

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

COVID-19 in Ontario: Focus on May 16, 2021 to May 22, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM as of **May 25, 2021**.

Please visit the interactive [Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool](#) to explore recent COVID-19 data by public health unit, age group, sex, and trends over time.

A [daily summary](#) 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

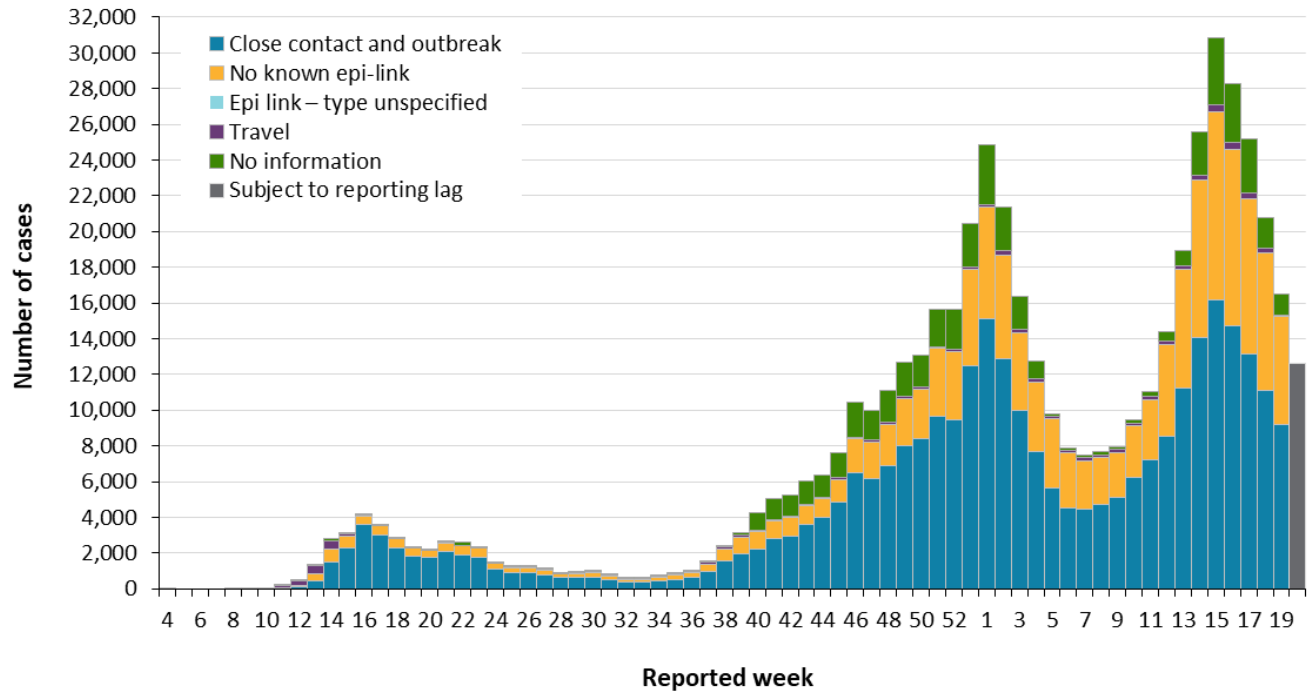
- There are a total of 523,301 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario with a public health unit reported date up to May 22, 2021.
- For the period with a public health unit (PHU) reported date between May 16 to 22, 2021 (week 20):
 - A total of 12,631 cases were reported to public health compared to 16,516 cases the previous week (May 9 to 15, 2021).
 - Rates are now decreasing sharply across most age groups. In particular, age groups 20-39, 40-59 and 60-79 had decreases of more than 20.0%. Cases aged 40-59 saw the sharpest decrease (28.6%), from 115.5 cases per 100,000 population reported in week 19 compared to 82.4 cases per 100,000 population reported in week 20.
 - While rates are decreasing across most PHUs, 6 PHUs reported increases in week 20 compared to week 19. In particular, Porcupine Health Unit (297.2 cases per 100,000 population in week 20 compared to 188.2 cases per 100,000 population in week 19) and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (76.2 cases per 100,000 population in week 20 compared to 32.8 cases per 100,000 population in week 19) had the highest rates for week 20 among PHUs showing increases.

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

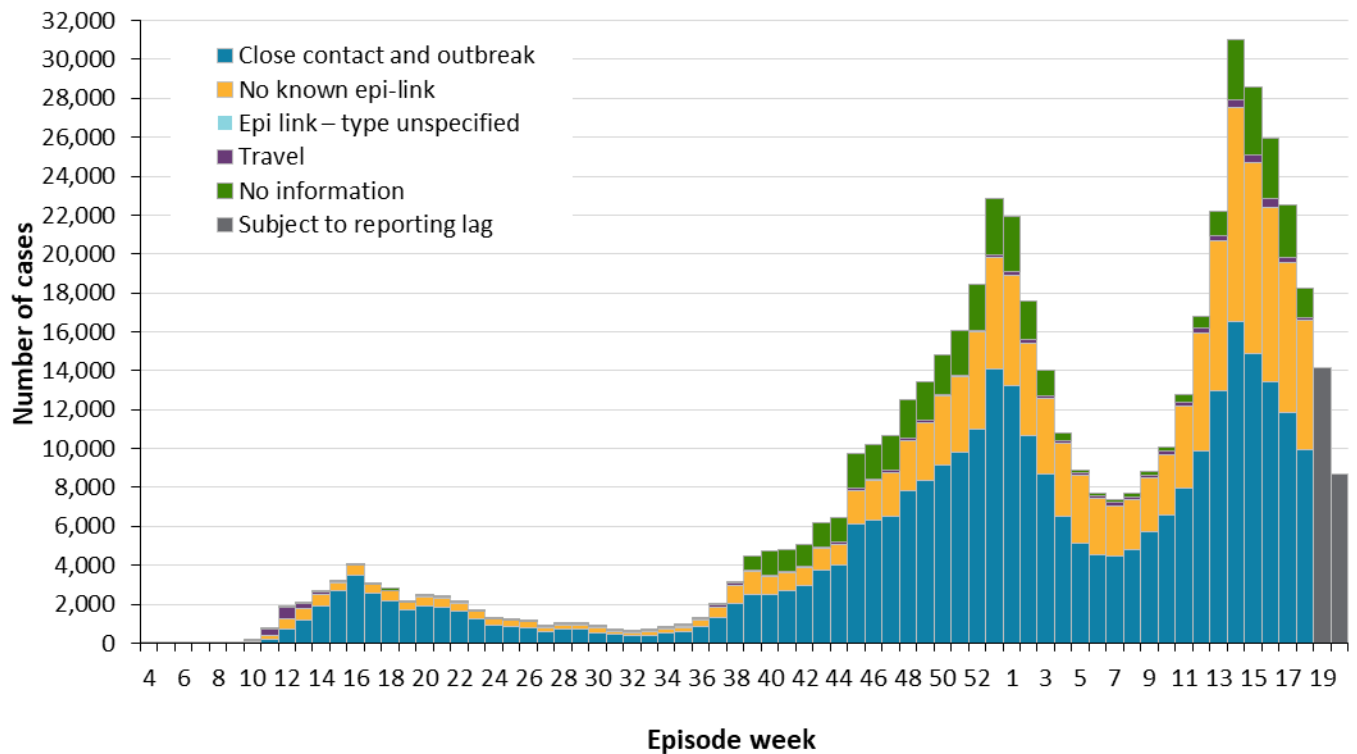
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely source of acquisition and public health unit reported week: Ontario



Note: Include cases with reported dates ranging from week-4 (January 19 and 25, 2020) to week 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). See [Table 1A](#) in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM

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



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 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). See [Table 1A](#) in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

