

# Daily Epidemiologic Summary

# COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 9, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM and other case management systems (CCM plus) as of **January 9, 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 weekly summary report is available with additional information to complement the daily 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 215,782 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
  - An increase of 3,945 confirmed cases (percent change of +14.6%)
  - An increase of 61 deaths (percent change of +52.5%)
  - An increase of 2,496 resolved cases (percent change of -14.4%)

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, gender) 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 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Percentage change January 9, 2021 compared to January 8, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 9, 2021
Total number of cases	3,443	3,945	+14.6%	215,782
Number of deaths	40	61	+52.5 %	4,983
Number resolved	2,915	2,496	-14.4 %	180,720

**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.

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

	Change in cases January 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 9, 2021
Gender: Male	1,652	1,916	105,330
Gender: Female	1,737	1,997	109,076
Ages: 19 and under	491	579	28,080
Ages: 20-39	1,261	1,458	78,717
Ages: 40-59	979	1,099	62,258
Ages: 60-79	494	554	31,179
Ages: 80 and over	213	255	15,495

**Note:** Not all cases have a reported 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 Source: CCM plus

Table 2. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school aged children by age group, August 30, 2020 to January 9, 2021: Ontario

	Change in cases January 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Cumulative case count from August 30, 2020 to January 9, 2021
Ages: 4 to 8	85	99	4,517
Ages: 9 to 13	105	122	6,345
Ages: 14 to 17	141	155	6,436

**Note:** Includes all confirmed cases of COVID-19 for specified ages, regardless of school attendance. 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) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Table 3. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in long-term care homes: Ontario

Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 9, 2021
Residents	158	137	12,210
Health care workers	54	57	4,752
Deaths among residents	26	21	2,990
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	9

**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.

## Time

Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 9, 2021

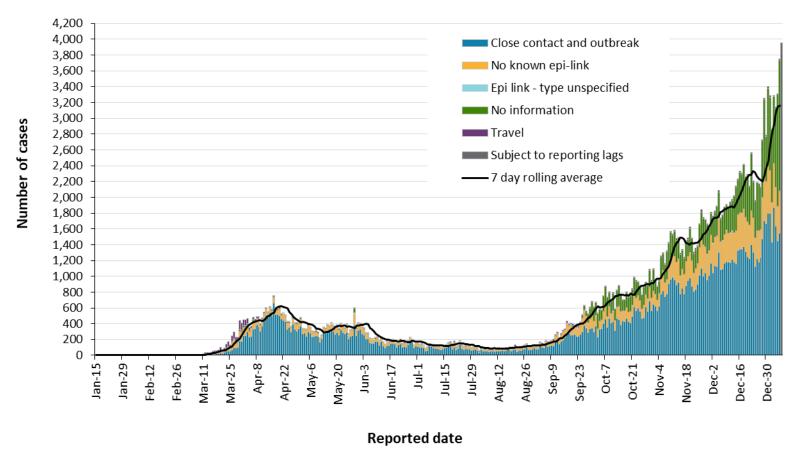
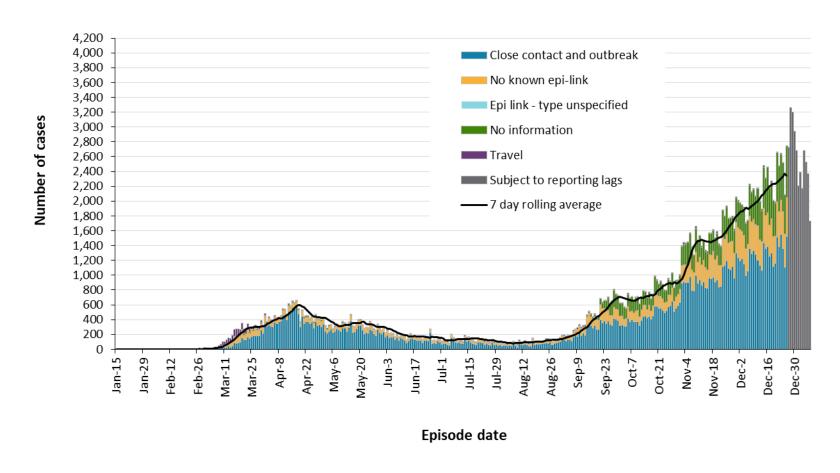
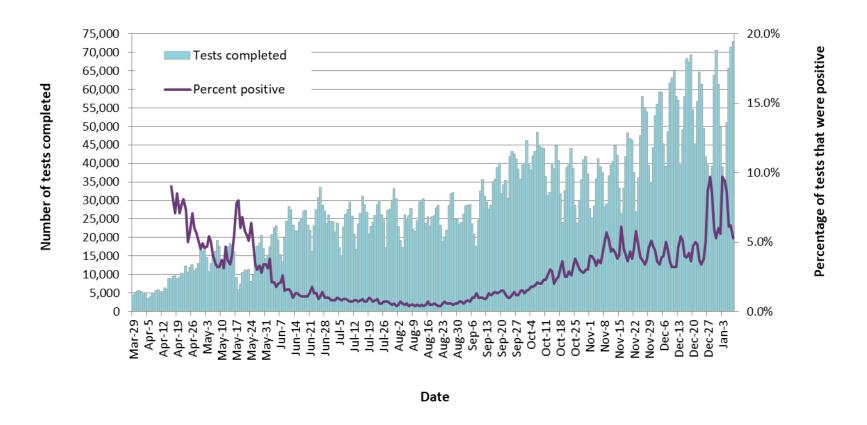


Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and approximation of symptom onset date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 9, 2021



**Note**: Not all cases may have an episode date and those without one are not included in the figure. Episode date is defined and available in the technical notes. **Data Source**: CCM plus

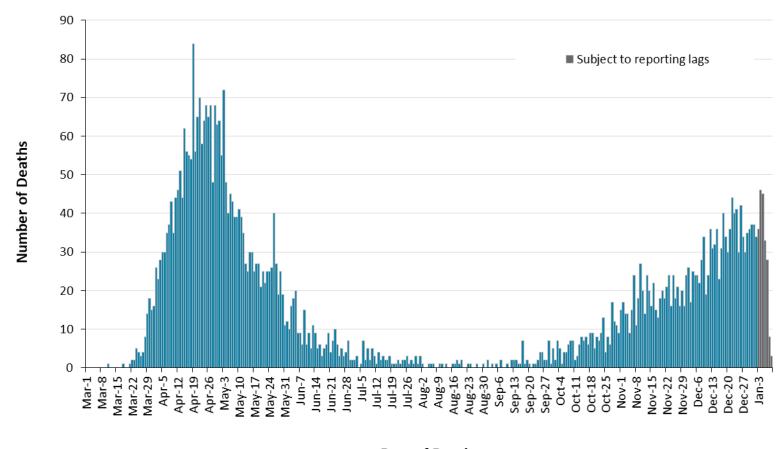




**Note:** The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive. **Data Source:** The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, data reported by member microbiology laboratories.

# Severity

Figure 4. Confirmed deaths among COVID-19 cases by date of death: Ontario, March 1, 2020 to January 9, 2021



Date of Death

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

Table 4. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by severity: Ontario

	Cumulative case count as of January 9, 2021	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	4,983	2.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	1	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	20	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	195	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	1,334	4.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	3,432	22.1%
Ever in ICU	2,112	1.0%
Ever hospitalized	10,867	5.0%

**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.

# Geography

Table 5. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	1	17	221	252.1
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	5	20	654	436.1
TOTAL NORTH WEST	6	37	875	368.2
Algoma Public Health	10	3	120	104.9
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	1	5	167	128.7
Porcupine Health Unit	11	7	159	190.6
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	13	8	340	170.8
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0	83	253.9
TOTAL NORTH EAST	35	23	869	155.4
Ottawa Public Health	179	129	11,318	1,073.1
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	42	72	1,859	890.7
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	2	5	323	191.7
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	2	10	606	284.9
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	3	1	733	423.3
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	9	1	277	255.0

