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

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: NEW OUTBREAKS AMID COVID-19'S FOURTH WAVE

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All signs are pointing to the fourth wave of COVID-19 being underway in Canada.

Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam said in an Aug. 12 statement that cases are plotting along a strong resurgence trajectory, with the number of active cases nationwide more than doubled to over 13,000 compared to two weeks prior.

"Although we are heading into a fourth wave driven by the Delta variant, the good news is that millions of Canadians have rolled up their sleeves to help build a strong wall of vaccination protection. While the Delta variant is more contagious, a complete two-dose series of COVID-19 vaccine still provides substantial protection," she noted.

In Halton, more outbreaks have been declared, including one at a day camp facility in Milton that has infected at least nine children.

These cases come as the Ontario Medical Association called for mandatory vaccination of those working in schools and mandatory indoor masking to ensure a safe return to school, given that no COVID-19 vaccines are currently approved for use in children under 12 in Canada.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from Aug. 6 to 12 there were 125 new cases, up from 55 the previous week.

As of Aug. 13, the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 109 — with 41 cases in Milton, 31 in Burlington, 30 in Oakville, and seven in Halton Hills.

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