

Ontario reports 1,837 new COVID-19 cases and mandatory testing for arriving international travellers

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Two new deaths in Peterborough and Northumberland, but regional active cases drop to 113 with 9 new cases and 32 resolved cases

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At a media conference on January 29, 2021, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced mandatory on-arrival testing of international travellers at Toronto Pearson International Airport effective February 1, along with other new measures. (CPAC screenshot)

Here's an update on COVID-19 cases in Ontario as well as in the greater Kawarthas region.

Ontario is reporting 1,837 new cases today, with the seven-day average of daily cases across the province decreasing today by 117 to 2,011.

With 51 cases of the COVID-19 UK variant now identified in Ontario, the Ontario government announced mandatory on-arrival testing of international travellers at Toronto Pearson International Airport effective February 1, as well as enhanced screening and testing and other measures.

“We can’t take anything for granted, not when new highly contagious strains of the virus have entered our country,” said Premier Doug Ford at a media conference at Queen’s Park on Friday (January 29). “If these new strains take hold, the consequences will be dire.”

The provincial measures are in addition to federal measures announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Friday. Starting February 3rd, international inbound flights will only be permitted to land at airports in Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver.

International travellers arriving in Canada will also soon be required to take a PCR test and quarantine at a government-approved hotel at their own expense for up to three days while awaiting the results of their test. In addition, Air Canada, WestJet, Sunwing, and Air Transat have agreed to suspend service to destinations in the Caribbean and Mexico until April 30th.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 9 new cases to report and 32 additional cases resolved, with the number of active cases across the region decreasing by 26 to 113. There has been 2 new COVID-19 deaths in the region, in Peterborough and Northumberland.

Most of today’s new cases are in Toronto (595), Peel (295), and York (170).

There are double-digit increases in Waterloo (91), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (83), Niagara (64), Durham (59), Simcoe Muskoka (58), Halton (54), Ottawa (53), Hamilton (53), Middlesex-London (48), Windsor-Essex (45), Thunder Bay (24), Southwestern (24), Porcupine (15), Chatham-Kent (15), Sudbury (13), and Haldimand-Norfolk (11), with smaller increases in Brant (9), Eastern Ontario (8), Northwestern (7), Peterborough (7), and Grey Bruce (7).

The remaining 10 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 2 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today’s new cases, 53% are among people 40 and older, with the highest number of cases (629) among people ages 20-39, followed by 554 cases among people ages 40-59 and 298 cases among people ages 60-79.

With 2,900 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.5% to 90.0%. The average positivity rate across Ontario remains unchanged 3.3%, meaning that 33 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on January 28.

Ontario is reporting 58 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 32 in long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 57 new daily deaths over the past 7 days.

Hospitalizations have decreased by 47 from yesterday to 1,291, with the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs increasing by 2 to 360, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators decreasing by 5 to 271. A total of 69,040 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 7,933 to 40,453.

A total of 327,455 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 10,215 from yesterday, with 61,679 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 6,393 from yesterday.

There is 1 new student case in Ontario schools, a decrease of 1 from yesterday. There are 25 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, an increase of 5 from yesterday, with 15 cases among children and 10 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 9 new cases to report, including 5 in Kawartha Lakes, 3 in Peterborough, and 1 in Northumberland. There are no new cases in Hastings Prince Edward or Haliburton. An outbreak at Trent Valley Lodge long-term care home in Trenton was declared on January 28.

There has been 1 new death in Peterborough and 1 new death in Northumberland.

An additional 32 cases have been resolved, including 22 in Kawartha Lakes, 5 in Peterborough, 3 in Haliburton, 1 in Northumberland, and 1 in Hastings Prince Edward. Outbreaks at Centennial Place long-term care home in Millbrook and at Crown Ridge long-term care home in Trenton were declared resolved on January 29.

There are currently 113 active cases in the greater Kawarthas region, a decrease of 26 from yesterday, including 47 in Peterborough, 46 in Kawartha Lakes, 13 in Northumberland, 5 in Hastings Prince Edward (4 in Quinte West and 1 in Belleville), and 2 in Haliburton.

