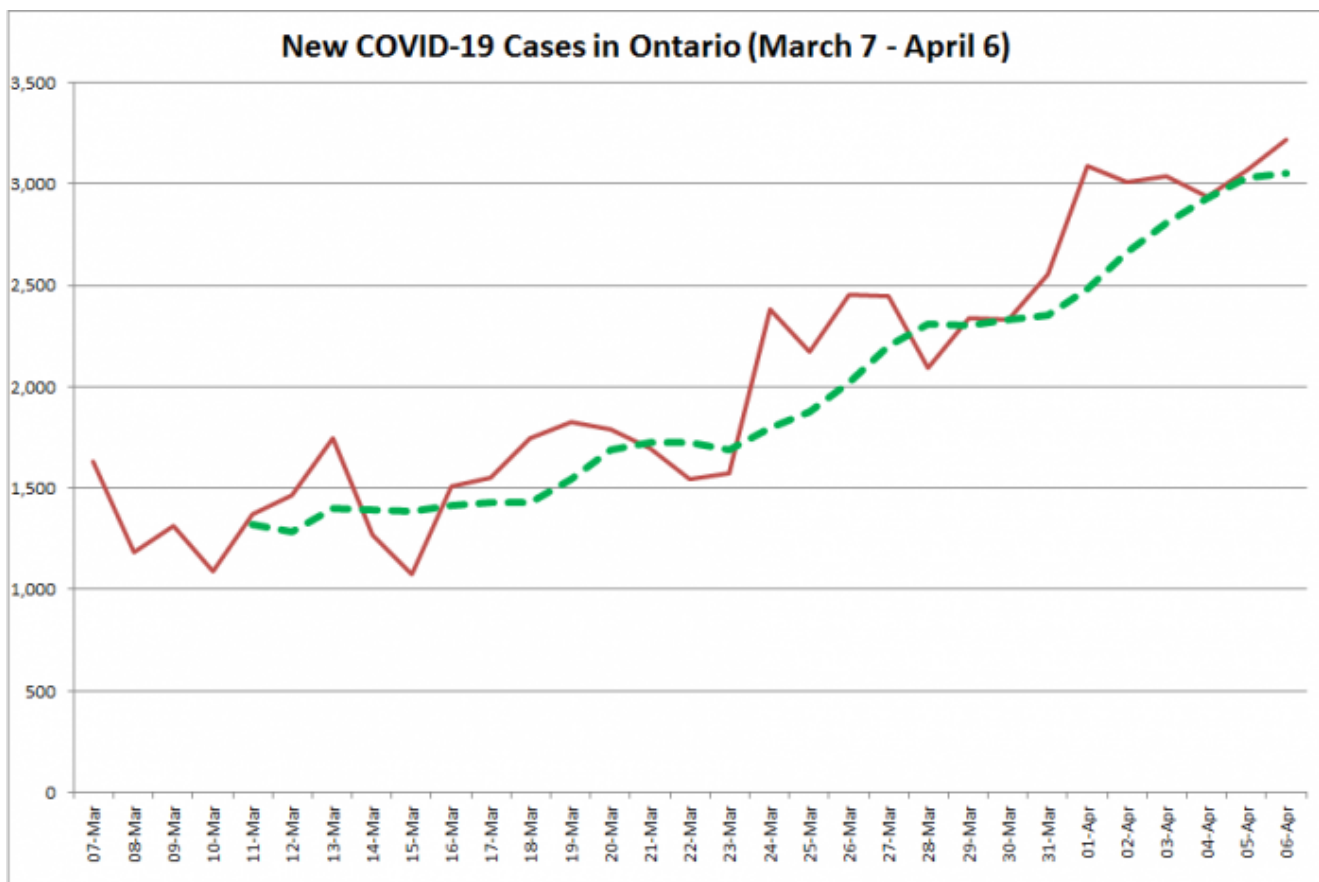


Vaccinations will begin during the April break starting with priority neighbourhoods in Toronto and Peel, then rolling out to priority neighbourhoods in other hot spot regions, including York, Ottawa, Hamilton, Halton, and Durham. This will be followed by a rollout across the province as supply allows.

People living in regions with the highest rates of transmission will be moved to the top of the list to receive a vaccine, starting with Toronto and Peel and later to other “hot spot” regions. Mobile clinics will administer vaccines to people 18 and over in high-risk congregate settings, residential buildings, faith-based locations, and locations occupied by large employers in hot spot neighbourhoods. Pop-up clinics will also be set up in these neighbourhoods, including at faith-based locations and community centres.

As of Friday (April 9), the government will also extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination appointments through its provincial booking system to people 50 and over in those public health regions with high-risk areas.



COVID-19 cases in Ontario over the past four weeks. The red line is the number of new cases reported daily, and the dotted green line is a five-day moving average of new cases. (Graphic: kawarthaNOW.com)

Today’s announcement comes less than a week after the government’s decision to apply a four-week long “emergency brake” shutdown to the entire province in an attempt to control the spread of the more contagious and virulent COVID-19 variants.