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## Flu cases on the rise in Halton

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Communities across Ontario, including Halton, are seeing a spike in the number of flu cases.

Public Health Ontario's recent flu report indicates a rise, particularly in the influenza A strain, with confirmed cases rising to 533 since September. From December 9 to 15 of last year, there were 136 confirmed cases.

Halton Healthcare Services officials say hospitals in Georgetown, Milton and Oakville are seeing a higher number of flu patients going through its emergency departments.

"The trend at our hospitals and most southern Ontario hospitals reflect what the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care has been telling us. The number of patients suspected and confirmed are higher than the last few years," said Dr. Thomas Warren, who is an infectious diseases specialist and Antimicrobial Stewardship Program lead at Halton Healthcare Services.

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott (left) was joined by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette early Monday as they boarded the 6:28 a.m. GO Train, the first to pick up passengers in Acton since service was discontinued in 1993. (Right) the train pulls into the new Acton station.

Photos by Ted Brown



## GO's return to Acton gets warm welcome

By **TED BROWN**  
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Almost 20 years since the service was discontinued, a GO Transit train stopped in Acton to pick up passengers Monday (yesterday) morning.

The first train, a 10-car unit, stopped at 6:28 a.m., as 25 riders boarded the train headed to Toronto. Another 20 riders boarded the 7:46 train.

Local riders, while numbed by the cold temperatures, were excited about the newly-offered service.

"I've been driving to Georgetown or Milton (GO) stations for about a year now," said Acton resident Jessica Bergie. "I'm ecstatic about the (GO) train service in Acton— it's a 10-minute walk from my house. I save about a half hour with this train stopping here."

Metrolinx president and CEO Bruce McCuaig was one of several GO Train executives on hand to see the first train pull into Acton.

"It's great to see Acton people taking the train this morning," said McCuaig. "Acton is one of the communities we've wanted to get service to in the past 18 months, as part of the Kitchener/Guelph service. Acton was part of that plan, and today we get to see the plan come to fruition. We're very happy to be serving the residents here in Acton."

McCuaig said the Acton part of the project—the heated shelters and ticket machines— cost about \$3.8 million.

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