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

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: DELTA VARIANT PAUSES FURTHER ECONOMY REOPENING

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The province will not be lifting further COVID-19 restrictions for now due to a rise in the highly transmissible Delta variant cases.

"We are pausing our exit from the roadmap to reopening," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, during a recent press conference.

This means Halton and the rest of the province will remain in Step 3 of the COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen plan.

"We need to get the vaccination policies in place and our vaccination rates up. This is what we need to do to protect Ontarians ...," said Dr. Moore.

Expecting what he believes is going to be "a difficult fall and winter," Moore issued a directive mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees and staff, which must be effective no later than Sept. 7.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from Aug. 13 to 19 there were 137 new cases, up from 125 the previous week.

A COVID-19 outbreak at Hampton Terrace long-term care home in Burlington, declared on Aug. 18, has infected six people so far.

As of Aug. 20, the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 121 — with 42 cases each in Burlington and Oakville, 27 in Milton, and 10 in Halton Hills. There have been 18,515 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 18,157 marked as resolved and 237 deaths.

— *With files from Louie Rosella*



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