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Case Characteristics

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

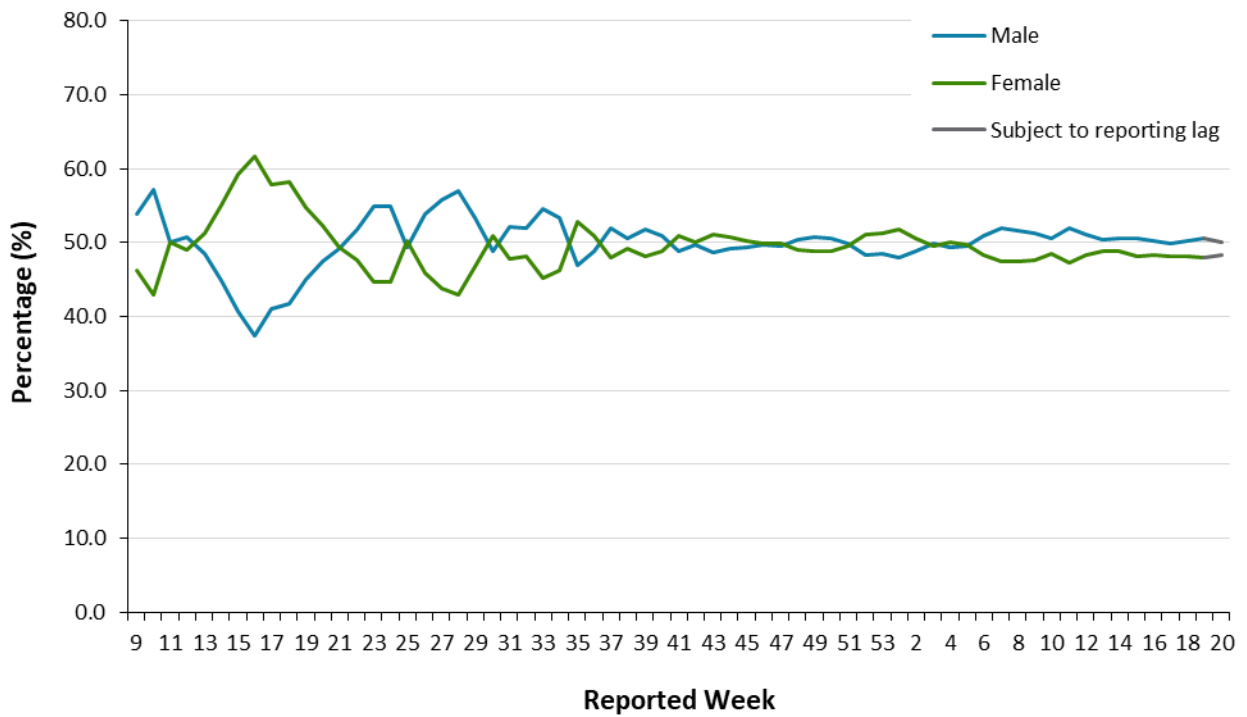
	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative case count up to May 22	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Total number of cases	16,516	12,631	523,301	3,520.5
Gender: Male	8,355	6,310	260,376	3,557.4
Gender: Female	7,911	6,096	258,734	3,429.1
Ages: 19 and under	3,174	2,625	82,751	2,638.4
Ages: 20-39	6,824	5,194	195,617	4,706.6
Ages: 40-59	4,548	3,246	150,161	3,813.6
Ages: 60-79	1,686	1,289	70,088	2,371.9
Ages: 80 and over	284	273	24,588	3,619.8
Number resolved	N/A	N/A	499,550	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.

Data Source: CCM

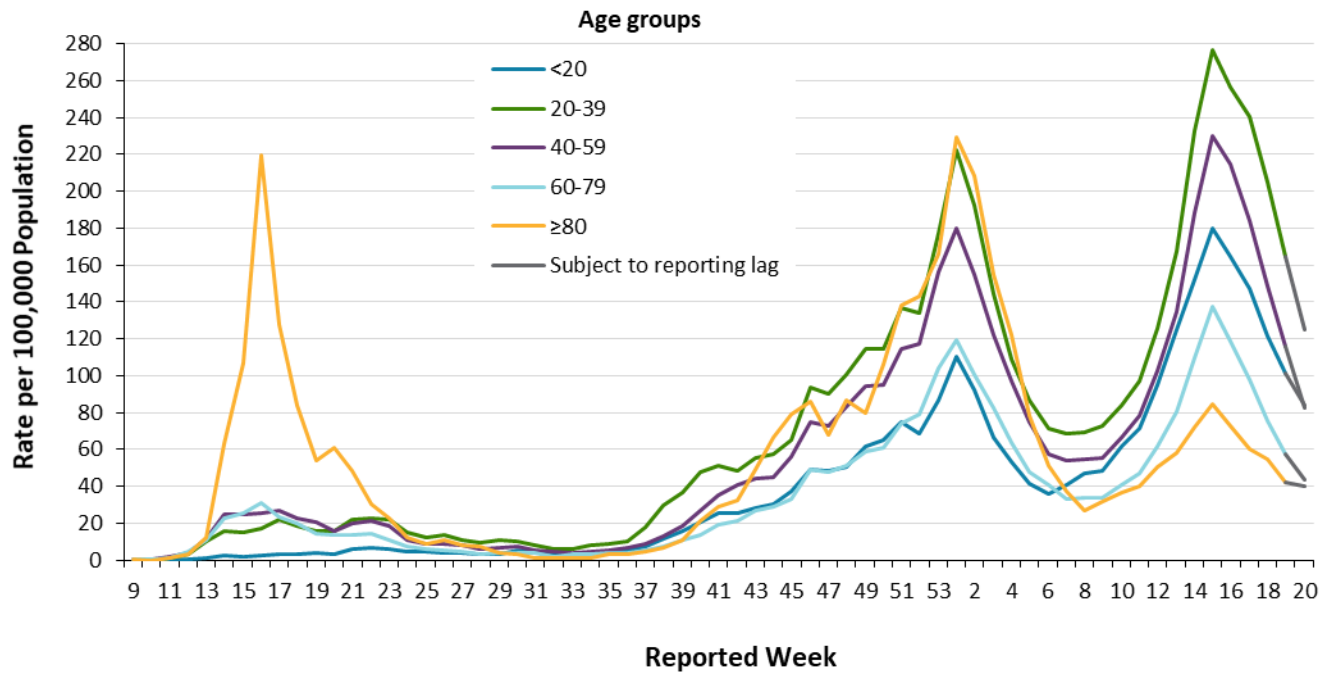
Figure 3. Percentage of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by gender and public health unit reported week: Ontario



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 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). See [Table 1A](#) in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

