

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (815), Peel (507), York (151), Niagara (151), and Hamilton (121).

There are double-digit increases in Windsor-Essex (97), Ottawa (92), Waterloo (85), Halton (79), Durham (76), Middlesex-London (67), Simcoe Muskoka (65), Lambton (52), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (51), Eastern Ontario (36), Southwestern (31), Chatham-Kent (28), Huron Perth (15), Haldimand-Norfolk (13), Brant (12), with smaller increases in Thunder Bay (8) and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (7).

The remaining 12 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 3 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 51% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (972) among people ages 20-39, followed by 743 cases among people ages 40-59. With 2,826 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.2% to 85.8%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased since yesterday by 1.4% to 6.6%, meaning that 66 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on January 17.

Ontario is reporting 24 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 14 in long-term care homes. Hospitalizations have increased by 1 from yesterday to 1,571, although this number is likely under-reported as more than 10% of hospitals did not submit data for today's report. The number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs has decreased by 1 to 395, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators has increased by 10 to 303.

A total of 18,481 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 11,622 to 18,481. A total of 209,788 doses of vaccine have been administered, with 9,691 daily doses administered and 21,752 total vaccinations completed (i.e., both doses administered).

Due to the winter break and the remote learning period during the state of emergency, there will be no data to report for schools in southern Ontario until at least January 26. There are 29 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, no change from the last report on January 15, with 20 cases among children and 9 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 21 new cases to report, including 10 in Northumberland, 5 in Kawartha Lakes, 4 in Haliburton, and 2 in Hastings Prince Edward. There are no new cases to report in Peterborough.

There is 1 new death to report in Northumberland and there is 1 new hospitalization in Peterborough.

An outbreak was declared at Warkworth Place long-term care home in Warkworth on January 17, increasing to 9 the number of active outbreaks in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit region.