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WEEKLY ROUNDUP: HALTON RESIDENTS URGED TO GET FULLY VACCINATED

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The region's top doctor is urging residents to get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine amid the spread of the delta variant.

"The delta variant is now the dominant strain of the COVID-19 virus in Ontario," Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton Region's medical officer of health, said in a recent video update.

She noted that vaccines are proving to be effective against variants of concern, including the delta variant — which is more transmissible than the strains circulating earlier in the pandemic.

Citing data from Public Health Ontario for the month of June, she said the risk of getting COVID-19 WALK IN
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Metroland file photo Here's a weekly roundup of COVID-19 cases and news.

was almost five times higher for people not yet vaccinated and over three times higher for those partially vaccinated.

"Let's roll up our sleeves to have a two-dose summer and a more normal September. Together we can do this," she said.

According to the latest data, 82 per cent of eligible Halton residents have received the first dose — with 72 per cent fully vaccinated.

As for the weekly CO-VID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from July 30 to Aug. 5 there were 55 new cases, slightly up from the previous week. No new deaths were reported.

As of Aug. 6, the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 57 — with 28 cases in Milton, 13 in Burlington, 13 in Oakville, and three in Halton Hills. There have been 18,252 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 17,958 marked as resolved and 237 deaths.



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