restaurant/nightclub	2	3	1,437
Medical/health services	0	0	662

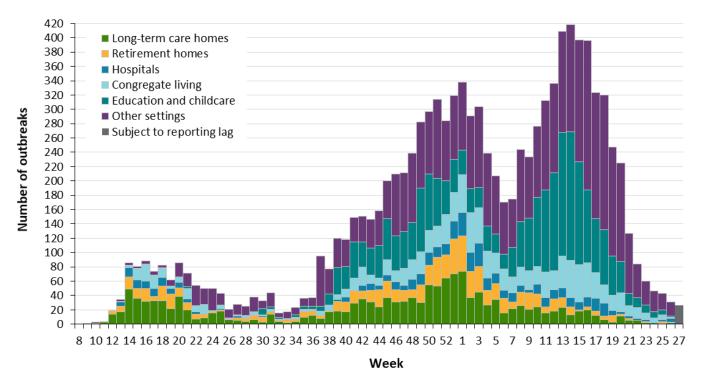
Cases associated with the outbreak setting type	Reported week 26 (June 27 to July 3)	Reported week 27 (July 4 to 10)	Cumulative number of cases
Personal service settings	0	0	107
Recreational fitness	6	1	726
Retail	2	7	2,444
Other recreation/community	7	4	2,880
Workplace - Farm	2	13	3,071
Workplace - Food processing	18	3	3,609
Other types of workplaces	49	30	18,404
Other	10	3	38
Unknown	4	8	155
Total number of cases	202	141	93,725

**Note:** Interpret case counts for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags. Outbreak categories are mutually exclusive. Retail includes settings such as grocery stores, pharmacies, malls, etc. Other types of workplaces include settings such as offices as well as warehousing, shipping and distribution, manufacturing facilities, mines, and construction sites, etc. Other recreation/community includes settings such as entertainment and event venues, gatherings (e.g., weddings), religious facilities, etc. Medical/health services refer to settings such as doctor's office or clinic, wellness clinics, etc., and excludes categories listed in the congregate care setting group. \*Cumulative counts include COVID-19 camp outbreaks reported starting week-27 of 2021 (July 4 to 10, 2021). \*\*Cumulative counts include cases of COVID-19 associated with school outbreaks reported starting week-36

(August 30 to September 5, 2020).

Ongoing re-classification of settings for reported outbreaks can result in case counts that may differ from previously reported counts. Cases associated with outbreaks outside of Ontario are excluded from case counts in this table.





**Note:** If public health unit outbreak reported date is unavailable, the date the public health unit created the outbreak is used. Week 8 refers to February 16 and 22, 2020 and week 27 refers to July 4 and 10, 2021. Congregate living include group homes, shelters, correctional facilities, etc. Other settings include outbreaks within workplaces, childcare, schools, restaurants, recreation etc.

## Variant COVID-19 Cases

Table 13. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected by age group and gender: Ontario

	Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Lineage P.1 (Gamma)* **	Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Mutations‡	Mutation not detected§	Cumulative case count as of July 10, 2021
Gender: Male	73,069	720	2,554	1,561	12,460	6,422	96,786
Gender: Female	70,719	739	2,346	1,464	11,456	6,223	92,947
Ages: 19 and under	27,461	241	858	606	4,866	2,375	36,407
Ages: 20-39	54,940	474	1,813	1,241	9,374	4,825	72,667
Ages: 40-59	42,342	478	1,494	789	6,641	3,577	55,321
Ages: 60-79	17,233	230	638	340	2,848	1,626	22,915
Ages: 80 and over	2,762	41	130	81	470	350	3,834

**Note:** Not all cases have an age or gender reported. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals (i.e., age group, gender) differing from past publicly reported case counts. Data for cases with a B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma) and B.1.617.2 (Delta) lineage detected or a mutation 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 data caveats section.

§Includes cases identified as 'Mutation not detected' or 'Mutation N501Y- and E484K-' in the Investigation Subtype field only.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes B.1.351 (Beta) 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 (Gamma) 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 (Delta) 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).

