

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (363) and Peel (186).

There are double-digit increases in York (94), Simcoe Muskoka (53), Windsor-Essex (50), Thunder Bay (45), Waterloo (44), Ottawa (40), Hamilton (38), Durham (35), Halton (26), Niagara (13), and Middlesex-London (10), with smaller increases in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (9), Sudbury (8), Brant (7), and Eastern Ontario (6).

The remaining 17 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 5 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 56% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (401) among people ages 20-39, followed by 322 cases among people ages 40-59.

With 1,291 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.1% at 94.3%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has decreased by 1.8% from yesterday to 2.4%, meaning that 24 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on February 23.

Ontario is reporting 9 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 2 in long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 23 new daily deaths over the past week, a decrease of 1 from yesterday.

Hospitalizations have decreased by 43 from yesterday to 675, with the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs increasing by 4 to 287, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators decreasing by 4 to 182.

A total of 54,852 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation increasing by 12,449 to 41,251.

A total of 602,848 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 17,141 from yesterday, with 251,590 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 4,548 from yesterday, representing 1.71% of Ontario's population. An estimated 70-90% of the population must be immunized to achieve herd immunity.

There are 112 new cases in Ontario schools, a decrease of 63 from yesterday, including 89 student cases, 18 staff cases, and 5 cases among unidentified individuals. There are 27 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, a decrease of 16 from yesterday, with 19 cases among children and 8 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 14 new cases to report, including 5 in Peterborough, 4 in Hastings Prince Edward, 3 in Northumberland, and 2 in Kawartha Lakes. There are no new cases to report in Haliburton.

An additional 15 cases have been resolved, including 6 in Peterborough, 5 in Kawartha Lakes, 3 in Hastings Prince Edward, and 1 in Haliburton.