

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (280) and Peel (182).

There are double-digit increases in Ottawa (72), Thunder Bay (55), Hamilton (53), York (47), Simcoe Muskoka (39), Halton (39), Waterloo (39), Durham (34), Niagara (30), Windsor-Essex (22), Middlesex-London (18), Brant (16), Lambton (14), Northwestern (12), Peterborough (12), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (12), and Sudbury (11), with smaller increases in Eastern Ontario (9) and Renfrew (7).

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, 61% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (396) among people ages 20-39, followed by 268 cases among people ages 40-59 and 225 cases among people 19 and younger.

With 939 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases remains unchanged at 94.2%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased by 0.7% from yesterday to 3.1%, meaning that 31 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on February 28.

Ontario is reporting 6 new COVID-19 deaths today — the lowest number of deaths reported since October 25 — with 1 new death in a long-term care home. The province has averaged 16 new daily deaths over the past week, a decrease of 1 from yesterday.

Hospitalizations have increased by 32 from yesterday to 659, but more than 10% of hospitals did not submit data for this report so the actual number of hospitalizations may be higher. The number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs has decreased by 9 from yesterday to 280, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators has decreased by 10 to 175.

A total of 35,015 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 4,902 to 13,416.

A total of 704,695 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 17,424 from yesterday, with 263,214 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 1,111 from yesterday, representing 1.79% of Ontario's population. An estimated 70-90% of the population must be immunized to achieve herd immunity.

There are 116 new cases in Ontario schools, an increase of 15 from February 26, including 99 student cases, 15 staff cases and 2 cases among unidentified people. There are 13 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, a decrease of 16 from February 26, with 7 cases among children and 6 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 17 new cases to report, including 9 in Peterborough, 4 in Northumberland, and 4 in Hastings Prince Edward.