Table 14. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected by likely source of acquisition: Ontario

	Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	%	Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	%	Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	%	Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	%	Mutations ‡	%	Cumulative case count up to July 10, 2021	Cumulative percentage
Travel	806	0.6%	35	2.4%	58	1.2%	126	4.1%	308	1.3%	1,333	0.7%
Outbreak- associated or close contact of a confirmed case	80,205	55.4%	937	64.0%	3,119	63.2%	2,002	65.5%	15,802	65.3%	102,065	57.2%
Epidemiological link – type unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
No known epidemiological link	51,937	35.9%	395	27.0%	1,536	31.1%	840	27.5%	6,978	28.8%	61,686	34.6%
Information missing or unknown	11,802	8.2%	97	6.6%	220	4.5%	89	2.9%	1,114	4.6%	13,322	7.5%
Total	144,750		1,464		4,933		3,057		24,202		178,406	

**Note:** Information for how cases are grouped within each category is available in the technical notes. Data for cases with a B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) lineage detected are determined using the Investigation Subtype field only.

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

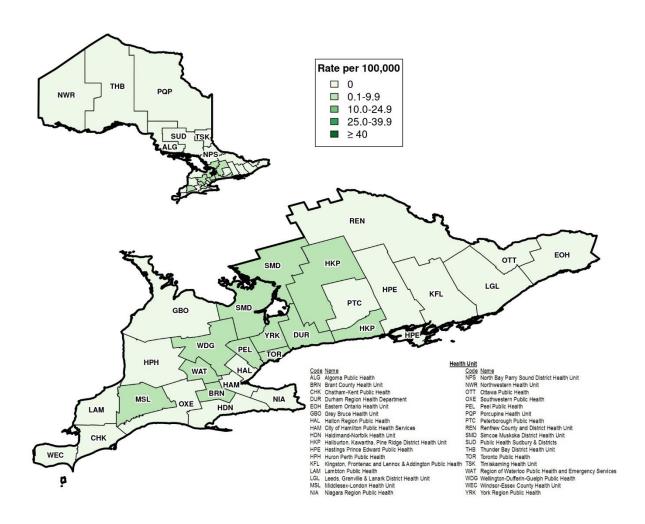
<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes B.1.351 (Beta) cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.351 based on 'Mutation K417N+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes P.1 (Gamma) 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 (Delta) 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)

Figure 11. Rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)\* detected in public health reported week 27 (July 4 to 10, 2021) by public health unit: Ontario



**Note**: The provincial rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)\* reported in week 27 was 0.2 cases per 100,000 population. Data for cases with a B.1.617.2\* lineage 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 data caveats section.

\*Includes B.1.617.2 (Delta) cases identified by genomic analysis. Mutations common to B.1.617.2 are not included in the current VOC mutation test.

## **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 July 13, 2021 at 1 p.m. for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. for cases reported up January 31, 2021.
  - VOC data was successfully extracted from CCM for all PHUs by PHO as of July 13, 2021 at 1 p.m. for cases reported from April 1, 2021 onwards and as of July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. for cases reported up to March 31, 2021.
  - COVID-19 vaccination data were based on information successfully extracted from the
    Ontario Ministry of Health's COVaxON application as of July 12, 2021 at approximately 7
    a.m. COVaxON data was subsequently linked to COVID-19 case data based on information
    successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution
    (CCM) for all PHUs by PHO as of July 12, 2021 at 1 p.m.
- CCM and COVaxON are dynamic disease reporting systems, which allow ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted from CCM and COVaxON represent a snapshot at the time of extraction and may differ from previous or subsequent reports.
- Ontario population projection data for 2020 were sourced from Ministry, IntelliHEALTH Ontario.
   Data were extracted on November 26, 2019.
- Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion File Plus (PCCF+), version 7B.
- The health equity (neighbourhood-level diversity and material deprivation) analyses use data from the 2016 Ontario Marginalization Index (ON-Marg), and population counts from the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Registered Person Database (RPDB) as of May 1, 2021 (provided by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences [ICES]):
  - Matheson FI; van Ingen T. 2016 Ontario marginalization index. Toronto, ON: Providence St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Healthcare; 2018. Joint publication with Public Health Ontario.
  - Chung H, Fung K, Ishiguro L, Paterson M, et al. Characteristics of COVID-19 diagnostic test recipients, Applied Health Research Questions (AHRQ) # 2021 0950 080 000. Toronto: Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences; 2020.