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 8, 2021	Change in cases January 9, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
TOTAL EASTERN	237	218	15,116	784.7
Durham Region Health Department	166	190	8,855	1,243.0
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	10	19	649	343.5
Peel Public Health	548	641	45,009	2,802.6
Peterborough Public Health	8	10	429	289.9
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	71	85	4,249	708.7
York Region Public Health	303	357	20,832	1,699.5
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	1,106	1,302	80,023	1,786.0
Toronto Public Health	1,070	1,160	67,662	2,168.4
TOTAL TORONTO	1,070	1,160	67,662	2,168.4
Chatham-Kent Public Health	11	16	868	816.4
Grey Bruce Health Unit	11	5	546	321.4
Huron Perth Public Health	22	14	866	619.6
Lambton Public Health	45	39	1,217	929.3
Middlesex-London Health Unit	80	173	4,246	836.6
Southwestern Public Health	47	49	1,744	824.6
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	282	223	9,633	2,267.5
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	498	519	19,120	1,130.8
Brant County Health Unit	15	42	1,235	795.7

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City of Hamilton Public Health Services	67	64	7,323	1,236.7
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	26	22	1,080	946.7
Halton Region Public Health	78	118	6,703	1,082.7
Niagara Region Public Health	134	151	5,306	1,123.0
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	116	220	7,252	1,241.0
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	55	69	3,218	1,031.7
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	491	686	32,117	1,127.2
TOTAL ONTARIO	3,443	3,945	215,782	1,451.7

**Notes:** Health units with data corrections or updates could result in records being removed from totals resulting in negative counts.

## **Outbreaks**

Table 6. 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 8, 2021	breaks outbreaks		Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	16	11	248	1,015
Retirement homes	11	9	158	564
Hospitals	8	7	81	288

**Note:** Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. 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.

#### **Technical Notes**

#### **Data Sources**

- The data for this report were based on:
  - Information extracted from the Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database for Toronto Public Health as of January 9, 2021 at 1 p.m.
  - Information successfully uploaded to the Ministry from Local Systems: Toronto Public Health (Coronavirus Rapid Entry System) CORES as of January 9, 2021 at 2 p.m.
  - Information successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all other PHUs by PHO as of **January 9, 2021 at 1 p.m.**
- CCM and CCM plus (which includes CCM, iPHIS, and CORES) are dynamic disease reporting
  systems, which allow ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted
  from CCM and the Local Systems 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.
- COVID-19 test data were based on information from The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, reported by member microbiology laboratories.

#### **Data Caveats**

- The data only represent cases reported to public health units and recorded in CCM plus. 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 CCM plus 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 <u>COVID-19 case</u> <u>definition</u> are included in the report counts from CCM plus. This includes persons with a positive detection of serum/plasma immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, which was added to the confirmed case definition on August 6, 2020.
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, i.e. where genome sequencing indicates the two episodes are caused by different viral lineages, added to the confirmed case definition on November 20, 2020, are counted as unique investigations.
- 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.
- 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 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
  - Cases that are not hospitalized and are 14 days past their episode date
  - 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 for which a hospital admission date was reported 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.
- 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.
- 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 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
- Deaths are determined by using the outcome field in CCM plus. 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.
- COVID-19 cases from CCM plus 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 includes cases that are
  counted once across all systems from which the case data are obtained. Duplicate records may
  exist if these records were not identified and resolved prior to data upload to the Ministry.
- Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. 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.
- 'Long-term care home residents' includes cases that reported 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of a long-term care home'; or 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the Outbreak number or case comments field); or were reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number or case comments field) with an age over 70 years and did not report 'No' to the risk factors 'Resident of long-term care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility'. 'Long-term care home residents' excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the health care worker occupational risk factors.
- The 'health care workers' variable includes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the occupation of health care worker, doctor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, midwife, other medical technicians, personal support worker, respiratory therapist, first responder.
- 'Health care workers associated with long-term care outbreaks' includes 'health care workers'
  reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number
  or case comments field). Excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to risk factors 'Resident of long-term
  care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and 'Yes' to the
  calculated 'health care workers' variable.
- Percent change is calculated by taking the difference between the current period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period) and previous period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period), divided by the previous period.