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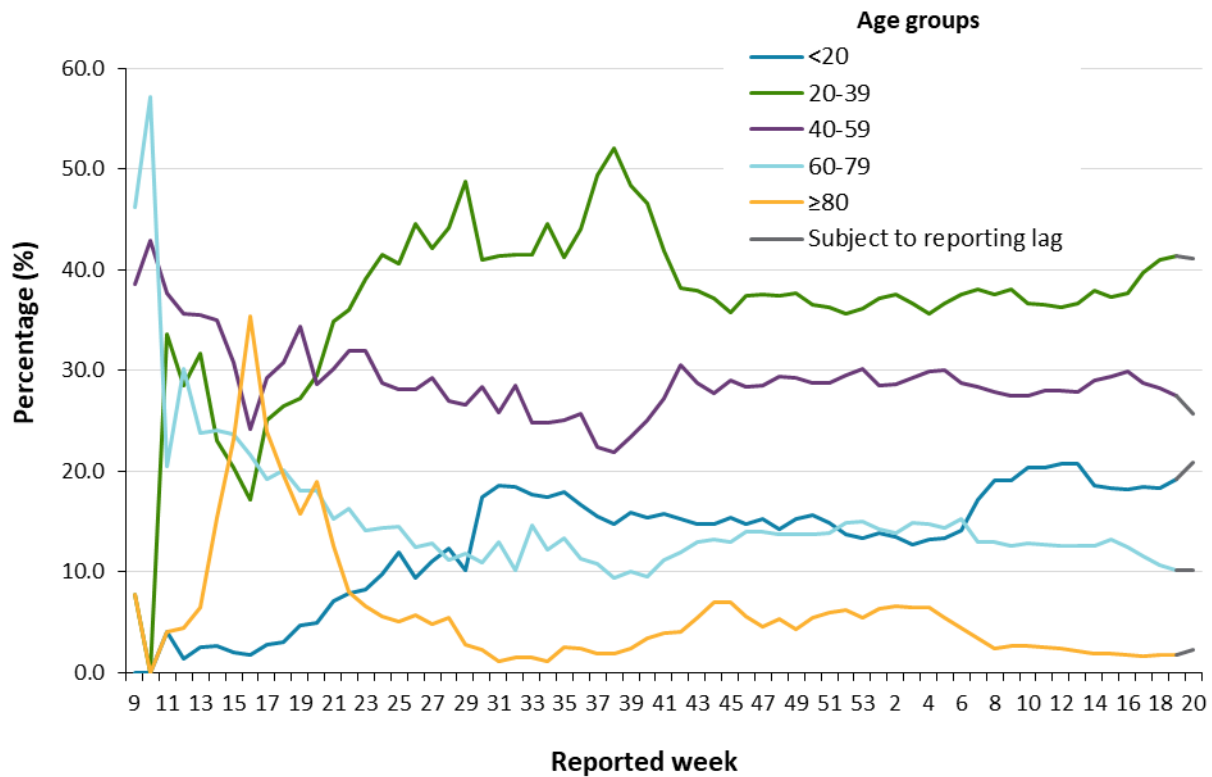
Figure 4a. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population by age group and public health unit reported week: Ontario



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 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). See [Table 1A](#) in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM

Figure 4b. Percentage of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by age group 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 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). See [Table 1A](#) in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM

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

Deaths	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative case count up to May 22	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Number of deaths	54	22	8,677	58.4
Gender: Male	32	12	4,333	59.2
Gender: Female	18	10	4,278	56.7
Ages: 19 and under	0	0	4	0.1
Ages: 20-39	3	1	68	1.6
Ages: 40-59	9	2	490	12.4
Ages: 60-79	20	8	2,675	90.5
Ages: 80 and over	22	11	5,439	800.7

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.

Data Source: CCM

Exposure

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

	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Percentage	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Percentage	Cumulative case count up to May 22	Cumulative percentage
Travel	119	0.7%	85	0.7%	8,361	1.6%
Outbreak-associated or close contact of a confirmed case	9,176	55.6%	6,818	54.0%	311,955	59.6%
Epidemiological link – type unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	160	0.0%
No known epidemiological link	6,049	36.6%	4,497	35.6%	150,798	28.8%
Information missing or unknown	1,172	7.1%	1,231	9.7%	52,027	9.9%
Total	16,516		12,631		523,301	

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.

Data Source: CCM

Sub-populations of interest

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

Health care workers	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative case count up to May 22
Number of cases	230	218	23,109
Ever hospitalized	5	7	442
Ever in ICU	0	0	96

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 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative case count up to May 22
Residents	22	45	15,286
Deaths among residents	2	3	3,950
Health care workers	15	21	7,076
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.

Data Source: CCM

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	76	12.2%	26	7.8%	102	10.6%
Partially vaccinated	142	22.7%	68	20.4%	210	21.9%
Not yet protected	407	65.1%	239	71.8%	646	67.4%
Total post-vaccination cases	625		333		958	

Note: Include cases reported from December 14, 2020 to May 24, 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 [COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Ontario report](#).

Data Source: CCM/COVaxON

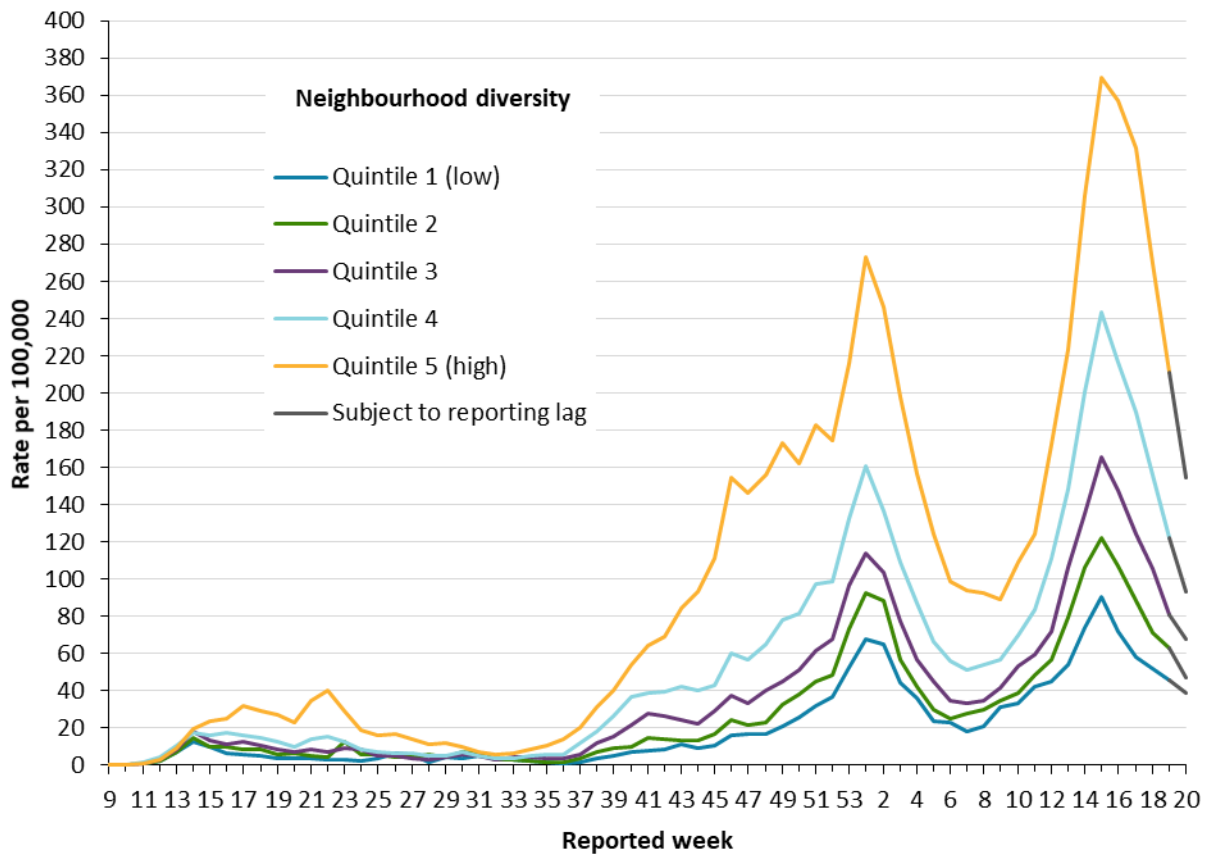
Table 7: Summary of cases of COVID-19 among school aged children by age group: Ontario

	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative case count from August 30 up to May 22
Ages: 4-8	614	535	15,161
Ages: 9-13	672	562	19,192
Ages: 14-17	765	612	19,481

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).