#### Data Caveats and Methods: Case Data

- The data represent case and vaccination information reported to public health units and recorded in CCM or COVaxON. As a result, all counts are 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.
- Observed trends over time should be interpreted with caution for the most recent period due to reporting and/or data entry lags.

- 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. This includes persons with:
  - laboratory confirmation by a validated NAAT assay
  - a validated point-of-care (POC) assay deemed acceptable to provide a final result
  - a validated laboratory-based serological assay SARS-CoV-2
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, as defined in the provincial case definitions, are counted as unique investigations. Reinfection cases include cases for persons (CCM clients) with two or more confirmed case investigations where the case investigations after the first one have the reinfection checkbox marked as 'Yes'.
- Case classification information may be updated for individuals with a positive result issued from a point-of-care assays.
- 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.
- Reported date is the date the case was reported to the public health unit. This is different than the daily change in cases released by the Province for the same time period, which reflects the difference in cumulative counts reported to the Province between one day and the next.
- Reported weeks were created to align with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) influenza surveillance weeks.
- 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.
- Cases with unknown or missing ages were excluded from age-specific analyses.
- Health care worker includes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the following occupations: health care worker, doctor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, midwife, other medical technicians, personal support worker, respiratory therapist, first responder.
- 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 considered 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 hospitalization end date entered) and have a case status of 'closed' indicating that public health follow up is complete and are 14 days past their symptom onset date or specimen collection date

- Data on hospital admissions, ICU admissions and deaths are likely under-reported as these
  events may occur after the completion of public health follow up of cases. Cases that were
  admitted to hospital or died after follow-up was completed may not be captured in CCM.
- 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.
- 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.
- Likely source of acquisition is determined by examining the epidemiologic link and epidemiologic link status fields in CCM and local systems. If no epidemiologic link is identified in those fields the risk factor fields are examined to determine whether a case travelled, was associated with a confirmed outbreak, was a contact of a case, had an Epidemiological link with type unspecified, 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
- '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.
- '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.

- 'Cases associated with school outbreaks' includes cases that are linked to an outbreak, by school
  classification type (Elementary, Elementary/Secondary, Secondary, Post-Secondary), that met
  the definition of a school outbreak.
- School classification types are defined by the Ministry of Education.
  - Elementary/Secondary schools include public or private schools educating children in a combination of elementary and secondary grades (e.g., Kindergarten to Grade 8, Grades 9 to 12, and Kindergarten to Grade 12).
- 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 (to signify a case that is not a resident of Ontario) have
  been excluded from the analyses.
  - GTA health units include: Durham Region Health Department, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health and York Region Public Health
- 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'.
- Outbreaks are declared by the local medical officer of health or their designate in accordance to the Health Protection and Promotion Act and criteria outlined in <u>Ministry guidance documents</u>.
- School outbreaks include outbreaks declared on or after week-36 (August 30 to September 5, 2020).
- Public Health Ontario conducts testing and genomic analyses for SARS-CoV-2 positive specimens
  using the criteria outlined here: <a href="https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc">https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc</a>
- Lineage nomenclature is dynamic. PANGO lineage naming and assignment may change as more samples are sequenced and analyzed.
- Variant status may be updated based on scientific evidence. Variants designated as a VOC in Canada is available on the <u>Public Health Agency of Canada's SARS-CoV-2 Variants webpage</u>.
- Changes to the VOC testing algorithm may occur over time and trends should be interpreted with caution. Since February 3, 2021 all PCR positive SARS-Co-V-2 specimens with CT values  $\leq$  35 are tested for a N501Y mutation. As of March 22, 2021, positive specimens with a Ct  $\leq$  35 are tested for both the N501Y and E484K mutation, with all E484K positive specimens with a Ct  $\leq$  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 (alpha). 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  $\leq$  30 are forwarded for further genomic analysis. The laboratory detection of a variant of concern 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 these samples may then undergo genomic analyses to identify the VOC. 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.

