

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP: MORE COVID DEATHS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS REPORTED IN HALTON

## SOME ENCOURAGING NEWS THOUGH, ON THE VACCINATION FRONT

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August is not off to a good start in Halton region when it comes to COVID-19.

For the week of Aug. 1-6, there have been 197 cases (56 in Burlington, 80 in Oakville, 44 in Milton and 17 in Halton Hills) with two deaths (one in Milton and one in Oakville).

There have been nine hospitalizations from COVID-19 for the week, according to Halton Region, including two outbreaks



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

at Georgetown Hospital.

There is some encouraging news though on the

vaccination front, with 85 per cent of all Halton residents, including those un-

der five years of age, have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Of all Halton residents who have received at least one dose, just 0.16 per cent had an adverse event following immunization, including 0.01 per cent who had a serious adverse event following immunization.

There are currently 39 people with COVID-19 in Halton's four hospitals, an increase of 33 from last week, according to the latest reports by Halton Healthcare and Joseph Brant Hospital.

Children aged six months and over are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The province announced that as of July 28 parents and caregivers of children aged six months to five years will be able to book appointments for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine.

Dr. Joanna Oda, associate medical officer of health for Halton Region, said in a recent video post for Halton Region, that

children can be seriously infected with COVID-19.

"We also know that some children develop multi-system inflammatory syndrome, which is a serious disease often requiring ICU care," she said.

Dr. Kiran Cherla, a family physician with Halton Hills Family Health Team, said

Kids often spread infection to adults, "so...we do have to appreciate that when kids get an infection, it's not just them we're worried about, but it's their family and friends."

Cherla said the main benefit to children getting vaccinated is that it helps them "live with the virus."

"If you can prevent it, that's the best way to live with it," he said.



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