Data Source: CCM

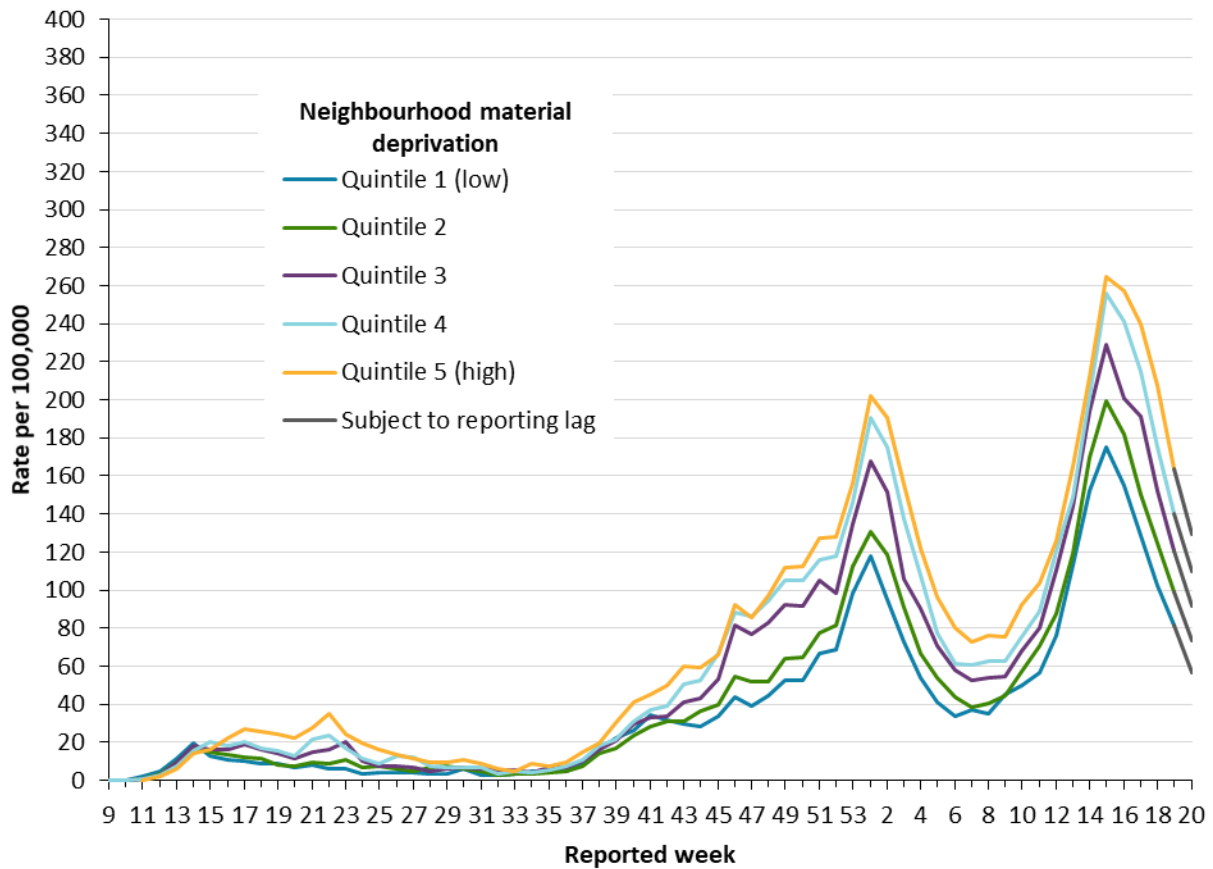
Figure 6. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population by quintile of neighbourhood diversity and public health unit reported week: Ontario



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 20 (May 16 to 22, 2021). See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM, Ontario Marginalization Index

Figure 7. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population by quintile of neighbourhood material deprivation and public health unit reported week: Ontario

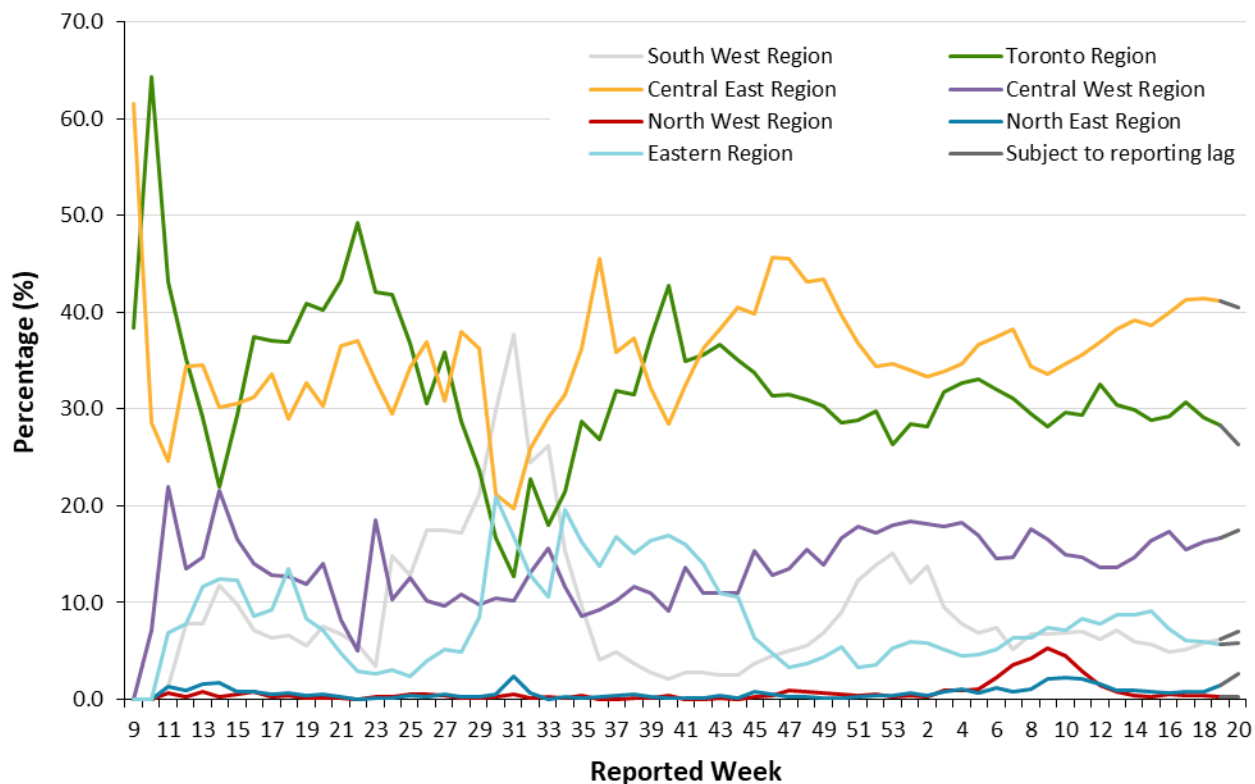


Note: Neighbourhood material deprivation is measured using the material deprivation dimension of the Ontario Marginalization Index. The material deprivation dimension uses Canadian census data on income, quality of housing, educational attainment and family structure characteristics to assess the ability 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 10 29, 2020) to week 20 (May 16 to 22, 2021). See Table 1A in Appendix A for a list of the weeks and corresponding start and end dates.