• If a VOC is identified through genomic analysis cases initially classified as a mutation may be updated and moved to the appropriate lineage [B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma) and B.1.617.2 (Delta)].

## Data Caveats and Methods: COVaxON

- Linking COVaxON and CCM data is dependent on availability of personal identifiers reported in both databases. For example, if a client was reported in both COVaxON and CCM, but personal identifiers (e.g. such as health card number, date of birth) were not available, then sufficient information would not have been available to identify the client and the client would not have been included in the linkage.
- The following COVID-19 cases were excluded from the primary analysis as the timing of infection (i.e. date of symptom onset) relative to vaccination (i.e. date of dose administration) could not be determined.
  - Cases reported as asymptomatic and where no symptom information was reported.
  - Cases were no symptoms onset date was reported.
  - Cases reported as re-positive or remote positive.
    - Re-positive cases are defined as cases that test positive again after a negative test
      result based on an approved method or after being cleared/resolved (based on
      either time from symptom onset or having two negative tests). This may include
      cases that were asymptomatic at the time of the initial positive result and later
      developed symptoms which lead to subsequent testing. As a result, the timing of
      infection may be unclear.
    - Remote positive cases are defined as asymptomatic positive cases with a low pretest probability (e.g., no epidemiologic link to a confirmed case or an outbreak) and a repeat test that is negative. For these cases, the timing of infection may be unclear.
- The definitions for partially vaccinated and breakthrough cases used in this report were modelled after proposed national definitions, and do not necessarily align with those used in other jurisdictions. Further, the definitions may be revised over time.
  - Cases not yet protected by vaccination: Individuals with a symptom onset date that was 0 to <14 days following the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This time period from vaccination is not sufficient to develop immunity, therefore these cases are not considered protected from vaccination.
  - Partially vaccinated case: Individuals with a symptom onset date that was 14 or more days
    following the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or 0 to <14 days after receiving the second
    dose of a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series. This time period from vaccination may be
    sufficient to develop some degree of immunity, but these cases are not considered fully</li>

protected as they have not yet received the second dose or have only recently received the second dose.

- Breakthrough (i.e., fully vaccinated) case: Cases with a symptom onset date that was 14 or more days following receipt of the second dose of a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or 14 or more days following the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine product with a 1-dose schedule. These cases are considered fully protected from vaccination, however, as VE is not 100%, it is expected that a small number of cases will occur following complete vaccination.
- For breakthrough cases, the time interval between doses was not assessed to determine if the second dose was administered as per the product-specific recommended minimum interval.

## Data Caveats and Methods: ON-Marg

- ON-Marg is a data tool that combines a wide range of demographic indicators into multiple
  distinct dimensions of marginalization. It is an area-based index which assigns a measure of
  marginalization based on neighbourhood versus individual characteristics. As such, the broader
  demographic trends of an area may not reflect all residents of a neighbourhood owing to the
  inherent heterogeneity of demographic characteristics which can vary substantially especially
  across large rural geographies. For more information, please visit PHO's ON-Marg website.
- Neighbourhood diversity is defined using the ethnic concentration dimension of ON-Marg,
  which measures populations who may experience marginalization related to racism and
  discrimination. It is based on the proportion of non-white and non-Indigenous residents (visible
  minority) and/or the proportion of immigrants that arrived in Canada within the past five years.
  'Visible minority' is a term used by Statistics Canada that, although is considered to be outdated,
  is used here to be consistent with the Canadian census.
- Neighbourhood material deprivation is defined using the material deprivation dimension of ON-Marg, which is closely connected to poverty. It refers to the inability of individuals and communities to access and attain basic material needs. The indicators included in this dimension measure income, quality of housing, educational attainment and family structure characteristics.
- "Neighbourhoods" are considered to be Statistic Canada dissemination areas (DA). Cases were
  probabilistically matched to a DA based on their postal code using Statistics Canada's PCCF+
  version 7B file, and subsequently assigned to a quintile of marginalization that contained 20% of
  Ontario neighbourhoods. The quintiles for the ethnic concentration and the material deprivation
  dimensions are ordered from quintiles 1 to 5, with quintile 1 having the lowest level of
  marginalization (i.e., least diverse or least deprived) and quintile 5 having the highest level of
  marginalization (i.e., most diverse or most deprived).
- The following were not included in analyses that summarize the impact of COVID-19 among Ontarians who may experience marginalization:
  - People who have tested positive for COVID-19 that reside in institutional and congregate settings are not included in the census data from which the marginalization indicators (ethnic concentration and material deprivation) are derived. Although these cases represent a large number of cases overall and deaths, their exclusion ensures appropriate comparisons since institutional and congregate setting residents are excluded from ON-Marg.

- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 that reside in census dissemination areas
  where data has been suppressed, and cases that have missing or invalid postal codes could
  not be assigned to a quintile of marginalization.
- Due to data suppression for some census indicators on Indian Reserves in Ontario, residents of Indian Reserves could not be included in ON-Marg and therefore people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are living on Indian Reserves could not be assigned to a quintile of marginalization. While Indigenous individuals living off reserves are included in this analysis, Indigeneity data is not currently collected or captured in dimensions of ON-Marg.
- Population counts used in rate denominators were provided by ICES. Individuals alive and eligible for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) as of January 1st, 2021 using the OHIP RPDB were included.
  - Individuals residing in long-term care (LTC) homes were excluded. Recent health care transaction records (e.g., OHIP physician billings, Ontario Drug Benefit [ODB] Plan claims) and Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) assessments from the Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS) were used to identify individuals residing in a LTC home near the period prior to the index date.
  - Postal codes were assigned to individuals according to the most recent residential address available in the OHIP RPDB.
- This work is supported by the Applied Health Research Questions (AHRQ) Portfolio at ICES, which is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health Data Platform (OHDP), a Province of Ontario initiative to support Ontario's ongoing response to COVID-19 and its related impacts. Parts of this material are based on data and information compiled and provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The analyses, conclusions, opinions and statements expressed herein are solely those of the authors and do not reflect those of ICES, the OHDP or the funding or data sources; no endorsement is intended or should be inferred. For more information on AHRQ and how to submit a request, please visit www.ices.on.ca/DAS/AHRQ.

# Appendix A

Table 1A. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit reported week: Ontario

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
2	January 5, 2020	January 11, 2020	0	0
3	January 12, 2020	January 18, 2020	0	0
4	January 19, 2020	January 25, 2020	3	3
5	January 26, 2020	February 1, 2020	0	3
6	February 2, 2020	February 8, 2020	0	3
7	February 9, 2020	February 15, 2020	0	3
8	February 16, 2020	February 22, 2020	1	4
9	February 23, 2020	February 29, 2020	13	17
10	March 1, 2020	March 7, 2020	15	32
11	March 8, 2020	March 14, 2020	147	179
12	March 15, 2020	March 21, 2020	446	625
13	March 22, 2020	March 28, 2020	1,326	1,951
14	March 29, 2020	April 4, 2020	2,797	4,748
15	April 5, 2020	April 11, 2020	3,167	7,915
16	April 12, 2020	April 18, 2020	4,265	12,180
17	April 19, 2020	April 25, 2020	3,651	15,831
18	April 26, 2020	May 2, 2020	2,903	18,734
19	May 3, 2020	May 9, 2020	2,352	21,086
20	May 10, 2020	May 16, 2020	2,222	23,308
21	May 17, 2020	May 23, 2020	2,616	25,924
22	May 24, 2020	May 30, 2020	2,610	28,534
23	May 31, 2020	June 6, 2020	2,304	30,838

