

Epidemiologic Summary

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

This report includes the most current information available from the integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) as of **4 p.m. April 17, 2020**.

Purpose

- This daily report provides an epidemiologic summary of COVID-19 activity in Ontario to date.

Highlights

- There are 10,010 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date in iPHIS. This represents an increase of 485 confirmed cases from the previous report.
 - 42.7% of cases are male, 56.5% are female.
 - 43.0% of cases are 60 years of age and older.
 - Greater Toronto Area public health units account for 56.5% of cases.
 - 12.4% of cases were hospitalized.
- 514 deaths have been reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths in iPHIS). This is an increase of 36 deaths from the previous report.
- One hundred eight outbreaks have been reported in long-term care homes.
- Note: Due to technical issues, COVID-19 data from Toronto Public Health may be incomplete for cases reported after April 16, 2020.

Case Characteristics

Table 1. Summary of cases of COVID-19: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

	Number	Percentage
Number of cases*	10,010	N/A
Change from previous report	485	5.1% increase
Gender: Male	4,277	42.7
Gender: Female	5,658	56.5
Ages: 19 and under	223	2.2
Ages: 20-39	2,269	22.7
Ages: 40-59	3,201	32.0
Ages: 60-79	2,313	23.1
Ages: 80 and over	1,996	19.9
Number of cases in health care workers	1,139	11.4

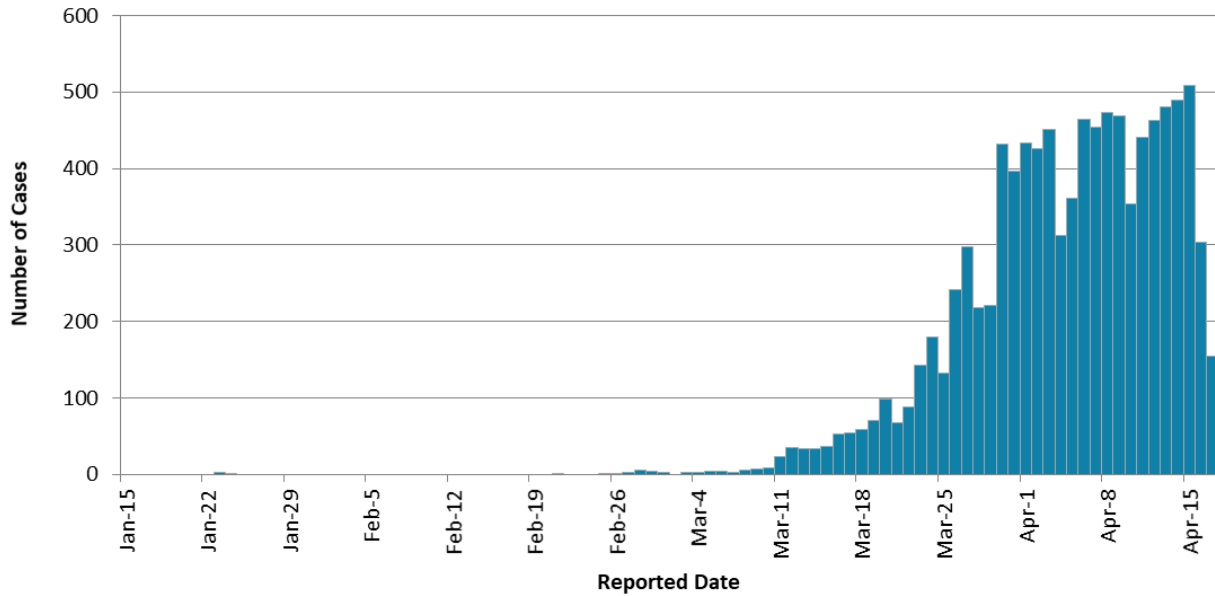
* Cases and rates by public health unit is provided in [Appendix A](#).

Note: 75 cases did not specify male or female. Eight cases had an unknown age.

Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database

Time

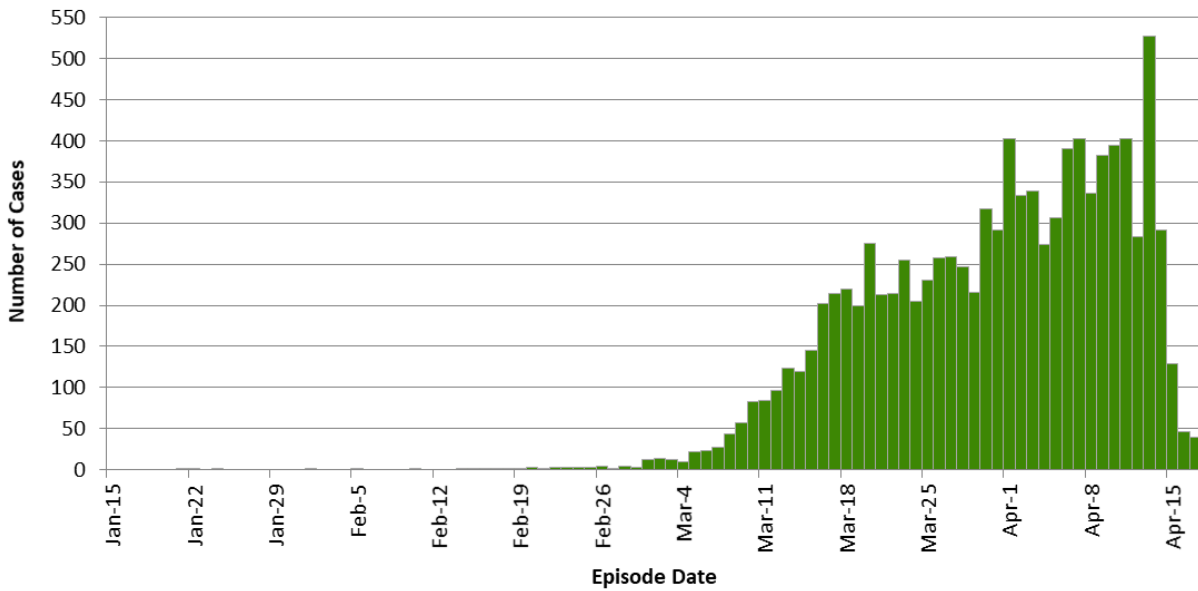
Figure 1. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020*



*Interpret case counts for the most recent days with caution due to reporting lags.

Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database.

Figure 2. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by an approximation of symptom onset date*: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020**



*This date, referred to as episode date, is intended to approximate symptom onset date. It is calculated based on either the date of symptom onset, specimen collection/test date, or the date reported to public health.

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Exposure

Table 2. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by exposure type: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

	Number	Percentage
Travel*	1,222	12.2
Close contact of a confirmed case	1,789	17.9
Community transmission	2,816	28.1
Information pending	4,183	41.8

*Travel within the 14 days prior to becoming ill.

Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database

Severity

Table 3. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by severity: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

	Number	Percentage
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths in iPHIS)	514	5.1
Change from previous report	36	7.5% increase
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	0	0
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	1	0
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	30	0.9
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	149	6.4
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	334	16.7
Cumulative intensive care*	338	3.4
Cumulative hospitalized*	1,237	12.4
Number of resolved** cases	4,875	48.7

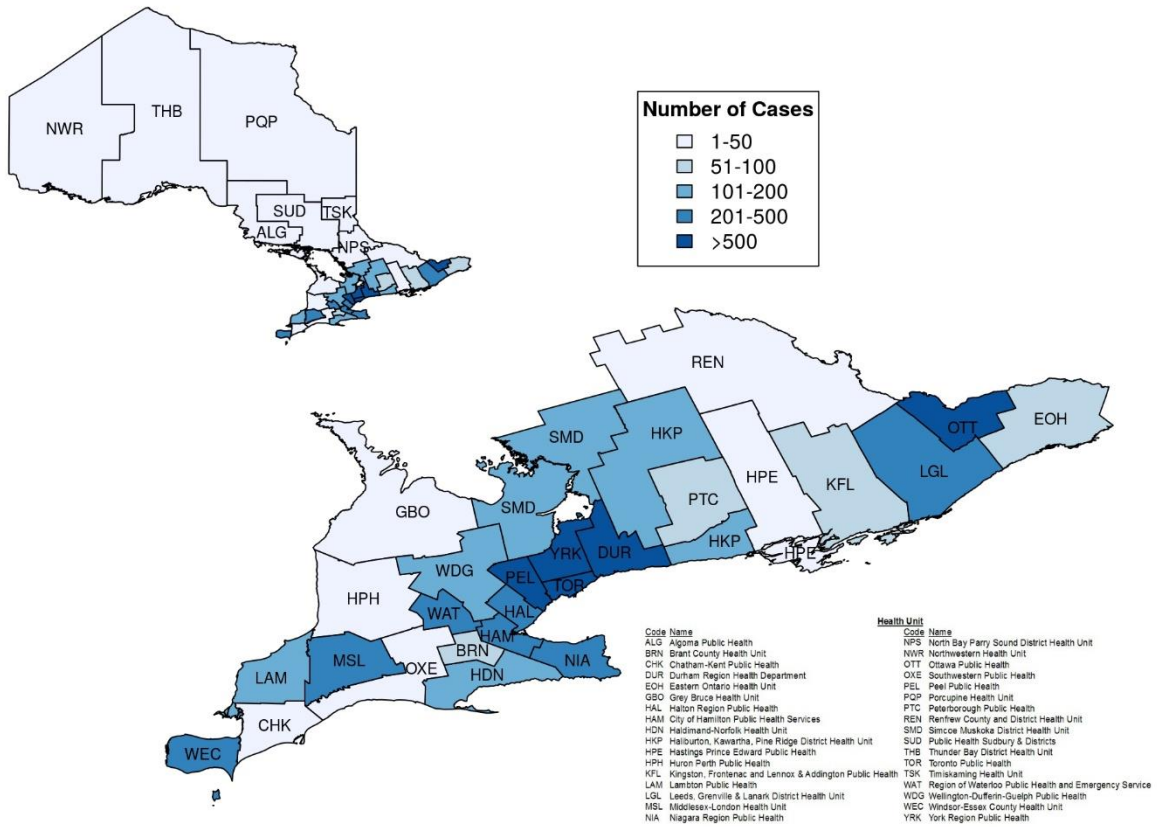
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* These refer to all hospitalized or ICU admitted cases, not cases that are currently hospitalized or in ICU.