Data Source: CCM, Ontario Marginalization Index

Geography

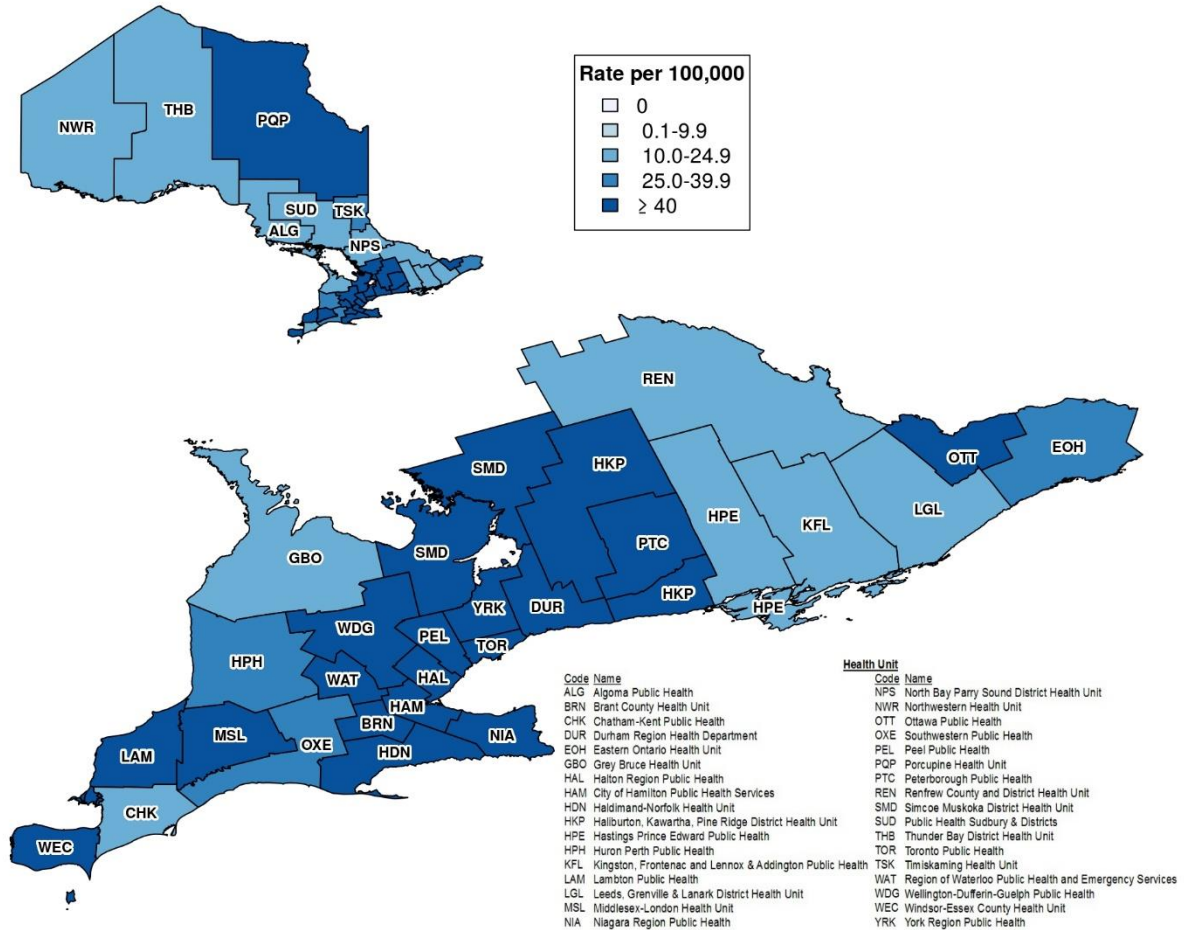
Figure 8. Percentage of COVID-19 cases by geographic region and public health unit reported week: Ontario



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 20 (May 16 and 22, 2021). [Table 2A](#) in Appendix A has a listing of public health units by region.

Data Source: CCM

Figure 9. Rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in public health reported week 20 (May 16 to 22, 2021) by public health unit: Ontario



Note: The provincial rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in week 20 was 85.0 cases per 100,000 population.

Data Source: CCM

Outbreaks

Table 8. Number of public health unit declared COVID-19 outbreaks by setting type: Ontario

Setting Type	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported to May 22
Congregate Care	15	67	2,895
Long-term care homes	9	27	1,468
Retirement homes	3	18	868
Hospitals	3	22	559
Congregate Living	21	61	1,233
Correctional facility	2	4	52
Shelter	5	16	254
Group Home/supportive housing	11	34	736
Short-term accommodations	0	1	33
Congregate other	3	6	158
Education	39	91	2,365
Child care	31	80	933
School – Elementary*	4	5	1,069
School – Elementary/secondary*	0	0	64
School – Secondary*	1	1	254
School – Post-secondary*	3	5	45
Other settings	113	301	3,867
Bar/restaurant/nightclub	16	30	312
Medical/health services	1	4	140
Personal service settings	0	0	28
Recreational fitness	2	2	88

Setting Type	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported to May 22
Retail	17	33	416
Other recreation/community	2	17	209
Workplace – Farm	6	14	204
Workplace - Food processing	4	14	236
Other types of workplaces	59	176	2,195
Other	3	5	15
Unknown	3	6	24
Total number of outbreaks	188	520	10,360

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.

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

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.

Data Source: CCM

Table 9. 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 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative number of cases
Congregate Care	164	165	39,437
Long-term care homes	59	95	25,928
Retirement homes	30	28	7,278
Hospitals	75	42	6,231
Congregate Living	149	242	9,170
Correctional facility	10	144	1,517
Shelter	56	45	2,600
Group Home/supportive housing	63	48	3,453
Short-term accommodations	0	1	195
Congregate other	20	4	1,405
Education	243	155	10,033
Child care	232	144	3,764
School – Elementary*	2	7	4,440
School – Elementary/secondary*	0	0	332
School – Secondary*	1	2	1,086
School – Post-secondary*	8	2	411
Other settings	1,050	547	30,493
Bar/restaurant/nightclub	77	37	1,361
Medical/health services	11	12	629
Personal service settings	0	0	106
Recreational fitness	0	5	701
Retail	80	77	2,149

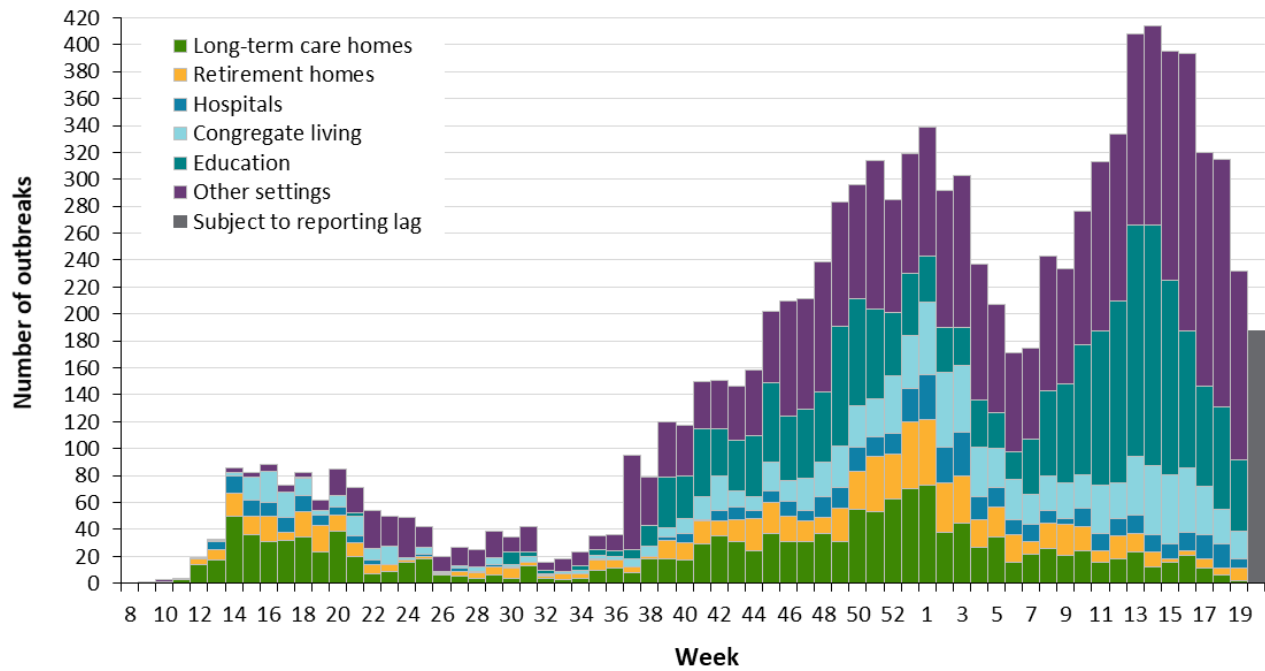
Cases associated with the outbreak setting type	Reported week 19 (May 9 to 15)	Reported week 20 (May 16 to 22)	Cumulative number of cases
Other recreation/community	101	5	2,613
Workplace - Farm	52	12	2,889
Workplace - Food processing	73	30	3,207
Other types of workplaces	633	343	16,580
Other	21	24	143
Unknown	2	2	115
Total number of cases	1,606	1,109	89,133

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 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.

