

There are now 36,579 cases of the B.1.1.7 UK variant in Ontario, an increase of 2,467 from yesterday, with 4 more cases of the P.1 Brazilian variant. Hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and patients on ventilators continue to reach record highs.

In the greater Kawartha region, there are 53 new cases and an additional 91 cases resolved, with the number of active cases decreasing by 46 to 376. There has been 1 new COVID-related death in Hastings Prince Edward.

Most of today's new cases are in Toronto (1,299), Peel (926), York (577), Ottawa (233), Hamilton (227), Durham (205), Niagara (203), Halton (169), and Simcoe Muskoka (114).

There are double-digit increases today in Waterloo (79), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (70), Middlesex-London (56), Windsor-Essex (39), Brant (39), Eastern Ontario (32), Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (28), Haldimand-Norfolk (21), Peterborough (16), Porcupine (12), Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (12), Sudbury (11), Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington (11), Renfrew (11), and Southwestern (10), with smaller increases in Chatham-Kent (9), Grey Bruce (9), and Hastings Prince Edward (7).

The remaining 7 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with only 1 health unit (Timiskaming) reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 56% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (1,600) among people ages 20-39 followed by 1,319 cases among people ages 40-59 and 897 cases among people 19 and under.

With 3,153 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has decreased by 0.2% to at 88.0%. The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased by 1.3% to 10.5%, meaning that 105 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on April 18.

Ontario is reporting 19 new COVID-19 deaths today, with no new deaths in long-term care homes. Ontario has averaged 24 new daily deaths over the past week, an increase of 1 from yesterday.

The number of hospitalizations has increased by 95 to 2,202, but this total does not include data from than 10% of hospitals so the actual number of hospitalizations may be higher. The number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs has increased by 14 to 755 and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators has increased by 10 to 516.

A total of 42,873 tests were completed yesterday, with the backlog of tests under investigation decreasing by 7,139 to 21,512.

A total of 3,904,778 doses of vaccine have now been administered, an increase of 66,897 from yesterday, with 346,005 people fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccine, an increase of 695.