

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 18 new cases to report and an additional 12 cases resolved, with the number of active cases across the region increasing by 8 to 110. Most of the new cases and increase in active cases are in Peterborough, due to an outbreak at Severn Court Student Residence that has infected 34 students as of March 1.

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (253) and Peel (223).

There are double-digit increases in York (99), Ottawa (64), Waterloo (46), Thunder Bay (39), Simcoe Muskoka (36), Durham (34), Halton (32), Windsor-Essex (23), Hamilton (23), Sudbury (19), Brant (13), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (13), and Lambton (11), with smaller increases in Eastern Ontario (7) and Middlesex-London (6).

The remaining 17 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 8 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 59% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (389) among people ages 20-39 followed by 249 cases among people ages 40-59.

With 979 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases remains unchanged at 94.2%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has decreased by 0.2% from yesterday to 2.9%, meaning that 29 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on March 1.

Ontario is reporting 11 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 2 new deaths in a long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 16 new daily deaths over the past week (no change from yesterday).

Hospitalizations have increased by 17 from yesterday to 677, with the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs increasing by 4 from yesterday to 284, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators increasing by 14 from yesterday to 189.

A total of 30,767 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation increasing by 17,658 to 31,074.

A total of 727,021 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 22,326 from yesterday, with 264,896 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 1,682 from yesterday, representing 1.80% of Ontario's population.

An estimated 70-90% of the population must be immunized to achieve herd immunity; at the current vaccination rate (0.1% per day), it will take more than 22 months for Ontario to vaccinate 70% of the population.

There are 262 new cases in Ontario schools, an increase of 146 from yesterday, including 231 student cases, 30 staff cases and 1 case among an unidentified person. There are 41 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, an increase of 28 from yesterday, with 33 cases