Data Source: CCM

Figure 10. Public health unit declared COVID-19 outbreaks by outbreak setting type and public health unit reported week: Ontario



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 20 refers to May 16 and 22, 2021. Congregate living include group homes, shelters, correctional facilities, etc. Other settings include outbreaks within workplaces, childcare, schools, restaurants, recreation etc.

Data Source: CCM

Variant COVID-19 Cases

Table 10. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected by age group and gender: Ontario

	Lineage B.1.1.7*	Lineage B.1.351	Lineage P.1	Mutations**	Cumulative case count as of May 22, 2021
Gender: Male	60,733	407	1,307	17,214	79,661
Gender: Female	58,695	426	1,173	16,124	76,418
Ages: 19 and under	22,416	132	420	6,511	29,479
Ages: 20-39	45,468	274	889	12,819	59,450
Ages: 40-59	35,849	282	797	9,512	46,440
Ages: 60-79	14,503	125	328	4,125	19,081
Ages: 80 and over	2,263	23	71	707	3,064

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, B.1.351, and P.1 lineage detected 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 all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on a positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation.

** 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)

Data Source: CCM

Table 11. Summary of confirmed COVID-19 cases with a mutation or VOC detected by likely source of acquisition: Ontario

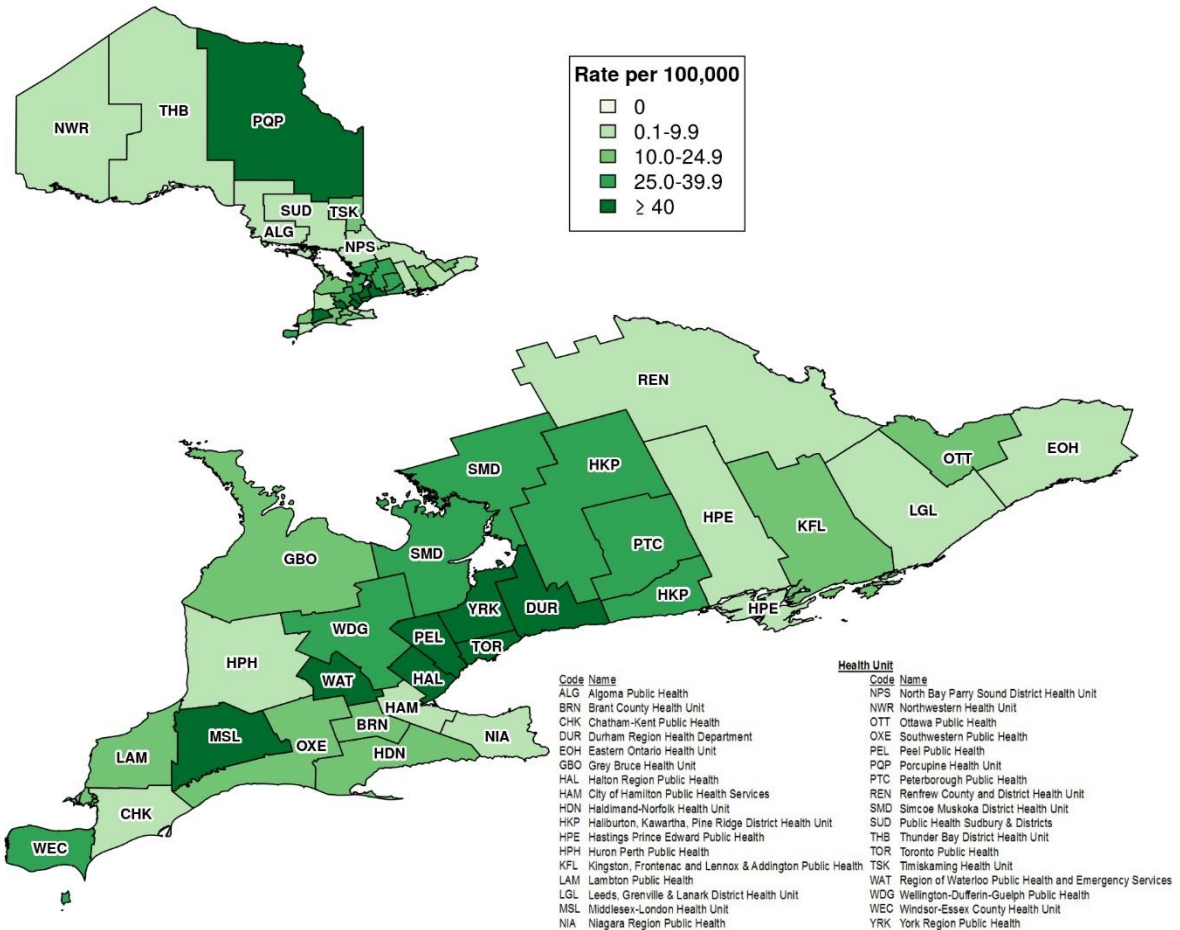
	Lineage B.1.1.7*	%	Lineage B.1.351	%	Lineage P.1	%	Mutations**	%	Cumulative case count up to May 22, 2021	Cumulative percentage
Travel	643	0.5%	19	2.3%	26	1.0%	348	1.0%	1,036	0.7%
Outbreak-associated or close contact of a confirmed case	66,133	54.9%	541	64.7%	1,580	63.1%	20,339	60.4%	88,593	56.2%
Epidemiological link – type unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
No known epidemiological link	42,784	35.5%	220	26.3%	774	30.9%	10,910	32.4%	54,688	34.7%
Information missing or unknown	10,948	9.1%	56	6.7%	125	5.0%	2,078	6.2%	13,207	8.4%
Total	120,508		836		2,505		33,675		157,524	

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, B.1.351, and P.1 lineage detected are determined using the Investigation Subtype field only.* Includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on a positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation.

