

increased by 0.1% to 85.1%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has decreased by 0.8% to 3.6%, meaning that 36 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on December 9.

Ontario is reporting 35 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 24 in long-term care facilities. Hospitalizations have increased by 18 to 829, with 7 more patients with COVID-19 in ICUs and 3 more patients on ventilators.

A total of 61,809 tests were completed yesterday, and the backlog of tests under investigation has increased by 11,713 to 66,326.

There are 139 new cases in Ontario schools today, a decrease of 68 from yesterday, with 111 student cases and 28 staff cases. There are 31 new cases in licensed child care settings, a decrease of 11 from yesterday, with 20 cases among children and 11 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 20 new cases to report, including 9 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties (most in Belleville and Quinte West), 5 in Northumberland, 3 in Peterborough, 2 in Kawartha Lakes, and 1 in Haliburton.

An additional 5 cases have been resolved in Peterborough, 3 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties, and 3 in Northumberland.

None of the reported cases in Ontario schools or licensed child care settings are in the greater Kawarthas region.

There are currently 106 active cases in the greater Kawarthas region, including 47 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties (most in Belleville and Quinte West), 32 in Northumberland, 18 in Peterborough, 8 in Kawartha Lakes, and 1 in Haliburton.

Since the pandemic began in the greater Kawarthas region, there have been 237 confirmed positive cases in the Peterborough area (214 resolved with 5 deaths), 209 in the City of Kawartha Lakes (182 resolved with 32 deaths), 131 in Northumberland County (98 resolved with 1 death), 27 in Haliburton County (26 resolved with no deaths), and 199 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties (147 resolved with 5 deaths). The most recent death was reported in Peterborough on November 23.

Province-wide, there have been 134,783 confirmed cases, an increase of 1,983 from yesterday, with 114,679 resolved cases (85.1% of all cases), an increase of 1,804 from yesterday. There have been 3,871 deaths, an increase of 35 from yesterday, with 2,431 deaths in long-term care homes, an increase of 24 from yesterday. The number of hospitalizations has increased by 18 to 829, with 7 more patients with COVID-19 in ICUs and 3 more patients on ventilators. A total of 6,776,142 tests have been completed, an increase of 61,809 from yesterday, with 66,326 tests under investigation, an increase of 11,713 from yesterday.