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

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: NEW COVID-19 RULES COMING FOR BUSINESSES

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Local businesses with 100 or more employees physically present, including those working in the community, are required to have a workplace vaccination policy and safety plan, as part of the new COVID-19 directives from Halton Public Health.

Dr. Hamidah Meghani, the region's medical officer of health, said that the amended instructions "also provide additional contact tracing measures in certain settings, including the collection and maintenance of customer/patron contact information for places where there is a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure through closer contact or lack of masking."

The policy should be in place no later than Sept. 22, with steps to ensure full implementation and compliance to follow as soon as possible, the instructions said.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from Sept. 3 to 9 there were 181 new cases, up from 154 the previous week. Another death was reported in Burlington, bringing the city's total to 68.

The COVID-19 outbreak at Hampton Terrace long-term care home in Burlington, first declared on Aug. 18, has resulted in 18 cases.

As of Sept. 10, the number of active COVID-19 cases in Halton stood at 166 — with 74 cases in Burlington, 46 in Oakville, 34 in Milton, and 12 in Halton Hills. There have been 18,992 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 18,587 marked as resolved and 239 total deaths.

— With files from Melanie Hennessey

Ontario Government Notice

Invitation to Community Engagement Webinar #2 about the GTA West Highway and Transit Corridor Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is in Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. After confirming the Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area on August 7, 2020 (please refer to the enclosed key plan or view mapping at www.gta-west.com), the GTA West Project Team commenced developing the Preferred Route to a preliminary design level of detail.

The GTA West Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the Ontario *EA Act* and the GTA West Corridor EA Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change designated the GTA West Study under the *Federal Impact Assessment Act*.

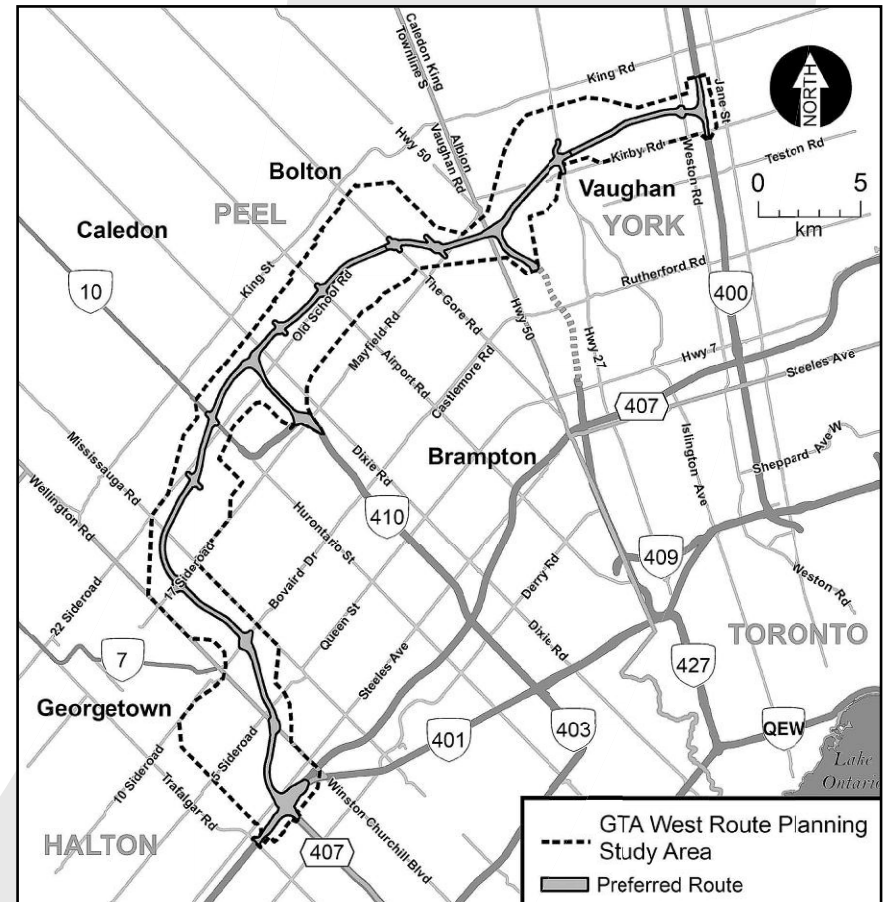
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR

To further meet the public's needs and address community questions, the GTA West Project Team hosted a Community Engagement Webinar in July 2021. **We are hosting a second Community Engagement Webinar on September 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The GTA West Project Team will provide the same overview of the project as was presented in July, followed by a question & answer period.** Expert panelists from a variety of disciplines (e.g. noise, air quality, fisheries, archaeology, etc.) will be in attendance to answer your questions. Public and Project Team member health and safety is of utmost importance. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, this Webinar will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform. For the best experience, we encourage you to join the Webinar on Zoom through an electronic device. If you don't have access to an electronic device, you can listen to the Webinar through your telephone. If you join by telephone, please submit your questions in advance. A recording of the event will be posted on the project website.

To register for Community Engagement Webinar #2, please visit the project website at www.gta-west.com/consultation-2 and click on the Zoom registration link under the *Upcoming Opportunities for Input* section. If you have accessibility requirements, please leave a message at the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916. If you have questions that you would like to submit to the GTA West Project Team in advance of the Webinar, please e-mail them to project_team@gta-west.com, submit them through the contact form on the project website at www.gta-west.com/contactus/ or call the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.

COMMENTS

As always, comments and input regarding the study are encouraged. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the Ontario *EA Act*. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team at the e-mail address or telephone line listed above. Study information is available on the project website: www.gta-west.com. Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 289 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).



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