Today, Ontario is reporting 491 new COVID-19 cases, the highest daily increase since May 2 when 511 cases were reported.

The number of hospitalizations has jumped again today by 12, after yesterday's increase of 13, for a total of 112. However, the number of patients in ICUs and on ventilators is stable. There have been 2 new deaths.

Over half of the new cases are in Toronto (137) and Peel (131), with a significant number of cases in Ottawa (58) and York (58) and smaller increases in Niagara (20), Durham (19), Middlesex-London (13), Halton (10), Waterloo (10), Simcoe Muskoka (8), and Hamilton (8). The remaining 23 health units are reporting 5 or fewer cases, with 10 reporting no new cases at all. Of today's cases, 63% are among people under the age of 40.

Ontario has now completed more than 3.8 million tests. The backlog of tests under investigation has decreased by 2,979, but is still high at 65,061.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are no new cases to report today in Peterborough, after 3 new cases were reported yesterday. Two additional cases in Peterborough have been resolved, leaving 10 active cases. Reports are unavailable on weekends for Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Haliburton, and Prince Edward and Hastings counties. As of September 25, there were 6 active cases in Northumberland, 1 active case in Kawartha Lakes, and 1 active case in Prince Edward and Hastings counties.

Since the pandemic began in the greater Kawarthas region, there have been 119 confirmed positive cases in the Peterborough area (107 resolved with 2 deaths), 179 in the City of Kawartha Lakes (159 resolved with 32 deaths), 43 in Northumberland County (36 resolved with 1 death), 15 in Haliburton County (15 resolved with no deaths), and 54 in Hastings County and Prince Edward County (47 resolved with 5 deaths). The most recent death was reported in Northumberland on September 8.

Province-wide, there have been 49,831 confirmed cases, an increase of 491 from yesterday, with 42,796 (85.9% of all cases) resolved, an increase of 289. There have been 2,839 deaths, an increase of 2 from yesterday), with 1,832 deaths reported in long-term care homes, an increase of 1. A total of 3,808,226 tests have been completed, an increase of 42,509 from yesterday, with 65,061 tests under investigation, a decrease of 2,979 from yesterday.

This report is based on data supplied by the province's integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS), as well as any additional information supplied by health units. This information is at least 24 hours old, so it is not real-time data. Note that each health unit reports the information in a different way.

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit