

Daily Epidemiologic Summary

COVID-19 in Ontario: January 15, 2020 to January 19, 2021

This report includes the most current information available from CCM and other case management systems (CCM plus) as of **January 19, 2021**.

Please visit the interactive <u>Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool</u> to explore recent COVID-19 data by public health unit, age group, sex, and trends over time.

A weekly summary report is available with additional information to complement the daily report.

This **daily** report provides an epidemiologic summary of recent COVID-19 activity in Ontario. The change in cases is determined by taking the cumulative difference between the current day and the previous day.

Highlights

- There are a total of 244,932 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
 - An increase of 2,655 confirmed cases (percent change of +38.8%)
 - An increase of 89 deaths (percent change of +93.5%)
 - An increase of 3,714 resolved cases (percent change of +29.3%)

In this document, the term 'change in cases' refers to cases publicly reported by the province for a given day. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals for updated case counts (i.e., age group, gender) differing from the overall updated case counts.

The term public health unit reported date in this document refers to the date local public health units were first notified of the case.

Case Characteristics

Table 1a. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19: Ontario

	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Percentage change January 19, 2021 compared to January 18, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 19, 2021	
Total number of cases	1,913	2,655	+38.8%	244,932	
Number of deaths	46	89	+93.5%	5,568	
Number resolved	2,873	3,714	+29.3%	212,897	

Note: The number of cases publicly reported by the province each day may not align with case counts reported to public health on a given day; public health unit reported date refers to the date local public health was first notified of the case. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports.

Table 1b. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by age group and gender: Ontario

	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 19, 2021
Gender: Male	966	1,342	119,682
Gender: Female	948	1,306	123,863
Ages: 19 and under	265	335	32,042
Ages: 20-39	701	1,003	89,642
Ages: 40-59	561	800	70,577
Ages: 60-79	266	373	35,220
Ages: 80 and over	123	147	17,403

Note: Not all cases have a reported age or gender reported. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals (i.e., age group, gender) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Data Source: CCM plus

Table 2. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school aged children by age group, August 30, 2020 to January 19, 2021: Ontario

	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count from August 30, 2020 to January 19, 2021	
Ages: 4 to 8	52	61	5,149	
Ages: 9 to 13	50	64	7,175	
Ages: 14 to 17	68	77	7,492	

Note: Includes all confirmed cases of COVID-19 for specified ages, regardless of school attendance. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and or updated from past reports and may result in subset totals (i.e., age group) differing from past publicly reported case counts.

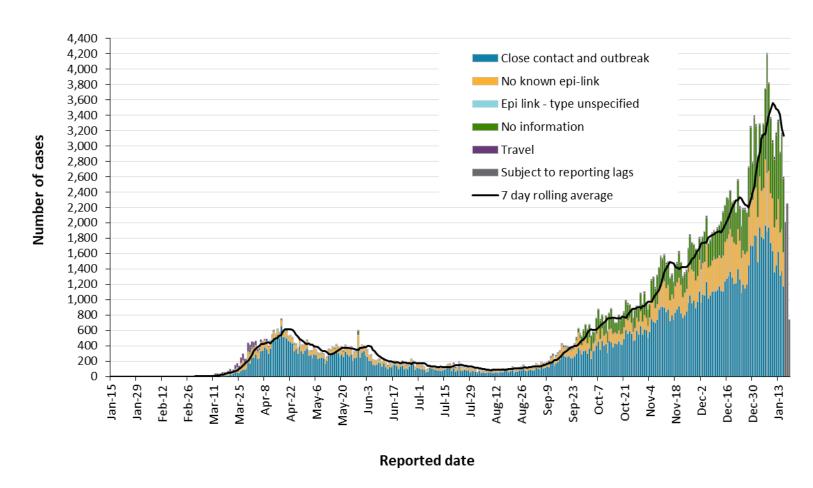
Table 3. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in long-term care homes: Ontario

Long-term care home cases	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count as of January 19, 2021
Residents	75	137	13,549
Health care workers	57	57	5,375
Deaths among residents	20	42	3,274
Deaths among health care workers	0	0	10

Note: Information on how long-term care home residents and health care workers are identified is available in the technical notes. Also, the change in cases in these categories may represent existing case records that have been updated.