** Cases that are 14 days past symptom onset (if available) or 14 days past the episode date (for cases for whom the public health unit investigation is complete) are classified as resolved for non-fatal cases that are not currently listed as hospitalized. Cases are also classified as resolved if the case is reported as “recovered” in iPHIS.

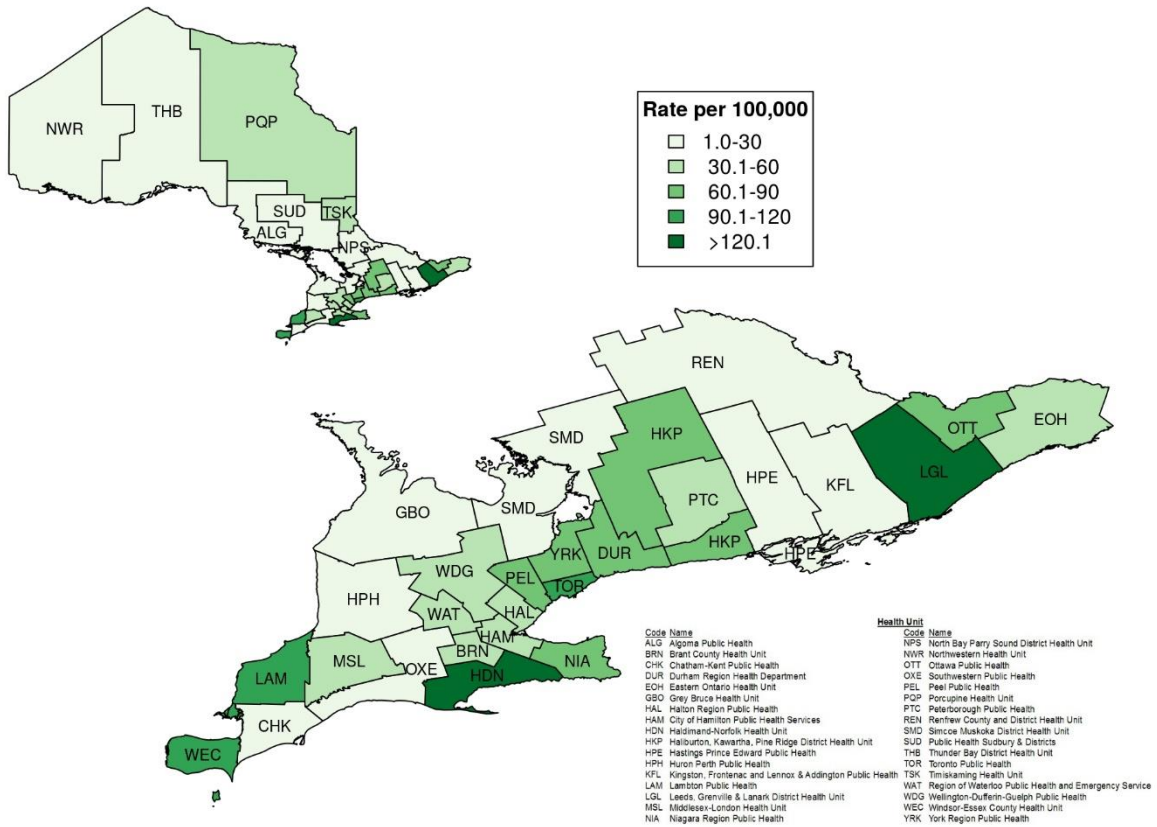
Geography

Figure 3. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by public health unit: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020



Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database

Figure 4. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020



Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database

Outbreaks in Institutions and Public Hospitals

Table 4. Confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks reported in long-term care homes and hospitals and total number of associated cases: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

Indicator	Long-Term Care Homes	Hospitals
Number of confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks	108	31
Total number of cases*,** reported as part of the confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks	1,963	193
Cases reported among residents/patients	1,322	115
Cases reported among staff	637	77
Total number of deaths*,** reported as part of the confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks	234	10
Deaths reported among residents/patients	233	10
Deaths reported among staff	1	0

Data Source: integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database

*Includes all outbreak-related cases and deaths reported in aggregate outbreak summary counts, regardless of whether the case was laboratory confirmed (deaths among non-laboratory confirmed cases reported here are not included in Table 3).

