# With a new record increase of 1,575 COVID-19 cases, Ford urges Ontarians to follow public health advice

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## Five new cases in greater Kawarthas region, 18 new deaths province-wide with 12 in long-term care facilities including 1 in Peterborough

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On the heels of another record increase of COVID-19 cases in Ontario, Premier Doug Ford urges Ontarians to follow public health advice at a media conference at Heddle Shipyards in Hamilton on November 12, 2020. (CPAC screenshot)

Here's an update on COVID-19 cases in Ontario as well as in the greater Kawarthas region.

For the third day in a row, Ontario is reporting a record increase of COVID-19 cases, with 1,575 new cases today — breaking yesterday's record of 1,426 new cases. This is the seventh straight day of more than 1,000 new daily cases, with the average number of daily cases over the past week now standing at 1,299.

At a media conference at Heddle Shipyards in Hamilton, Ontario Premier Doug Ford urged Ontarians to follow public health advice, including staying home if you're sick and avoiding large gatherings.

"We're seeing the numbers all over the world, all over Canada, and right here in Ontario — they're climbing, and they're going in the wrong direction," Ford said. "It's concerning, it's alarming, and we have to stay on high alert."

"I'm asking people to be responsible," Ford added. "We've now learned that eight sick people all attended two separate weddings. No-one is immune to this virus, but a small chance to see friends and family led to 17 confirmed cases. When we do the contact tracing and follow-up, some of these people have been in contact with 50 people. Do the math — that's 850 people."

"This is how the virus spreads when we don't follow simple public health advice," Ford added. "We've implemented new protocols to keep people safe, protocols that allow us to celebrate life's special moments like weddings, but they depend on each of us doing our part. If you're sick, please stay at home and get tested. Keep two metres apart. Wear a mask. And please don't gather in large groups. I know we're all tired of this pandemic, but we need to stay strong, we need to stick together. That's how we'll get through this."

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (472), Peel (448), and York (155), with smaller increases in Ottawa (91), Durham (61), Waterloo (58), Halton (54), Windsor-Essex (39), Hamilton (30), Niagara (27), Middlesex-London (23), Simcoe Muskoka (20), Southwestern Public Health (14), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (14), Chatham-Kent (13), Eastern Ontario Health Unit (12), Huron Perth (10), and Sudbury (8).

The remaining 16 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with only 5 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's cases, 51% are among people 40 years of age and older, but the highest number of cases (533) are among people ages 20 to 39. With 917 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has dropped by 0.4% to 83.8%. The positivity rate has decreased by 0.8% to 4.3%, meaning that 43 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on November 11.

For the tenth day in a row, there has been a double-digit increase in the number of deaths, with 18 new deaths reported today, 12 of which were in long-term care facilities. Hospitalizations have increased by 7 to 431, with 10 more patients with COVID-19 in ICUs

and 5 more patients on ventilators.

A total of 39,559 tests were completed yesterday, and the backlog of tests under investigation has increased by 7,517 to 41,977.

There are 103 new cases in Ontario schools, a decrease of 95 from yesterday, with 51 student cases, 14 staff cases, and 38 cases among unidentified individuals. There are 10 cases in licensed child care settings, a decrease of 9 from yesterday, with 5 cases among children and 5 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 2 new cases to report in Peterborough, 2 new cases in Hastings and Prince Edward counties, and 1 new case in Northumberland (a previous case transferred from another health unit).

There is 1 new death in Peterborough, after a second resident at Fairhaven long-term care facility who tested positive for COVID-19 died.

Two additional cases have been resolved in Northumberland, and an additional case resolved in Haliburton (all cases in Haliburton are now resolved).

There are no new cases in Kawartha Lakes or Haliburton, and none of the reported new cases in Ontario schools and child care settings are in the greater Kawarthas region.

There are currently 17 active cases in the greater Kawarthas region, including 12 in Peterborough, 3 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties, 1 in Kawartha Lakes, and 1 in Northumberland.

Since the pandemic began in the greater Kawarthas region, there have been 166 confirmed positive cases in the Peterborough area (150 resolved with 4 deaths), 188 in the City of Kawartha Lakes (168 resolved with 32 deaths), 53 in Northumberland County (51 resolved with 1 death), 22 in Haliburton County (22 resolved with no deaths), and 84 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties (76 resolved with 5 deaths). The most recent death was reported in Northumberland on September 8.

Province-wide, there have been 89,784 confirmed cases, an increase of 1,575 from yesterday, with 75,220 cases resolved (83.8% of all cases), an increase of 917. There have been 3,293 deaths, an increase of 18 from yesterday, with 2,099 deaths in long-term care homes, an increase of 12 from yesterday. The number of hospitalizations has increased by 7 to 431, with 10 additional patients with COVID-19 in ICUs and 5 additional patients on ventilators. A total of 5,516,370 tests have been completed, an increase of 39,559 from yesterday, with 41,977 tests under investigation, an increase of 7,517 from yesterday.