Time

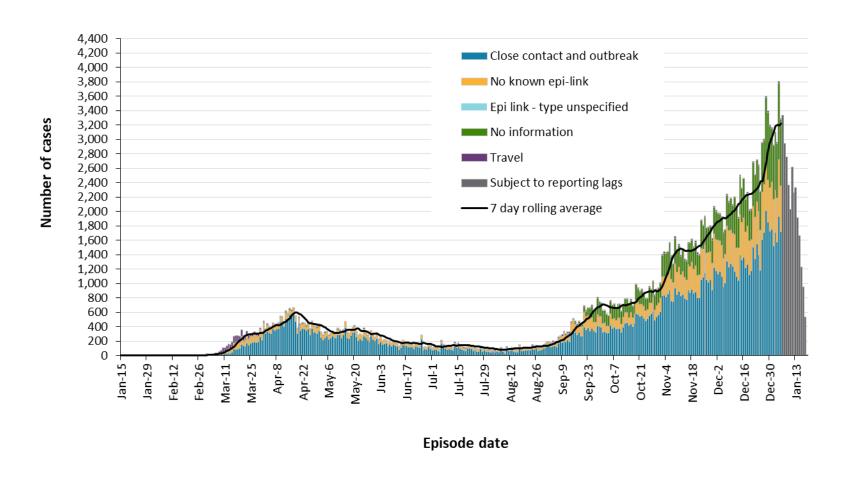
Figure 1. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and public health unit reported date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 19, 2021



Data Source: CCM plus

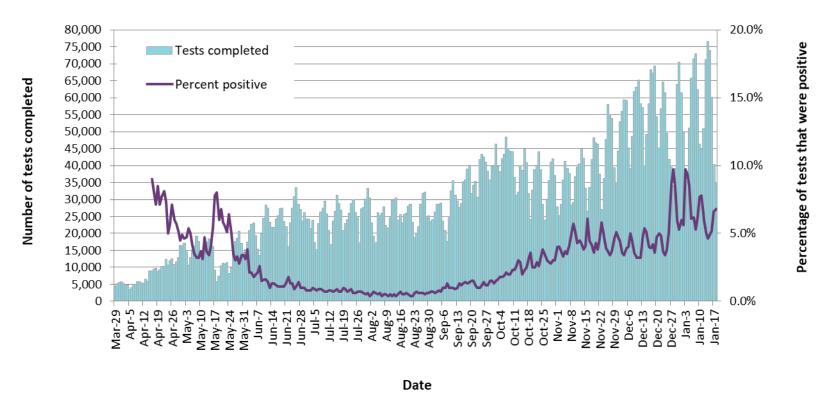
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Figure 2. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by likely acquisition and approximation of symptom onset date: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to January 19, 2021



Note: Not all cases may have an episode date and those without one are not included in the figure. Episode date is defined and available in the technical notes.



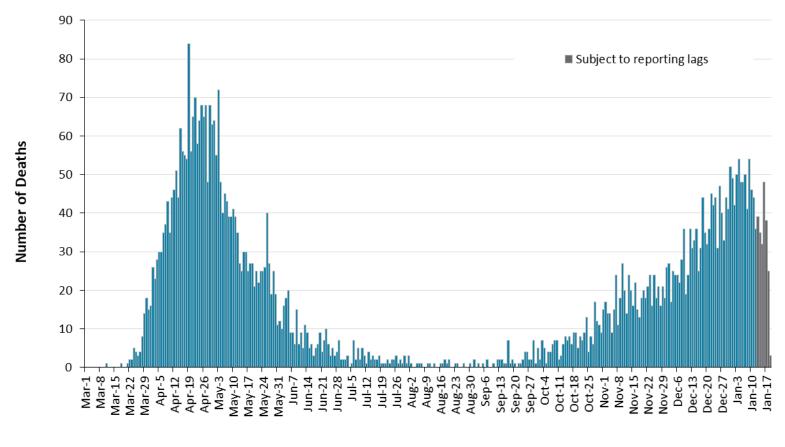


Note: The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested. More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

Data Source: The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, data reported by member microbiology laboratories.

Severity

Figure 4. Confirmed deaths among COVID-19 cases by date of death: Ontario, March 1, 2020 to January 19, 2021



Date of Death

Note: Cases without a death date are not included in the figure.

Table 4. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 by severity: Ontario

	Cumulative case count as of January 19, 2021	Percentage of all cases
Cumulative deaths reported (please note there may be a reporting delay for deaths)	5,568	2.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 19 and under	1	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 20-39	20	<0.1%
Deaths reported in ages: 40-59	213	0.3%
Deaths reported in ages: 60-79	1,485	4.2%
Deaths reported in ages: 80 and over	3,848	22.1%
Ever in ICU	2,289	0.9%
Ever hospitalized	12,106	4.9%

Note: Not all cases have an age reported. Data corrections or updates can result in case records being removed and/or updated and may result in totals differing from past publicly reported case counts.

Geography

Table 5. Summary of recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 by public health unit and region: Ontario

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
Northwestern Health Unit	1	0	236	269.2
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	5	17	748	498.8
TOTAL NORTH WEST	6	17	984	414.1
Algoma Public Health	0	0	142	124.1
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	4	-2	183	141.0
Porcupine Health Unit	6	14	190	227.7
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	3	4	403	202.5
Timiskaming Health Unit	0	0	85	260.0
TOTAL NORTH EAST	13	16	1,003	179.3
Ottawa Public Health	41	86	12,491	1,184.4
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	14	16	2,194	1,051.2
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	3	2	351	208.3
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	3	2	629	295.7
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	0	2	769	444.1
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	2	0	295	271.6

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
TOTAL EASTERN	63	108	16,729	868.4
Durham Region Health Department	82	70	9,885	1,387.6
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	3	7	734	388.5
Peel Public Health	346	473	50,361	3,135.9
Peterborough Public Health	4	9	488	329.8
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	48	71	4,900	817.2
York Region Public Health	235	226	23,289	1,899.9
TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	718	856	89,657	2,001.0
Toronto Public Health	550	925	76,164	2,440.9
TOTAL TORONTO	550	925	76,164	2,440.9
Chatham-Kent Public Health	13	13	1,037	975.4
Grey Bruce Health Unit	2	1	600	353.2
Huron Perth Public Health	37	11	1,083	774.9
Lambton Public Health	28	12	1,683	1,285.1
Middlesex-London Health Unit	73	65	5,158	1,016.3
Southwestern Public Health	22	20	2,111	998.1
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	81	179	11,296	2,658.9
TOTAL SOUTH WEST	256	301	22,968	1,358.4
Brant County Health Unit	5	4	1,379	888.5

Public Health Unit Name	Change in cases January 18, 2021	Change in cases January 19, 2021	Cumulative case count	Cumulative rate per 100,000 population
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	63	75	8,374	1,414.1
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	6	16	1,206	1,057.1
Halton Region Public Health	71	51	7,406	1,196.3
Niagara Region Public Health	52	129	6,834	1,446.4
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	79	101	8,531	1,459.9
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	31	56	3,697	1,185.3
TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	307	432	37,427	1,313.6
TOTAL ONTARIO	1,913	2,655	244,932	1,647.8

Notes: Health units with data corrections or updates could result in records being removed from totals resulting in negative counts.

Outbreaks

Table 6. Summary of recent confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks reported in long-term care homes, retirement homes and hospitals by status: Ontario

Institution type	Change in outbreaks January 18, 2021	Change in outbreaks January 19, 2021	Number of ongoing outbreaks	Cumulative number of outbreaks reported
Long-term care homes	9	8	257	1,093
Retirement homes	5	7	171	623
Hospitals	2	7	92	324

Note: Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. The start of the outbreak is determined by the onset date of first case, or if missing the outbreak reported date, or else if that is also missing, then the outbreak created date.

Technical Notes

Data Sources

- The data for this report were based on:
 - Information extracted from the Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database for Toronto Public Health as of January 19, 2021 at 1 p.m.
 - Information successfully uploaded to the Ministry from Local Systems: Toronto Public Health (Coronavirus Rapid Entry System) CORES as of January 19, 2021 at 2 p.m.
 - Information successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all other PHUs by PHO as of **January 19, 2021 at 1 p.m.**
- CCM and CCM plus (which includes CCM, iPHIS, and CORES) are dynamic disease reporting
 systems, which allow ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted
 from CCM and the Local Systems represent a snapshot at the time of extraction and may differ
 from previous or subsequent reports.
- Ontario population projection data for 2020 were sourced from Ministry, IntelliHEALTH Ontario.
 Data were extracted on November 26, 2019.
- COVID-19 test data were based on information from The Provincial COVID-19 Diagnostics Network, reported by member microbiology laboratories.

Data Caveats

- The data only represent cases reported to public health units and recorded in CCM plus. As a
 result, all counts will be subject to varying degrees of underreporting due to a variety of factors,
 such as disease awareness and medical care seeking behaviours, which may depend on severity
 of illness, clinical practice, changes in laboratory testing, and reporting behaviours.
- Lags in CCM plus data entry due to weekend staffing may result in lower case counts than would otherwise be recorded.
- Only cases meeting the confirmed case classification as listed in the MOH <u>COVID-19 case</u>
 <u>definition</u> are included in the report counts from CCM plus. This includes persons with a positive detection of serum/plasma immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, which was added to the confirmed case definition on August 6, 2020.
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, i.e. where genome sequencing indicates the two episodes are caused by different viral lineages, added to the confirmed case definition on November 20, 2020, are counted as unique investigations.
- The number of tests performed does not reflect the number of specimens or persons tested.