**May include cases and deaths other than residents/patients or staff, such as volunteers. As a result, the total number of cases and deaths may be greater than the number of cases and deaths reported in residents or staff.

Technical Notes

Data Sources (Case Data)

- The data for this report were based on information extracted from the Ontario Ministry of Health (MOH) integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, as of **April 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.**
- As of April 16, 2020 at 12 noon, Toronto Public Health transitioned to using their Coronavirus Rapid Entry System (CORES) for reporting COVID-19 cases. Due to technical issues, COVID-19 data from Toronto Public Health may be incomplete for cases reported after April 16, 2020.
- iPHIS is a dynamic disease reporting system, which allows ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted from iPHIS 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 Ontario Ministry of Health, IntelliHEALTH Ontario. Data were extracted on November 26, 2019.

iPHIS Data Caveats:

- The data only represent cases reported to public health and recorded in iPHIS. 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.
- Lags in iPHIS data entry due to reduced holiday and 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 [COVID-19 case definition](#) are included in the report counts.
- Case episode date is based on an estimate of the best date of disease onset. This date is calculated based on either the date of symptom onset, specimen collection/test date, or the date reported to public health.
- Orientation of case counts by geography is based on the diagnosing health unit (DHU). 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
- Exposure type is determined by examining the exposure and risk factor fields from iPHIS to determine whether a case travelled, was a contact of a case or neither. A hierarchy has been applied as follows: Travel-related > Close contact of a confirmed case > Community transmission > Information pending.

- Deaths are determined by using the outcome field in iPHIS. Any case marked 'Fatal' is included in the deaths data. Deaths are included whether or not COVID-19 was determined to be a contributing or underlying cause of death as indicated in the iPHIS field Type of Death.
- Cases for which the Disposition Status was reported as ENTERED IN ERROR, DOES NOT MEET DEFINITION, DUPLICATE-DO NOT USE, or any variation on these values have been excluded.
- To provide a measure of the impact of COVID-19 on long-term care homes and hospitals, the number of outbreaks and the associated cases are reported. To obtain the case and deaths data for these outbreaks, the aggregate counts recorded by public health units in the outbreak's summary counts section of iPHIS is used. This information is presented in table 4.
 - Previously only a select number of persons in institutional outbreaks would be tested for COVID-19, and there could still be circumstances where not all individuals end up being tested (e.g., the person dies before they can be tested).
 - These counts may not be updated as frequently as the information for laboratory-confirmed cases.
 - The information in the aggregate counts can not necessarily be reconciled with the laboratory-confirmed case data.

Appendix A

Table 1. Confirmed cases (n=10,010) of COVID-19 by public health unit: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to April 17, 2020

Public Health Unit Name	Cases	Rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	12	13.7
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	42	28.0
TOTAL NORTH WEST	54	22.7
Algoma Public Health	12	10.5
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	12	9.2
Porcupine Health Unit	48	57.5
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	41	20.6
Timiskaming Health Unit	10	30.6
TOTAL NORTH EAST	123	22.0
Ottawa Public Health	731	69.3
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	67	32.1
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	30	17.8
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	54	25.4
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	253	146.1
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	14	12.9
TOTAL EASTERN	1,149	59.6
Durham Region Health Department	537	75.4
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	129	68.3
Peel Public Health	1,328	82.7

Public Health Unit Name	Cases	Rate per 100,000 population
Peterborough Public Health	55	37.2
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	177	29.5
York Region Public Health	930	75.9
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	3,156	70.4
Toronto Public Health	2,861	91.7
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Chatham-Kent Public Health	29	27.3
Grey Bruce Health Unit	43	25.3
Huron Perth Public Health	34	24.3
Lambton Public Health	129	98.5
Middlesex-London Health Unit	284	56.0
Southwestern Public Health	40	18.9
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	424	99.8
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	983	58.1
Brant County Health Unit	75	48.3
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	309	52.2
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	155	135.9
Halton Region Public Health	366	59.1
Niagara Region Public Health	355	75.1
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	246	42.1
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	178	57.1
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	1,684	59.1
TOTAL ONTARIO	10,010	67.3

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