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Here's a weekly roundup of COVID-19 cases and news.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: STEP 3 OF REOPENING UNDERWAY

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A semblance of normalcy has returned, as more COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in Halton and across Ontario by the provincial government.

As part of Phase 3 of the reopening plan, people can once again dine indoors at restaurants, go to gyms and catch movies on the big screen in theatres. Still, many municipalities are urging residents to be patient as they navigate the reopening, with some taking a staggered approach to re-opening of services and facilities to ensure the safety of residents.

Premier Doug Ford also reminded the public that "it's critical that Ontarians get vaccinated to provide maximum protection against COVID-19 variants."

In Halton, 685,815 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been given to date, which consisted of 397,608 first doses and 288,207 second doses. According to the region's website, 55 per cent of Halton residents have been double vaccinated.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from July 9 to July 15 there were 44 new cases, down from 55 the previous week. Two additional deaths were reported in Burlington.

As of July 16, the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 46 — with 12 cases in Milton, six in Burlington, five in Oakville, and one in Halton Hills. There have been 18,097 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 17,817 marked as resolved and 234 deaths.

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