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WEEKLY ROUNDUP: CASES OF COVID-19 VARIANTS RISE IN HALTON

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Variants of the novel coronavirus, which experts say are more contagious and may be more severe, continue to spread in Halton.

According to Halton Public Health's website, the total number of variant cases as of Feb. 26 was 55, with 17 in Halton Hills, 14 each in Milton and Oakville and 10 in Burlington.

The total consists of eight confirmed cases with 47 more "screened positive" as a variant of concern.

The public health unit states on its website that "individuals who have screened positive are highly likely to become variant of concern cases, but it can take several weeks for con-



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Here's a look at Halton's weekly COVID-19 news and cases.

firmatory test results to be received."

As for the weekly CO-VID-19 cases, the website shows that from Feb. 19 to Feb. 25 there were 206 new cases in the region, compared to the 246 logged the previous week.

The number of active cases stood at 177, including 28 in Halton Hills, 58 in Milton, 55 in Oakville and

36 in Burlington.

As of Feb. 26, there have been 9,181 COVID-19 cases in Halton since the pandemic started, with 8,748 marked as resolved and 195 deaths.



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