

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (337), Peel (167), and York (129).

There are double-digit increases in Hamilton (74), Thunder Bay (71), Ottawa (63), Durham (55), Halton (47), Waterloo (47), Simcoe Muskoka (35), Middlesex-London (26), Niagara (26), Lambton (23), Windsor-Essex (23), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (21), Sudbury (18), Peterborough (15), Eastern Ontario (11), and Haldimand-Norfolk (10), with smaller increases in Southwestern (9), Brant (9), Northwestern (8), and Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (7).

The remaining 11 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with only 1 health unit (North Bay Parry Sound) reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 55% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (465) among people ages 20-39 followed by 364 cases among people ages 40-59.

With 1,159 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases remains unchanged at 94.3%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased by 0.2% from yesterday to 2.3%, meaning that 23 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on March 4.

Ontario is reporting 22 new COVID-19 deaths today, including 2 new deaths in a long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 15 new daily deaths over the past week (no change from yesterday).

Hospitalizations have decreased by 6 from yesterday to 643, with the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs decreasing by 1 from yesterday to 280, and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators remaining unchanged at 183.

A total of 64,748 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 8,686 to 34,037.

A total of 820,714 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 35,886 from yesterday, with 269,063 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 945 from yesterday, representing 1.83% of Ontario's population.

There are 96 new cases in Ontario schools, a decrease of 5 from yesterday, including 82 student cases, 13 staff cases, and 1 case among an unidentified person. There are 24 new cases in licensed child care settings in Ontario, an increase of 2 from yesterday, with 16 cases among children and 8 cases among staff.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 12 new cases to report, including 9 in Peterborough and 3 in Northumberland. There are no new cases in Hastings Prince Edward, Kawartha Lakes, or Haliburton.

There are now 51 presumed cases of variants of concern in Peterborough. An outbreak was declared at Regency retirement home in Lakefield on March 5.