

Grenville & Lanark (13), and Thunder Bay (11), with smaller increases in Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington (9), Lambton (9), Haldimand-Norfolk (8), Renfrew (7), Chatham-Kent (7), and Huron Perth (6).

The remaining 11 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 4 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's cases, 53% are among people under 40 years of age, with the highest number of cases (848) among people ages 20 to 39 followed by 642 cases among people ages 40 to 59. With 1,992 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.1% to 85.6%. The average positivity rate across Ontario since yesterday has decreased by 0.1% to 3.9%, meaning that 39 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on December 17.

Ontario is reporting 40 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 11 in long-term care facilities. Hospitalizations have decreased by 42 to 877, with 2 fewer patients with COVID-19 in ICUs and 4 fewer patients on ventilators.

A total of 58,178 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation increasing by 2,604 to 81,235.

There are 133 new cases in Ontario schools today, a decrease of 37 from yesterday, with 111 student cases and 22 staff cases. There are 13 new cases in licensed child care settings, a decrease of 16 from yesterday, with 9 cases among children and 4 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 12 new cases to report, including 5 in Northumberland, 4 in Peterborough, and 3 in Hastings Prince Edward. There are no new cases in Kawartha Lakes or Haliburton.

An outbreak was declared at Case Manor Care Community in Bobcaygeon on December 17 after an employee tested positive

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

An additional 25 cases have been resolved, including 13 in Hastings Prince Edward, 7 in Peterborough, 3 in Northumberland, and 2 in Kawartha Lakes.

There are currently 108 active cases in the greater Kawarthas region, a decrease of 15 from yesterday, including 35 in Hastings Prince Edward (14 in Quinte West and 12 in Belleville), 45 in Northumberland, 21 in Peterborough, and 7 in Kawartha Lakes. There are no active cases in Haliburton.

Since the pandemic began in the greater Kawarthas region, there have been 264 confirmed