Ontario is reporting a new record of 1,855 COVID-19 cases today, eclipsing by 267 the previous high of 1,588 reported on November 21. The average number of daily cases over the past seven days has increased by 62 to 1,489.

In the greater Kawarthas region, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health — which has reported 27 new cases in the past week with a local incidence rate of 16 cases per 100,000 people — will move into the province's "Yellow-Protect" level effective 12:01 a.m. on Monday (November 30).

"The level of transmission in our region has increased quickly over the past week, requiring additional preventative measures," says Dr. Piotr Oglaza, medical officer of health for Hastings Prince Edward Public Health. "To avoid further restrictions, I ask all residents to redouble their efforts at this critical time."

With Peterborough Public Health having already moved to "Yellow-Protect", only Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit — which has itself reported 26 cases over the past week, including 6 today — remains (for now) in the least restrictive "Green-Prevent" level.

Most of the new cases reported today are in Peel (517), Toronto (494), York (189), and Halton (130), with double-digit increases in Hamilton (82), Waterloo (74), Durham (65), Ottawa (55), Windsor-Essex (52), Simcoe Muskoka (38), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (27), Niagara (20), Brant County (16), Huron Perth (14), Grey Bruce (11), Haldimand-Norfolk (11), Middlesex-London (10), and Southwestern Public Health (10), and smaller increases in Eastern Ontario Health Unit (9) and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (6).

The remaining 14 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 4 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's cases, 52% are among people under 40 years of age, with the highest number of cases (686) among people ages 20 to 39 followed by 564 cases among people ages 40 to 59. With 1,451 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has decreased by 0.2% to 84.8%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has decreased by 0.2% to 3.7%, meaning that 37 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on November 26.

Ontario reported 20 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 13 in long-term care facilities. Hospitalizations have decreased by 15 to 541, with no change in the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs and 4 fewer patients on ventilators. A total of 58,037 tests were completed yesterday, and the backlog of tests under investigation has increased by 1,389 to 54,241.

There are 122 new cases in Ontario schools to report today, an increase of 34 from