

The seven-day average of daily cases has decreased by 44 to 4,132. There are 2,700 more cases of the B.1.1.7 UK variant, along with 21 more cases of the B.1.351 South Africa variant and 6 more cases of the P.1 Brazilian variant.

Hospitalizations have decreased slightly, but ICU admissions and patients on ventilators have increased to record highs, with Ontario reporting 34 new deaths today. An additional 3,854 people were fully immunized yesterday, the highest daily number since vaccinations began in Ontario.

In the greater Kawarthas region, there are 30 new cases to report and an additional 47 cases resolved, reducing the number of active cases by 19 to 277. This is the fifth straight day the number of regional active cases has decreased, falling by 145 since April 18. The highest number of regional active cases was 464 on April 15.

Most of the new cases reported today are in Toronto (1,257), Peel (1,232), York (412), Ottawa (247), Durham (224), Niagara (179), Halton (144), and Hamilton (135).

There are double-digit increases reported today in Simcoe Muskoka (96), Middlesex-London (96), Waterloo (83), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (66), Windsor-Essex (65), Brant (58), Eastern Ontario (25), Haldimand-Norfolk (22), Lambton (19), Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (16), Thunder Bay (15), Porcupine (15), Northwestern (13), Southwestern (13), Hastings Prince Edward (12), Chatham-Kent (12), Sudbury (11), and Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (11), with smaller increases in Peterborough (9) and Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington (8).

The remaining 6 health units are reporting 5 or fewer new cases, with 2 health units (North Bay Parry Sound and Renfrew) reporting no new cases at all.

Of today's new cases, 55% are among people 39 and younger, with the highest number of cases (1,685) among people ages 20-39 followed by 1,401 cases among people ages 40-59 and 793 cases among people 19 and under.

With 4,698 more cases resolved since yesterday, the percentage of resolved cases has increased by 0.2% to at 88.7% – the fourth day in a row of an increase in resolved cases. The average positivity rate across Ontario has increased by 1.0% to 8.8%, meaning that 88 out of every 1,000 tests performed were positive for COVID-19 on April 22.

Ontario is reporting 34 new COVID-19 deaths today, with 1 new death in a long-term care home. Ontario has averaged 28 new daily deaths over the past week, an increase of 1 from yesterday.

The number of hospitalizations has decreased by 63 to 2,287, but the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs has increased by 12 to 818 and the number of patients with COVID-19 on ventilators has increased by 5 to 593.