** 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)

Data Source: CCM

Figure 11. Rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.1.7* detected in public health reported week 20 (May 16 to 22, 2021) by public health unit: Ontario

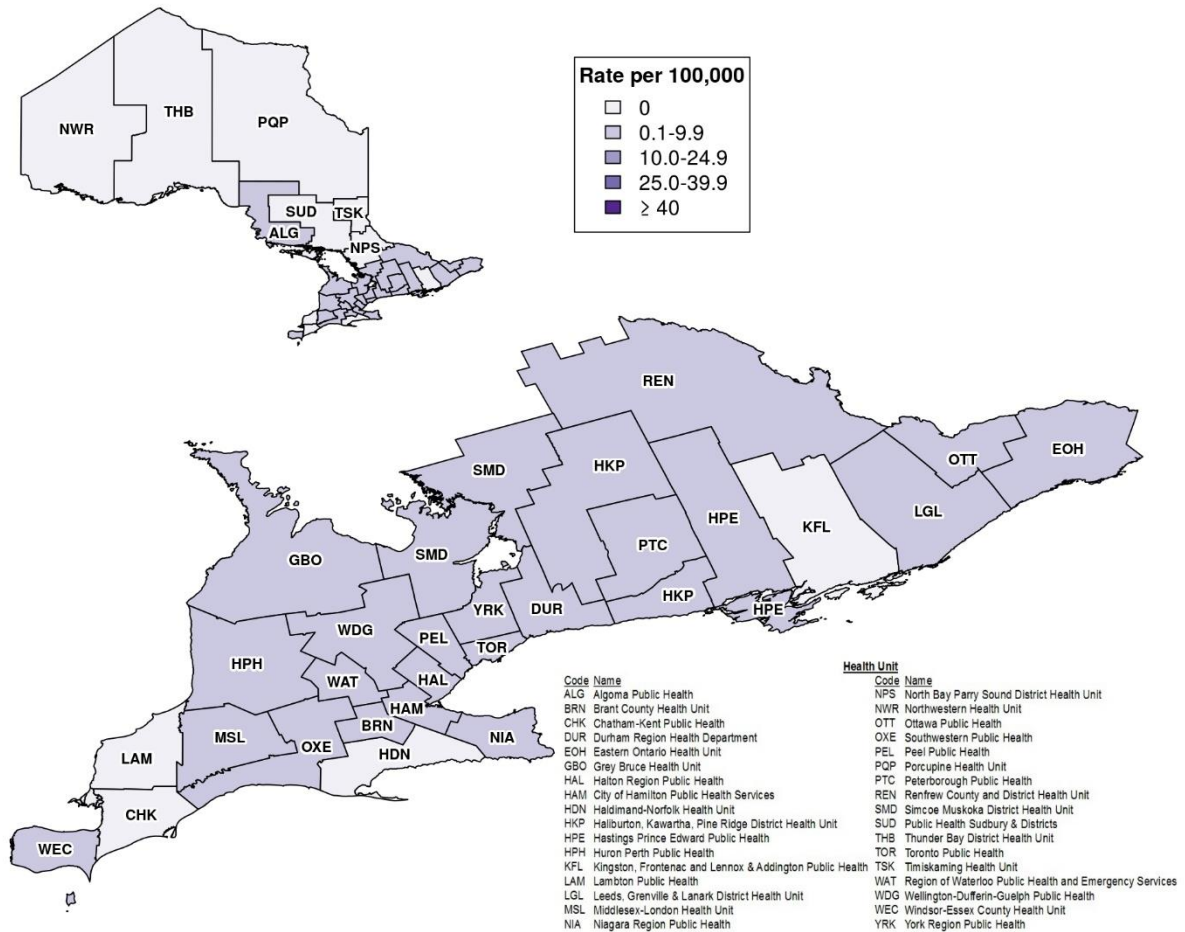


Note: The provincial rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.1.7* reported in week 20 was 44.4 cases per 100,000 population. Changes to the VOC testing algorithm may impact counts and trends. Further details can be found in the data caveats section.

*Includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on a positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation, using the Investigation Subtype field only.

Data Source: CCM

Figure 12. Rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.351, P.1 or mutation 'N501Y+ and E484K+' detected in public health reported week 20 (May 16 to 22, 2021) by public health unit: Ontario



Note: The provincial rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with lineage B.1.351, P.1 or mutation N501Y+ and E484K+ reported in week 20 was 3.4 cases per 100,000 population. Data for cases with a B.1.351, P.1 lineage or an 'N501Y and E484K' mutation detected 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.

Data Source: CCM

Technical Notes

Data Sources

- The data for this report were based on:
 - Information successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all PHUS by PHO as of **May 25, 2021 at 1 p.m.** for cases reported in 2021 and as of **May 25, 2021 at 9 a.m.** for cases reported in 2020
 - COVID-19 vaccination data were based on information successfully extracted from the Ontario Ministry of Health's COVaxON application as of **May 24, 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 **May 24, 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 (PCCF), reference date of February 2021.
- The health equity (neighbourhood-level diversity and material deprivation) analyses use data from the 2016 Ontario Marginalization Index and population counts from the 2016 Canada Census:
 - 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.
 - Statistics Canada. Census of Population, 2016: Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions, Census Subdivisions and Dissemination Areas. Retrieved from: https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/details/download-telecharger/comp/GetFile.cfm?Lang=E&FILETYPE=CSV&GEONO=044_ONTARIO.

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 [MOH Case Definition – Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) document](#) 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.
 - 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 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.
 - 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 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 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
- 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 [Ministry guidance documents](#).
- School outbreaks include outbreaks declared on or after week-36 (August 30 to September 5, 2020).
- PANGO lineage B.1.1.7: This lineage was first detected in England in September, 2020. Early evidence suggests that the N501Y mutation may increase SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility. The PANGO lineage B.1.1.7 is assigned to genome sequences with at least 5 of the 17 defining B.1.1.7 SNPs.
- PANGO lineage B.1.351 (also known as 501Y.V2): This lineage was first detected October, 2020 in South Africa and has several mutations of concern, including spike (S) gene: N501Y, K417N, and E484K. Early evidence suggests that these mutations may increase SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility and decrease vaccine efficacy. The PANGO lineage B.1.351 will be assigned to genome sequences at least 5 of the 9 defining B.1.351 SNPs.
- PANGO lineage P.1 (also known as 501Y.V3): This lineage was first detected January, 2021 in Brazil and has several mutations of concern, including spike (S) gene N501Y, K417T, and E484K. Early evidence suggests that these mutations may increase SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility and decrease vaccine efficacy. The PANGO lineage P.1 is assigned to genome sequences with more than 10 of the 17 defining P.1 SNPs.
- Public Health Ontario conducts testing and genomic analyses for SARS-CoV-2 positive specimens using the criteria outlined here: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc>
- 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-CoV-2 specimens with CT values ≤ 35 are tested for a N501Y mutation. Starting March 22, 2021, these specimens are tested for the E484K mutation as well. Specimens that are positive for the N501Y mutation only are not being forwarded for further genomic analysis. Specimens that are E484K positive (with or without N501Y) are forwarded for 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 ≤ 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, B.1.351 and P.1).

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 where 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 pre-test 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 individuals 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 <7 days after receiving the second dose. This time period from vaccination may be sufficient to develop some degree of

immunity, but these individuals are not considered fully protected as they have not yet received the second dose or have only recently received the second dose.

- **Breakthrough (i.e., fully vaccinated) case:** Individuals with a symptom onset date that was 7 or more days following receipt of the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. These individuals are considered fully protected from vaccination, however, as VE is not 100%, it is expected that a small number of individuals become infected 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). The Single Link Indicator Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) was used to match individuals to a DA based on their postal code, which were 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.

