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NFWS WEEKLY ROUNDUP: BOOSTER SHOTS OPEN TO 18 AND UP

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The Ontario government has expanded the eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine booster shots to everyone aged 18 and over in a bid to curb the growing threat of the Omicron variant. The latest coronavirus variant is considered to be more transmissible even compared to Delta, according to experts.

"As we combat the spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant, nothing matters more than getting these booster doses into people's arms," said Ontario Premier Doug Ford in a statement. "I am issuing a call to arms. We need every member of Team Ontario to stand tall and do their part as we work to protect our hard-fought progress and keep Ontarians safe."

The interval required to get the booster shot has been shortened to at least three months — down from six — after a second dose. Eligible residents can now book their appointments.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from Dec. 10 to 15 there were 565 new cases, up from 307 the



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Here's a weekly look at COVID cases and news.

previous week.

As of Dec. 15, the number of active CO-VID-19 cases stood at 601 — with 202 cases in Oakville, 146 in Milton, 147 in Halton Hills, and 115 in Burlington. There have been 21,456 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 20,601 marked as resolved and 245 deaths.



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