 More than one test may be performed per specimen or per person. As such, the percentage of

tests that were positive does not necessarily translate to the number of specimens or persons testing positive.

- Reported date is the date the case was reported to the public health unit.
- Case episode date is based on an estimate of the best date of disease onset. This date is calculated based on either the date of symptom onset, specimen collection/test date, or the date reported to the public health unit.
- Resolved cases are determined only for COVID-19 cases that have not died. Cases that have died are considered fatal and not resolved. The following cases are classified as resolved:
 - Cases that are reported as 'recovered' in CCM
 - Cases that are not hospitalized and are 14 days past their episode date
 - Cases that are currently hospitalized (no hospital end date entered) and have a status of 'closed' in CCM (indicating public health unit follow-up is complete) and are 14 days past their symptom onset date or specimen collection date
- Hospitalization includes all cases for which a hospital admission date was reported at the time of
 data extraction. It includes cases that have been discharged from hospital as well as cases that
 are currently hospitalized. Emergency room visits are not included in the number of reported
 hospitalizations.
- ICU admission includes all cases for which an ICU admission date was reported at the time of data extraction. It is a subset of the count of hospitalized cases. It includes cases that have been treated or that are currently being treated in an ICU.
- Orientation of case counts by geography is based on the diagnosing health unit (DHU). DHU
 refers to the case's public health unit of residence at the time of illness onset and not
 necessarily the location of exposure. Cases for which the DHU was reported as MOH (to signify a
 case that is not a resident of Ontario) have been excluded from the analyses.
- Likely source of acquisition is determined by examining the epidemiologic link and epidemiologic link status fields in CCM and local systems. If no epidemiologic link is identified in those fields the risk factor fields are examined to determine whether a case travelled, was associated with a confirmed outbreak, was a contact of a case, had no known epidemiological link (sporadic community transmission) or was reported to have an unknown source/no information was reported. Some cases may have no information reported if the case is untraceable, was lost to follow-up or referred to FNIHB. Cases with multiple risk factors were assigned to a single likely acquisition source group which was determined hierarchically in the following order:
 - For cases with an episode date *on or after* April 1, 2020: Outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > travel > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown

- For cases with an episode date before April 1, 2020: Travel > outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown
- Deaths are determined by using the outcome field in CCM plus. Any case marked 'Fatal' is included in the deaths data. The CCM field Type of Death is not used to further categorize the data.
 - The date of death is determined using the outcome date field for cases marked as 'Fatal' in the outcome field.
- COVID-19 cases from CCM plus for which the Classification and/or Disposition was reported as
 ENTERED IN ERROR, DOES NOT MEET DEFINITION, IGNORE, DUPLICATE, or any variation on
 these values have been excluded. The provincial case count for COVID-19 includes cases that are
 counted once across all systems from which the case data are obtained. Duplicate records may
 exist if these records were not identified and resolved prior to data upload to the Ministry.
- Ongoing outbreaks include all outbreaks that are 'Open' in CCM plus without a 'Declared Over Date' recorded, or where the outbreak started more than five months ago, even for outbreaks where the Outbreak Status value selected in CCM/iPHIS is 'OPEN'. The start of the outbreak is determined by the onset date of first case, or if missing the outbreak reported date, or else if that is also missing, then the outbreak created date.
- 'Long-term care home residents' includes cases that reported 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of a long-term care home'; or 'Yes' to the risk factor 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the Outbreak number or case comments field); or were reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number or case comments field) with an age over 70 years and did not report 'No' to the risk factors 'Resident of long-term care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility'. 'Long-term care home residents' excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the health care worker occupational risk factors.
- The 'health care workers' variable includes cases that reported 'Yes' to any of the occupation of health care worker, doctor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, midwife, other medical technicians, personal support worker, respiratory therapist, first responder.
- 'Health care workers associated with long-term care outbreaks' includes 'health care workers'
 reported to be part of an outbreak assigned as a long-term care home (via the outbreak number
 or case comments field). Excludes cases that reported 'Yes' to risk factors 'Resident of long-term
 care home' or 'Resident of nursing home or other chronic care facility' and 'Yes' to the
 calculated 'health care workers' variable.
- Percent change is calculated by taking the difference between the current period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period) and previous period (i.e., daily count or sum of the daily count over a 7-day period), divided by the previous period.