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	14	31
11	March 8, 2020	March 14, 2020	146	177
12	March 15, 2020	March 21, 2020	435	612
13	March 22, 2020	March 28, 2020	1,307	1,919
14	March 29, 2020	April 4, 2020	2,778	4,697
15	April 5, 2020	April 11, 2020	3,133	7,830
16	April 12, 2020	April 18, 2020	4,204	12,034
17	April 19, 2020	April 25, 2020	3,630	15,664
18	April 26, 2020	May 2, 2020	2,889	18,553
19	May 3, 2020	May 9, 2020	2,344	20,897
20	May 10, 2020	May 16, 2020	2,188	23,085
21	May 17, 2020	May 23, 2020	2,614	25,699
22	May 24, 2020	May 30, 2020	2,598	28,297
23	May 31, 2020	June 6, 2020	2,304	30,601

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
24	June 7, 2020	June 13, 2020	1,473	32,074
25	June 14, 2020	June 20, 2020	1,228	33,302
26	June 21, 2020	June 27, 2020	1,250	34,552
27	June 28, 2020	July 4, 2020	1,084	35,636
28	July 5, 2020	July 11, 2020	869	36,505
29	July 12, 2020	July 18, 2020	930	37,435
30	July 19, 2020	July 25, 2020	992	38,427
31	July 26, 2020	August 1, 2020	806	39,233
32	August 2, 2020	August 8, 2020	593	39,826
33	August 9, 2020	August 15, 2020	610	40,436
34	August 16, 2020	August 22, 2020	730	41,166
35	August 23, 2020	August 29, 2020	851	42,017
36	August 30, 2020	September 5, 2020	977	42,994
37	September 6, 2020	September 12, 2020	1,503	44,497
38	September 13, 2020	September 19, 2020	2,372	46,869
39	September 20, 2020	September 26, 2020	3,119	49,988
40	September 27, 2020	October 3, 2020	4,224	54,212
41	October 4, 2020	October 10, 2020	5,037	59,249
42	October 11, 2020	October 17, 2020	5,275	64,524
43	October 18, 2020	October 24, 2020	6,037	70,561
44	October 25, 2020	October 31, 2020	6,387	76,948
45	November 1, 2020	November 7, 2020	7,610	84,558
46	November 8, 2020	November 14, 2020	10,428	94,986
47	November 15, 2020	November 21, 2020	9,991	104,977
48	November 22, 2020	November 28, 2020	11,125	116,102

Reported Week	Start date	End date	Number of cases	Cumulative count
49	November 29, 2020	December 5, 2020	12,687	128,789
50	December 6, 2020	December 12, 2020	13,058	141,847
51	December 13, 2020	December 19, 2020	15,651	157,498
52	December 20, 2020	December 26, 2020	15,624	173,122
53	December 27, 2020	January 2, 2021	20,445	193,567
1	January 3, 2021	January 9, 2021	24,865	218,432
2	January 10, 2021	January 16, 2021	21,369	239,801
3	January 17, 2021	January 23, 2021	16,394	256,195
4	January 24, 2021	January 30, 2021	12,733	268,928
5	January 31, 2021	February 6, 2021	9,774	278,702
6	February 7, 2021	February 13, 2021	7,894	286,596
7	February 14, 2021	February 20, 2021	7,454	294,050
8	February 21, 2021	February 27, 2021	7,679	301,729
9	February 28, 2021	March 6, 2021	7,932	309,661
10	March 7, 2021	March 13, 2021	9,478	319,139
11	March 14, 2021	March 20, 2021	11,028	330,167
12	March 21, 2021	March 27, 2021	14,397	344,564
13	March 28, 2021	April 3, 2021	18,957	363,521
14	April 4, 2021	April 10, 2021	25,578	389,099
15	April 11, 2021	April 17, 2021	30,832	419,931
16	April 18, 2021	April 24, 2021	28,276	448,207
17	April 25, 2021	May 1, 2021	25,168	473,375
18	May 2, 2021	May 8, 2021	20,779	494,154
19	May 9, 2021	May 15, 2021	16,516	510,670
20	May 16, 2021	May 22, 2021	12,631	523,301

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

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 19	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 19	Cases reported week 20	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 20
Northwestern Health Unit	27	30.8	21	24.0
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	23	15.3	16	10.7
TOTAL NORTH WEST	50	21.0	37	15.6
Algoma Public Health	18	15.7	22	19.2
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	21	16.2	31	23.9
Porcupine Health Unit	157	188.2	248	297.2
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	48	24.1	21	10.6
Timiskaming Health Unit	1	3.1	9	27.5
TOTAL NORTH EAST	245	43.8	331	59.2
Ottawa Public Health	683	64.8	550	52.1
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	90	43.1	63	30.2
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	40	23.7	40	23.7
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	65	30.6	39	18.3
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	19	11.0	20	11.5
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	46	42.3	17	15.6
TOTAL EASTERN	943	49.0	729	37.8
Durham Region Health Department	1,013	142.2	751	105.4

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 19	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 19	Cases reported week 20	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 20
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	62	32.8	144	76.2
Peel Public Health	3,718	231.5	2,828	176.1
Peterborough Public Health	93	62.8	68	46.0
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	349	58.2	304	50.7
York Region Public Health	1,569	128.0	1,018	83.0
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	6,804	151.9	5,113	114.1
Toronto Public Health	4,685	150.1	3,323	106.5
TOTAL TORONTO	4,685	150.1	3,323	106.5
Chatham-Kent Public Health	27	25.4	16	15.0
Grey Bruce Health Unit	45	26.5	35	20.6
Huron Perth Public Health	79	56.5	42	30.1
Lambton Public Health	74	56.5	53	40.5
Middlesex-London Health Unit	420	82.8	382	75.3
Southwestern Public Health	98	46.3	81	38.3
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	288	67.8	277	65.2
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	1,031	61.0	886	52.4
Brant County Health Unit	143	92.1	105	67.7
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	784	132.4	728	122.9
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	89	78.0	52	45.6
Halton Region Public Health	582	94.0	440	71.1

Public Health Unit Name	Cases reported week 19	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 19	Cases reported week 20	Rate per 100,000 population Reported week 20
Niagara Region Public Health	486	102.9	306	64.8
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	460	78.7	391	66.9
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	214	68.6	190	60.9
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	2,758	96.8	2,212	77.6
TOTAL ONTARIO	16,516	111.1	12,631	85.0

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 May 22 for Lineage B.1.1.7*	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage B.1.351	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage P.1	Cumulative count up to May 22 for Mutations**
Northwestern Health Unit	39	0	1	24
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	46	0	0	43
TOTAL NORTH WEST	85	0	1	67
Algoma Public Health	57	0	1	37
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	109	27	0	16
Porcupine Health Unit	490	2	0	5
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	538	3	0	362
Timiskaming Health Unit	80	1	0	0
TOTAL NORTH EAST	1,274	33	1	420
Ottawa Public Health	5,253	234	22	669
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	608	35	7	293
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	44	0	3	413
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	419	1	27	136
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	275	13	0	39
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	188	4	1	22
TOTAL EASTERN	6,787	287	60	1,572
Durham Region Health Department	8,782	33	118	1,242
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	366	0	11	273

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage B.1.1.7*	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage B.1.351	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage P.1	Cumulative count up to May 22 for Mutations**
Peel Public Health	26,301	90	670	4,957
Peterborough Public Health	462	2	1	171
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	3,210	19	107	888
York Region Public Health	14,077	45	265	2,790
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	53,198	189	1,172	10,321
Toronto Public Health	34,643	266	944	15,708
TOTAL TORONTO	34,643	266	944	15,708
Chatham-Kent Public Health	102	5	3	114
Grey Bruce Health Unit	288	0	3	55
Huron Perth Public Health	149	0	2	102
Lambton Public Health	398	0	13	92
Middlesex-London Health Unit	2,834	0	38	336
Southwestern Public Health	614	2	2	122
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	1,544	4	5	120
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	5,929	11	66	941
Brant County Health Unit	542	2	57	474
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	4,829	24	47	1,601
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	318	1	8	390
Halton Region Public Health	4,764	18	90	631
Niagara Region Public Health	3,543	0	5	1,025
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	2,695	5	26	312

Public Health Unit Name	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage B.1.1.7*	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage B.1.351	Cumulative case count up to May 22 for Lineage P.1	Cumulative count up to May 22 for Mutations**
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	1,901	0	28	213
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	18,592	50	261	4,646
TOTAL ONTARIO	120,508	836	2,505	33,675

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, B.1.351, and P.1 lineage detected are determined using the Investigation Subtype field only.

*Includes all confirmed COVID-19 cases where lineage B.1.1.7 was identified by genomic analysis and those presumed to be B.1.1.7 based on a positive N501Y and negative E484K mutation.

** 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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