

However, 29,500 doses will also be distributed to primary care providers (including family doctors) in Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe-Muskoka, and Peel. Beginning March 13, primary care providers in these six public health regions will be contacting eligible patients aged 60-64 directly to book an appointment.

With today's new cases, the seven-day average of daily cases has increased by 51 to 1,238. There are 13 new cases of the B.1.1.7 UK variant, for a total of 921, with no new cases of other variants of concern.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 11 new cases to report and an additional 15 cases resolved, with the number of active cases across the region decreasing by 5 to 127.

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (428), Peel (244), and York (149).

There are double-digit increases in Thunder Bay (67), Ottawa (59), Hamilton (59), Durham (48), Halton (48), Simcoe Muskoka (31), Waterloo (25), Windsor-Essex (23), Niagara (19), Peterborough (16), Brant (14), Sudbury (13), Eastern Ontario (11), and Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (11), with smaller increases in Chatham-Kent (9), Northwestern (8), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (8), Southwestern (7), and Haldimand-Norfolk (6).

The remaining 12 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 3 health units reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 57% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (478) among people ages 20-39 followed by 363 cases among people ages 40-59.

With 1,212 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has decreased by 0.1% at 94.1%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has decreased by 1.2% from yesterday to 2.5%, meaning that 25 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on March 9.

Ontario is reporting 16 new COVID-19 deaths today. For the third day in a row, there are no new deaths in Ontario's long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 12 new daily deaths over the past week (no change from yesterday).

Hospitalizations have decreased by 11 from yesterday to 678, with the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs decreasing by 9 to 281 and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators decreasing by 6 to 178.

A total of 54,149 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation increasing by 8,673 to 38,518.

A total of 978,797 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 35,264 from yesterday, with 279,204 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 3,011 from yesterday, representing 1.9% of Ontario's population.