Appendix A

Table A1. Weekly rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population over recent rolling 7-day periods, by reported date and public health unit: Ontario, January 4 to January 16, 2021

Public Health Unit Name	Jan 4 to Jan 10	Jan 5 to Jan 11	Jan 6 to Jan 12	Jan 7 to Jan 13	Jan 8 to Jan 14	Jan 9 to Jan 15	Jan 10 to Jan 16	% change from Jan 4-Jan 10 to Jan 10-Jan 16
NORTH WEST								
Northwestern Health Unit	50.2	49.0	34.2	26.2	30.8	20.5	12.5	-75.1%
Thunder Bay District Health Unit	42.0	35.3	47.3	42.0	46.7	40.7	40.0	-4.8%
NORTH EAST								
Algoma Public Health	39.3	31.5	28.0	21.8	23.6	16.6	14.9	-62.1%
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	24.7	20.0	13.1	13.1	12.3	13.1	9.2	-62.8%
Porcupine Health Unit	37.2	37.2	38.4	37.2	16.8	14.4	12.0	-67.7%
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	35.7	40.7	36.2	33.7	30.6	21.1	21.1	-40.9%
Timiskaming Health Unit	12.2	12.2	9.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	-50.0%
EASTERN								
Ottawa Public Health	95.6	91.4	96.3	99.9	94.3	91.4	88.3	-7.6%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	156.7	152.4	147.6	140.4	141.8	136.1	120.3	-23.2%
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health	14.2	13.1	11.9	11.3	10.1	10.1	11.3	-20.4%
Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	24.9	20.7	18.8	14.6	12.7	10.8	7.1	-71.5%

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Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	23.1	20.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	17.9	16.2	-29.9%
Renfrew County and District Health Unit	29.5	30.4	31.3	22.1	13.8	12.9	12.0	-59.3%
CENTRAL EAST								
Durham Region Health Department	155.1	151.9	144.0	130.1	128.3	116.6	107.1	-30.9%
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	43.4	43.4	41.3	35.5	33.9	34.9	37.0	-14.7%
Peel Public Health	260.4	253.0	249.8	258.3	254.6	246.5	248.4	-4.6%
Peterborough Public Health	32.4	33.8	29.7	33.8	31.8	25.0	27.0	-16.7%
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	84.4	83.2	80.1	79.9	82.1	82.1	75.1	-11.0%
York Region Public Health	192.1	184.3	178.6	170.0	157.1	158.8	146.7	-23.6%
TORONTO								
Toronto Public Health	226.4	229.7	232.6	227.9	201.8	193.5	187.1	-17.4%
SOUTH WEST								
Chatham-Kent Public Health	107.2	104.4	111.0	100.6	111.0	108.2	108.2	+0.9%
Grey Bruce Health Unit	37.7	40.0	38.9	32.4	29.4	27.1	28.3	-24.9%
Huron Perth Public Health	89.4	98.0	101.6	106.6	100.2	109.5	114.5	+28.1%
Lambton Public Health	264.2	269.5	284.0	277.9	260.4	271.8	288.6	+9.2%
Middlesex-London Health Unit	167.5	149.7	152.3	154.5	149.0	143.6	129.8	-22.5%

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Southwestern Public Health	148.9	156.5	153.7	147.0	140.0	143.3	121.0	-18.7%
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	274.5	294.9	300.4	313.1	307.4	307.7	304.4	+10.9%
CENTRAL WEST								
Brant County Health Unit	101.8	103.7	99.2	93.4	99.2	90.2	78.0	-23.4%
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	149.3	147.3	142.5	136.6	127.8	120.4	120.6	-19.2%
Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	97.3	94.7	92.9	91.2	92.9	78.9	77.1	-20.8%
Halton Region Public Health	108.2	100.5	99.8	88.4	89.3	81.9	77.9	-28.0%
Niagara Region Public Health	251.2	250.4	257.6	249.5	241.1	248.5	241.7	-3.8%
Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services	189.3	191.1	188.1	185.8	186.5	178.3	166.0	-12.3%
Wellington-Dufferin- Guelph Public Health	145.2	129.5	116.7	108.0	107.7	114.5	111.3	-23.3%
TOTAL ONTARIO	165.9	164.0	163.2	160.4	151.8	147.4	142.2	-14.3%

Note: Rates are based on the sum of the daily case counts during the date ranges specified in each column.

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