Since the pandemic began in the greater Kawarthas region, there have been 538 confirmed positive cases in the Peterborough area (483 resolved with 8 deaths), 424 in the City of Kawartha Lakes (351 resolved with 40 deaths), 367 in Northumberland County (346 resolved with 8 deaths), 48 in Haliburton County (46 resolved with no deaths), and 366 in Hastings and Prince Edward counties (356 resolved with 5 deaths). The 2 most recent deaths were reported in Peterborough and Northumberland on January 29.

The provincial data in this report is pulled from Ontario's integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) at 12 p.m. the previous day. Data from local health units is more current and is usually reflected in the provincial data the following day. There may be discrepancies between the Ontario data reported today (which is from yesterday) and the local health unit data reported today (which is from today).

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's service area is the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County, and Haliburton County.

The health unit provides reports from Monday to Saturday, excluding statutory holidays.

Confirmed positive: 839, including 424 in Kawartha Lakes, 367 in Northumberland, and 48 in Haliburton (increase of 6, including 5 in Kawartha Lakes and 1 in Northumberland)*

Active cases: 61, including 46 in Kawartha Lakes, 13 in Northumberland, and 2 in Haliburton (decrease of 22, including 17 in Kawartha Lakes, 2 in Northumberland, and 3 in Haliburton)

Probable cases: 7, including 6 in Kawartha Lakes and 1 in Northumberland (net increase of 3)

High-risk contacts: 126, including 63 in Kawartha Lakes, 43 in Northumberland, and 15 in Haliburton (net decrease of 8)**

Hospitalizations (total to date): 32, including 22 in Kawartha Lakes, 8 in Northumberland, and 2 in Haliburton (no change)***

Deaths (including among probable cases): 48, including 40 in Kawartha Lakes and 8 in Northumberland (increase of 1 in Northumberland)

Resolved: 740, including 351 in Kawartha Lakes, 346 in Northumberland, 43 in Haliburton (increase of 26, including 22 in Kawartha Lakes, 1 in Northumberland, and 3 in Haliburton)

Institutional outbreaks: Hope St. Terrace long-term care home in Port Hope, Caressant Care McLaughlin Road long-term care home in Lindsay, Golden Plough Lodge in Cobourg, Warkworth Place long-term care home in Warkworth, Caressant Care retirement home in Lindsay (no change)

**The health unit states that total counts and counts for individual counties may fluctuate from previously reported counts as cases are transferred to or from the health unit based on case investigation details and routine data cleaning.*

***This total includes an additional 11 high-risk contacts directly followed up through the Public Health Ontario contact tracing process that are missing the contacts' county.*

****As of January 29, Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay reports 3 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 (an increase of 1 from yesterday).*

Province of Ontario

Confirmed positive: 264,300 (increase of 1,837)

7-day average of new cases: 2,128 (decrease of 77)

Resolved: 237,871 (increase of 2,900, 90.0% of all cases)

Positivity rate: 3.3% (no change)

Hospitalized: 1,291 (decrease of 47)

Hospitalized and in ICU: 360 (increase of 2)

Hospitalized and in ICU on ventilator: 271 (decrease of 5)

Deaths: 6,072 (increase of 58)

Deaths of residents in long-term care homes: 3,550 (increase of 32)

Total tests completed: 9,564,571 (increase of 69,040)

Tests under investigation: 40,453 (decrease of 7,933)

Vaccination doses administered: 327,455 (increase of 10,215)

People fully vaccinated (two doses): 61,679 (increase of 6,393)

COVID-19 variant cases: 51 of B.1.1.7 UK variant

COVID-19 cases in Ontario from December 29, 2020 – January 28, 2021. The red line is the number of new cases reported daily, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of new cases. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

COVID-19 tests completed in Ontario from December 29, 2020 – January 28, 2021. The red line is the number of tests completed daily, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of tests completed. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU admissions in Ontario from December 29, 2020 – January 28, 2021. The red line is the daily number of COVID-19 hospitalizations, the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of hospitalizations, the purple line is the daily number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs, and the dotted orange line is a five-day moving average of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

COVID-19 deaths in Ontario from December 29, 2020 – January 28, 2021. The red line is the cumulative number of daily deaths, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of daily deaths. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

For more information about COVID-19 in Ontario, visit covid-19.ontario.ca.

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