WEEKLY ROUNDUP: NEW REQUIREMENTS LEAD TO RISE IN VACCINATIONS

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Ontario has begun requiring proof of vaccination for restaurants, theatres, gyms and other nonessential businesses.

With the new requirements, Halton Region saw a 13 per cent increase in vaccinations last week.

The region administered 7,070 doses of CO-VID-19 vaccine from Sept 17-23, up from 6,253 the previous week.

There was also a rise in first doses, though not as big of an increase.

There were 2,674 first doses, compared to 2,584

the previous week, an increase of 3.5 per cent.

Halton Region reported 174 new cases of COVID-19 last week, an average of 24.9 per day.

Almost half of those cases (44.8 per cent) were in Burlington, which had 78 cases. There were 47 cases in Oakville, 44 in Milton and just five in Halton Hills.

There were four outbreaks declared at Halton schools in the past week, bringing the total of on-going outbreaks to five.

Outbreaks were declared at Heritage Glen Public School, River Oaks P.S. and St. Gregory the Great Catholic Elementary School in Oakville and Bruce T. Lindley P.S. in Burlington.

There were a total of nine cases at the schools.

More than a third of Halton's cases were in the 0-19 age group, with 65 cases (37.3 per cent).

The number of active cases dropped slightly to 155, down from 160 a week earlier.

There were no CO-VID-19 related deaths in the region last week.



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