

There's been a record increase of new cases in Toronto (483) which, along with Peel (279) and York (107), make up the majority of the new cases. There are significant increases in Ottawa (74) and Hamilton (57) with smaller increases in Halton (37), Middlesex-London (37), Waterloo (32), Windsor-Essex (20), Niagara (18), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (16), Durham (14), Simcoe Muskoka (10), and Eastern Ontario Health Unit (9).

Cases are also increasing in northern Ontario, in Sudbury (8), Thunder Bay (7), and Algoma Public Health (6), which have normally seen either no cases or single cases since the beginning of the pandemic. The remaining 17 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with only 5 health units reporting no new cases at all.

On Saturday (November 7), Peel's medical officer of health issued directives that are stricter than those required for Ontario's 'Red-Control' level — Peel is currently the only health unit in that level — including no wedding receptions, the closure of meeting and event spaces, no celebratory social gatherings in business establishments, and only seating of people from the same household in bars, restaurants, and food establishments.

In response to the record increase in cases in Peel yesterday (385), the Ontario government announced on Monday (November 9) it is establishing three new community-based testing centres in Brampton, implementing mobile testing sites including one in Brampton, opening limited walk-in availability at assessment centres for those who can't book an appointment online or by phone, implementing up to 7 pharmacies or specimen collection centres, allocating additional case and contact management support to Peel Regional Health Unit, and investing \$42 million for up to 234 new beds at three hospitals and their alternate health facilities in Peel Region.

Of today's cases, 53% are among people under 40 years of age. With 821 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has decreased by 0.2% to 85.1%. The positivity rate has jumped to 5.0% from the 3.7% rate reported on November 6, meaning that 50 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on November 8.

For the seventh day in a row, there has been a double-digit increase in the number of deaths, with 12 new deaths today, 6 of which were in long-term care facilities. Hospitalizations have decreased by 7 to 367, but 42 hospitals did not submit data for today's report so this number may increase when reporting compliance increases. There are 4 fewer patients with COVID-19 in ICUs, and 2 additional patients on ventilators.

A total of 26,646 tests were completed yesterday, and the backlog of tests under investigation has decreased by 9,130 to 26,646.

There are 79 new cases in Ontario schools, a decrease of 6 from November 6, with 39 student cases, 13 staff cases, and 27 cases among unidentified individuals. There are 10