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
24	June 7, 2020	June 13, 2020	1,472	32,310
25	June 14, 2020	June 20, 2020	1,227	33,537
26	June 21, 2020	June 27, 2020	1,250	34,787
27	June 28, 2020	July 4, 2020	1,085	35,872
28	July 5, 2020	July 11, 2020	869	36,741
29	July 12, 2020	July 18, 2020	931	37,672
30	July 19, 2020	July 25, 2020	992	38,664
31	July 26, 2020	August 1, 2020	807	39,471
32	August 2, 2020	August 8, 2020	594	40,065
33	August 9, 2020	August 15, 2020	610	40,675
34	August 16, 2020	August 22, 2020	730	41,405
35	August 23, 2020	August 29, 2020	850	42,255
36	August 30, 2020	September 5, 2020	976	43,231
37	September 6, 2020	September 12, 2020	1,503	44,734
38	September 13, 2020	September 19, 2020	2,374	47,108
39	September 20, 2020	September 26, 2020	3,122	50,230
40	September 27, 2020	October 3, 2020	4,222	54,452
41	October 4, 2020	October 10, 2020	5,037	59,489
42	October 11, 2020	October 17, 2020	5,277	64,766
43	October 18, 2020	October 24, 2020	6,037	70,803
44	October 25, 2020	October 31, 2020	6,387	77,190
45	November 1, 2020	November 7, 2020	7,609	84,799
46	November 8, 2020	November 14, 2020	10,431	95,230
47	November 15, 2020	November 21, 2020	9,989	105,219
48	November 22, 2020	November 28, 2020	11,135	116,354

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
49	November 29, 2020	December 5, 2020	12,683	129,037
50	December 6, 2020	December 12, 2020	13,057	142,094
51	December 13, 2020	December 19, 2020	15,654	157,748
52	December 20, 2020	December 26, 2020	15,632	173,380
53	December 27, 2020	January 2, 2021	20,446	193,826
1	January 3, 2021	January 9, 2021	24,870	218,696
2	January 10, 2021	January 16, 2021	21,381	240,077
3	January 17, 2021	January 23, 2021	16,398	256,475
4	January 24, 2021	January 30, 2021	12,764	269,239
5	January 31, 2021	February 6, 2021	9,780	279,019
6	February 7, 2021	February 13, 2021	7,896	286,915
7	February 14, 2021	February 20, 2021	7,455	294,370
8	February 21, 2021	February 27, 2021	7,681	302,051
9	February 28, 2021	March 6, 2021	7,931	309,982
10	March 7, 2021	March 13, 2021	9,477	319,459
11	March 14, 2021	March 20, 2021	11,026	330,485
12	March 21, 2021	March 27, 2021	14,385	344,870
13	March 28, 2021	April 3, 2021	18,942	363,812
14	April 4, 2021	April 10, 2021	25,573	389,385
15	April 11, 2021	April 17, 2021	30,897	420,282
16	April 18, 2021	April 24, 2021	28,338	448,620
17	April 25, 2021	May 1, 2021	25,213	473,833
18	May 2, 2021	May 8, 2021	20,756	494,589
19	May 9, 2021	May 15, 2021	16,521	511,110
20	May 16, 2021	May 22, 2021	12,655	523,765

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
21	May 23, 2021	May 29, 2021	7,761	531,526
22	May 30, 2021	June 5, 2021	5,209	536,735
23	June 6, 2021	June 12, 2021	3,485	540,220
24	June 13, 2021	June 19, 2021	2,423	542,643
25	June 20, 2021	June 26, 2021	1,889	544,532
26	June 27, 2021	July 3, 2021	1,471	546,003
27	July 4, 2021	July 10, 2021	1,226	547,229

Table 2A. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 26	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 26	Cases reported week 27	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 27
Northwestern Health Unit	5	5.7	3	3.4
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	1	0.7	2	1.3
TOTAL NORTH WEST	6	2.5	5	2.1
Algoma Public Health	0	0.0	0	0.0
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	20	15.4	6	4.6
Porcupine Health Unit	36	43.1	15	18.0
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	6	3.0	1	0.5
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL NORTH EAST	62	11.1	22	3.9
Ottawa Public Health	43	4.1	32	3.0
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	1	0.5	4	1.9
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	4	2.4	4	2.4
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	5	2.4	19	8.9
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	2	1.2	2	1.2
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	5	4.6	2	1.8
TOTAL EASTERN	60	3.1	63	3.3
Durham Region Health Department	43	6.0	34	4.8

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 26	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 26	Cases reported week 27	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 27
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	25	13.2	19	10.1
Peel Public Health	108	6.7	146	9.1
Peterborough Public Health	17	11.5	25	16.9
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	30	5.0	21	3.5
York Region Public Health	48	3.9	47	3.8
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	271	6.0	292	6.5
Toronto Public Health	203	6.5	155	5.0
TOTAL TORONTO	203	6.5	155	5.0
Chatham-Kent Public Health	5	4.7	7	6.6
Grey Bruce Health Unit	163	95.9	125	73.6
Huron Perth Public Health	15	10.7	11	7.9
Lambton Public Health	12	9.2	15	11.5
Middlesex-London Health Unit	55	10.8	44	8.7
Southwestern Public Health	13	6.1	19	9.0
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	21	4.9	14	3.3
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	284	16.8	235	13.9
Brant County Health Unit	6	3.9	12	7.7
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	75	12.7	81	13.7
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	6	5.3	6	5.3
Halton Region Public Health	55	8.9	43	6.9

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 26	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 26	Cases reported week 27	Rate per 100,000 population  Reported week 27
Niagara Region Public Health	57	12.1	31	6.6
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	337	57.7	246	42.1
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	49	15.7	35	11.2
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	585	20.5	454	15.9
TOTAL ONTARIO	1,471	9.9	1,226	8.2

**Note:** Interpret information for the most recent week with caution due to reporting lags.

Table 3A. Confirmed COVID-19 variants of concern by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count up to July 10 for Mutations‡
Northwestern Health Unit	57	0	1	3	16
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	104	0	2	5	74
TOTAL NORTH WEST	161	0	3	8	90
Algoma Public Health	68	0	14	2	26
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	235	28	2	9	13
Porcupine Health Unit	1,070	2	0	35	8
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	617	11	5	1	341
Timiskaming Health Unit	83	1	0	0	0
TOTAL NORTH EAST	2,073	42	21	47	388
Ottawa Public Health	6,817	513	54	26	455
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	648	46	19	2	269
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	79	0	17	2	397
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	453	2	35	5	129
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	294	19	0	0	40

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count up to July 10 for Mutations‡
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	232	8	7	1	12
TOTAL EASTERN	8,523	588	132	36	1,302
Durham Region Health Department	9,510	65	267	79	1,203
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	444	0	22	37	307
Peel Public Health	30,649	138	1,595	584	3,364
Peterborough Public Health	629	4	7	11	161
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	3,855	33	162	87	829
York Region Public Health	15,868	79	475	103	2,694
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	60,955	319	2,528	901	8,558
Toronto Public Health	45,523	375	1,496	512	7,919
TOTAL TORONTO	45,523	375	1,496	512	7,919
Chatham-Kent Public Health	123	5	16	4	101
Grey Bruce Health Unit	309	0	6	183	56
Huron Perth Public Health	235	0	11	30	68
Lambton Public Health	436	0	18	31	127
Middlesex-London Health Unit	3,369	2	99	55	187

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha)*	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.351 (Beta)**	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage P.1 (Gamma)***	Cumulative case count up to July 10 for Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta)†	Cumulative count up to July 10 for Mutations‡
Southwestern Public Health	667	2	16	23	161
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	1,833	5	17	6	133
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	6,972	14	183	332	833
Brant County Health Unit	668	2	89	38	494
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	4,996	66	103	118	2,080
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	368	3	22	17	404
Halton Region Public Health	5,079	30	165	105	601
Niagara Region Public Health	4,248	4	17	28	1,088
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	3,107	20	94	810	271
Wellington-Dufferin- Guelph Public Health	2,077	1	80	105	174
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	20,543	126	570	1,221	5,112
TOTAL ONTARIO	144,750	1,464	4,933	3,057	24,202

**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. Data for calculating the cumulative case count uses data from the Investigation Subtype field only. Data for cases with a B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma) and B.1.617.2 (Delta) lineage detected or a mutation are determined using the Investigation Subtype field only.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes B.1.351 (Beta) cases identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.351 based on

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Mutation K417N+ and N501Y+ and E484K+' in the Investigation Subtype field

- \*\*\*Includes P.1 (Gamma) 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 (Delta) cases identified by genomic analysis. Mutations common to B.1.617.2 are not included in the current VOC mutation test.
- ‡ 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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