

term care homes and high-risk retirement homes by February 5 instead of February 15.

“Due to the delay in the next shipment of Pfizer vaccine doses, we are ensuring all available supplies are redirected to those who need them most: our residents in long-term care and retirement homes,” Ford said. “I know this will mean that some people may have to reschedule their vaccine appointments, but it is critical that our most vulnerable seniors receive the protection they need as soon as possible.”

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 24 new cases to report and 36 additional cases resolved, with the number of active cases across the region decreasing by 13 to 159. There have been 3 new COVID-related deaths in Kawartha Lakes.

Most of today’s new cases are in Toronto (727), Peel (365), and York (157).

There are double-digit increases in Windsor-Essex (85), Niagara (82), Durham (62), Hamilton (55), Halton (54), Ottawa (51), Middlesex-London (46), Simcoe Muskoka (41), Waterloo (39), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (35), Huron Perth (29), Southwestern (28), Chatham-Kent (22), Lambton (19), Eastern Ontario (11), and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (11), with smaller increases in Brant (9) and Sudbury (8).

The remaining 13 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 3 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today’s new cases, 52% are among people 40 and older, with the highest number of cases (696) among people ages 20-39, followed by 604 cases among people ages 40-59. With 2,448 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.2% to 88.5%.

The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased since yesterday by 1.3% to 5.5%, meaning that 55 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on January 24.

Ontario is reporting 43 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 27 in long-term care homes. Hospitalizations have decreased by 38 from yesterday to 1,398, but this number excludes data from around 10% of hospitals so is likely under-reported. The number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs has increased by 5 to 397, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators has decreased by 28 to 283.

A total of 35,968 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 9,004 to 14,991. A total of 286,110 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 5,537 from yesterday, with 71,256 vaccinations completed (i.e., both doses administered), an increase of 8,375 from yesterday.