# Appendix A

Table A1. Weekly rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population over recent rolling 7-day periods, by reported date and public health unit: Ontario, December 25, 2020 to January 6, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	Dec 30 to Jan 5	Dec 31 to Jan 6	% change from Dec 25-31 to Dec 31- Jan 6
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	21.7	19.4	19.4	18.2	19.4	35.4	39.9	+83.9%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	18.7	16.0	20.7	20.7	22.0	20.7	28.7	+53.5%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	7.0	10.5	12.2	15.7	23.6	27.1	35.0	+400.0%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	7.7	11.6	13.1	17.0	21.6	27.7	24.7	+220.8%
Porcupine Health Unit	3.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	7.2	7.2	+100.0%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	10.6	11.1	10.6	12.6	13.1	18.1	20.6	+94.3%
Timiskaming Health Unit	61.2	55.1	48.9	42.8	42.8	36.7	36.7	-40.0%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	54.2	56.9	64.2	72.0	76.3	79.6	88.1	+62.5%

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	Dec 30 to Jan 5	Dec 31 to Jan 6	% change from Dec 25-31 to Dec 31- Jan 6
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	88.2	108.8	127.9	145.7	146.6	149.5	147.1	+66.8%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	17.8	19.6	20.2	22.0	20.8	20.8	19.6	+10.1%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	20.2	20.7	18.8	21.2	24.4	26.8	26.3	+30.2%
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	22.5	28.9	29.5	26.6	26.6	28.3	29.5	+31.1%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	10.1	12.9	21.2	22.1	19.3	19.3	26.7	+164.4%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	105.4	113.8	131.9	142.3	143.7	142.9	149.6	+41.9%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	29.6	33.9	37.6	41.8	42.9	46.0	50.8	+71.6%
Peel Public Health	197.1	215.6	210.7	225.2	233.7	240.7	249.4	+26.5%

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	Dec 30 to Jan 5	Dec 31 to Jan 6	% change from Dec 25-31 to Dec 31- Jan 6
Peterborough Public Health	41.2	45.3	48.7	48.0	49.3	54.1	43.9	+6.6%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	67.7	65.0	68.0	69.5	68.7	75.2	76.2	+12.6%
York Region Public Health	163.6	167.6	180.8	202.0	204.4	202.1	201.9	+23.4%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	161.8	167.3	173.9	177.7	176.4	172.5	187.9	+16.1%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham- Kent Public Health	104.4	111.9	117.6	145.8	144.8	130.7	140.1	+34.2%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	18.2	24.7	25.3	28.8	30.0	33.6	39.4	+116.5%
Huron Perth Public Health	68.7	82.3	78.7	95.2	90.9	83.0	95.9	+39.6%
Lambton Public Health	193.9	215.3	232.1	244.3	281.0	268.0	282.5	+45.7%
Middlesex- London Health Unit	114.5	121.6	119.8	127.1	143.2	136.7	137.3	+19.9%
Southwestern Public Health	159.3	159.8	163.1	167.4	168.3	149.9	135.2	-15.1%
Windsor- Essex County Health Unit	351.2	354.7	360.1	359.7	347.9	337.1	327.7	-6.7%

Public Health Unit Name	Dec 25 to Dec 31	Dec 26 to Jan 1	Dec 27 to Jan 2	Dec 28 to Jan 3	Dec 29 to Jan 4	Dec 30 to Jan 5	Dec 31 to Jan 6	% change from Dec 25-31 to Dec 31- Jan 6
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	78.0	86.3	90.8	107.6	96.6	104.4	117.3	+50.4%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	152.7	157.9	161.8	164.1	160.9	159.4	158.9	+4.1%
Haldimand- Norfolk Health Unit	86.8	107.8	110.4	114.0	124.5	118.3	88.5	+2.0%
Halton Region Public Health	105.0	114.5	109.4	115.2	115.3	120.7	126.5	+20.5%
Niagara Region Public Health	140.3	153.2	156.4	162.1	178.0	185.8	195.6	+39.4%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	94.1	108.5	116.2	130.9	141.5	144.6	164.5	+74.8%
Wellington- Dufferin- Guelph Public Health	101.6	113.2	116.1	118.0	124.7	135.3	138.5	+36.3%
TOTAL ONTARIO	125.7	133.1	137.8	145.5	148.3	148.7	155.1	+23.4%

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

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