The provincial data in this report is pulled from Ontario's integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) at 4 p.m. the previous day. Health unit data is more current, and is usually reflected in the provincial data the following day.

## Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's service area is the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County, and Haliburton County.

*The health unit provides reports from Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.*

**Confirmed positive:** 263, including 188 in Kawartha Lakes, 53 in Northumberland, 22 in Haliburton (increase of 1 in Northumberland)*
**Active cases:** 2, including 1 in Kawartha Lakes and 1 in Northumberland (net decrease of 2)
**Probable cases:** 0 (no change)
**High-risk contacts:** 22, including 8 in Kawartha Lakes, 11 in Northumberland, and 3 in Haliburton (decrease of 2)
**Hospitalizations (total to date):** 15, including 11 in Kawartha Lakes, 3 in Northumberland, and 1 in Haliburton (no change)
**Deaths:** 33 (no change)
**Resolved:** 241, including 168 in Kawartha Lakes, 51 in Northumberland, 22 in Haliburton (increase of 3, including 2 in Northumberland and 1 in Haliburton)
**Institutional outbreaks:** Warkworth Long Term Care (no change)

*One previously identified case for a neighbouring health unit has been assigned to Northumberland County based on where the person resided when they were identified as a case.*

## Province of Ontario

**Confirmed positive:** 89,784 (increase of 1,575)
**Resolved:** 75,220 (increase of 917, 83.8% of all cases)
**Hospitalized:** 431 (increase of 7)
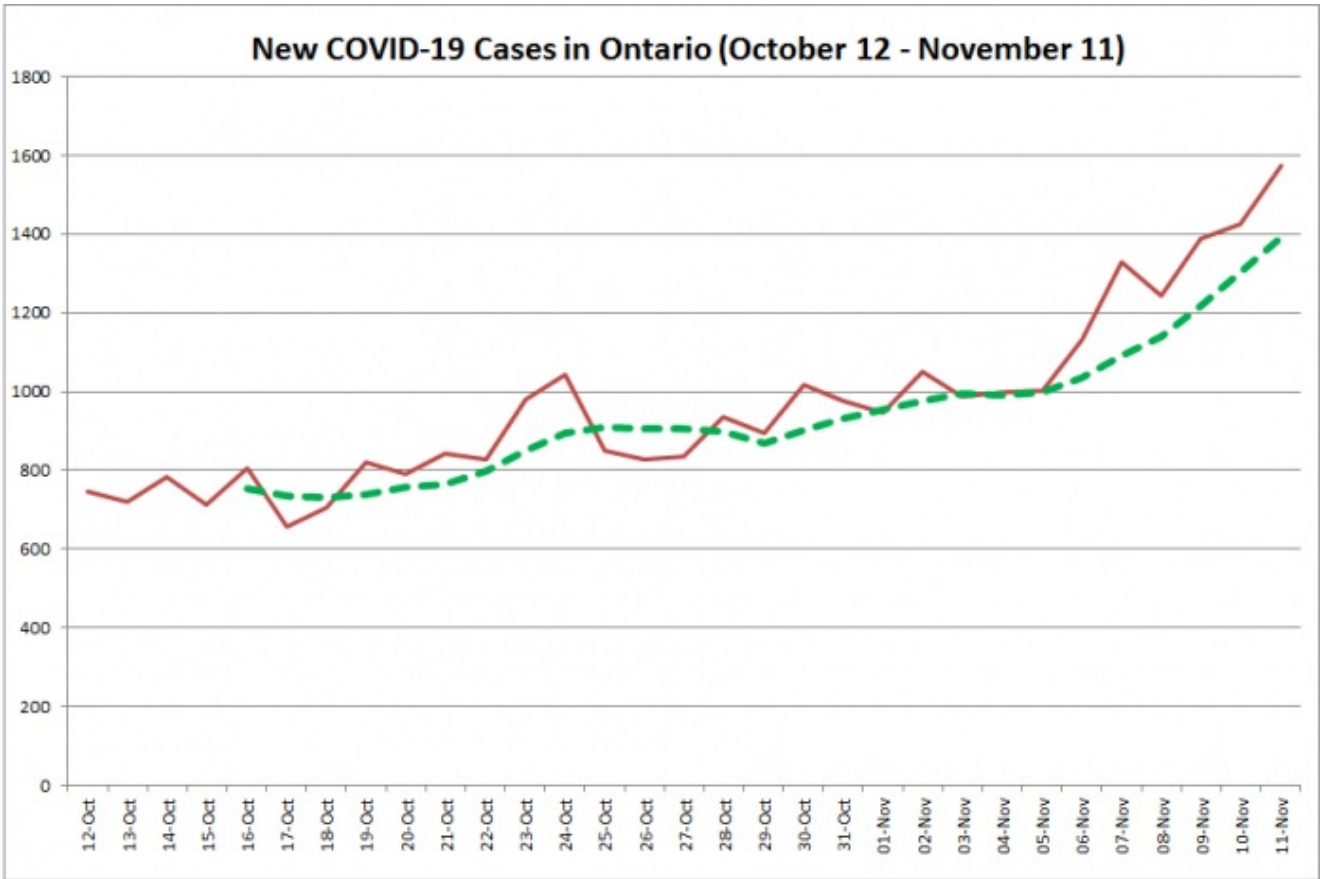**Hospitalized and in ICU:** 98 (increase of 10)
**Hospitalized and in ICU on ventilator:** 62 (increase of 5)
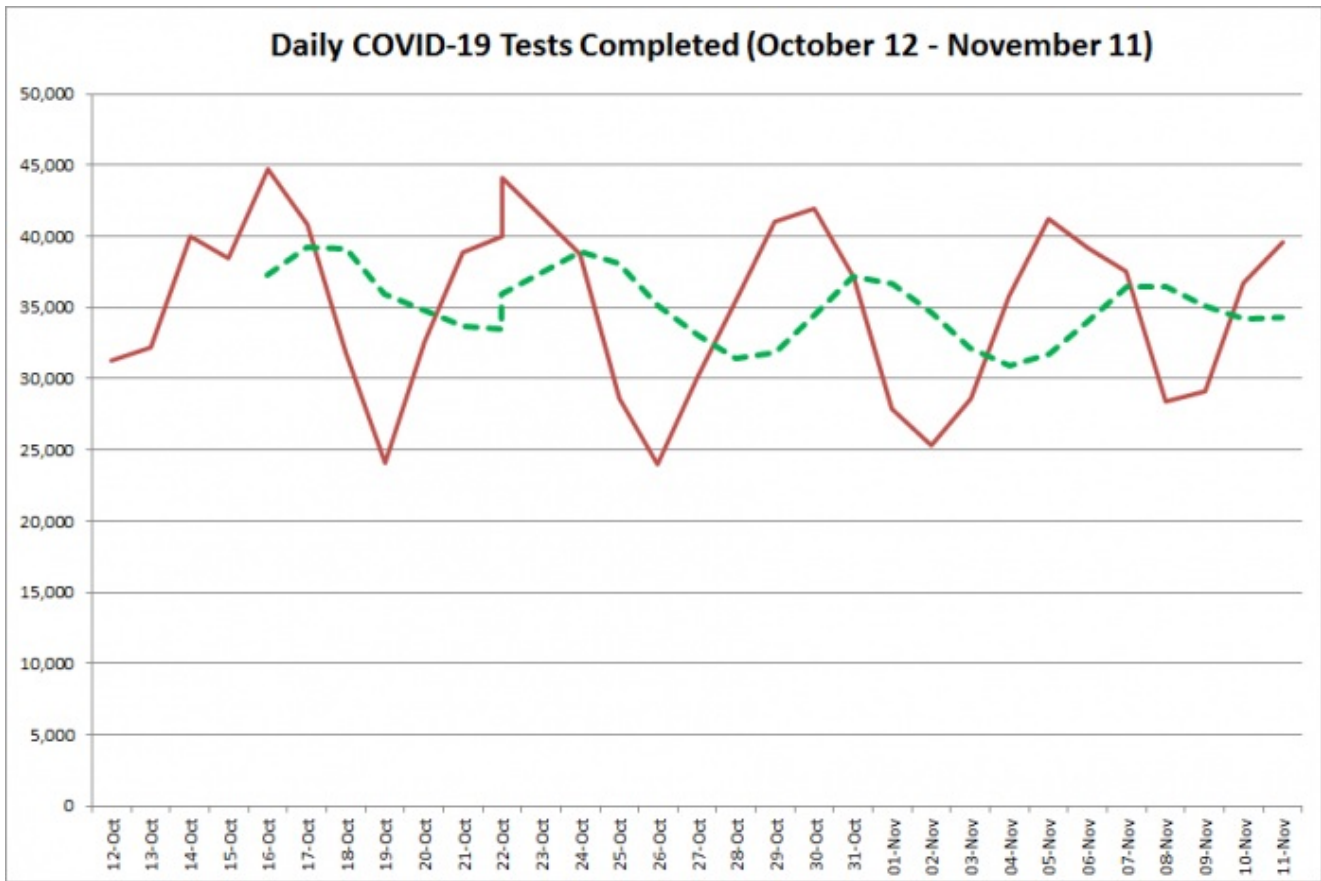**Deaths:** 3,293 (increase of 18)
**Deaths of residents in long-term care homes:** 2,099 (increase of 12)
**Total tests completed:** 5,516,370 (increase of 39,559)
**Tests under investigation:** 41,977 (increase of 7,517)

New COVID-19 cases in Ontario from October 12 – November 11, 2020. The red line is the number of new cases reported daily, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of new cases. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

**Daily COVID-19 Tests Completed (October 12 - November 11)**

COVID-19 tests completed in Ontario from October 12 – November 11, 2020. The red line is the number of tests completed daily, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of tests completed. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

For more information about COVID-19 in Ontario, visit covid-19.ontario.ca.

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