

TO: Municipal Partners

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SUBJECT: HPPH COVID-19 update

DATE: Friday, April 1, 2022

Snapshot

Ontario

| Date | New Cases | Total Cases | New deaths | Total deaths | % positive | ICU |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|------|
| Mar 24 | 2,561 | 1,145,575 | 7 (+3) | 12,366 | 13.4 | 165 |
| Mar 25 | 2,761 | 1,148,336 | 15 (+7) | 12,388 | 12.6 | 161 |
| Mar 26 | 2,745 | 1,151,090 | 5 (+4) | 12,397 | 13.5 | 157 |
| Mar 27 | 2,215 | 1,153,305 | 3 (+1) | 12,401 | 12.2 | 157* |
| Mar 28 | 1,741 | 1,155,046 | 3 (+1) | 12,405 | 17.9 | 158* |
| Mar 29 | 1,610 | 1,156,656 | 7 (+2) | 12,414 | 14.4 | 165 |
| Mar 30 | 2,814 | 1,159,470 | 13 | 12,427 | 15.1 | 165 |
| Mar 31 | 3,139 | 1,162,609 | 6 | 12,433 | 16.0 | 166 |

*Not all hospitals report on weekends

Huron Perth

| Date | Total Cases | Total deaths | Weekly % Positive | Total Hospitalizations (Current/Active Infection) | Outbreaks LTCH/RH/Hospital/Other |
|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Mar 06 | | | 11.8 | | |
| Mar 13 | | | 12.7 | | |
| Mar 20 | | | 13.4 | | |
| Mar 24 | 6072 | 95 | | 187 (0) | 1/2/1/1 |
| Mar 25 | 6091 | 96 | | 188 (1/1) | 2/2/1/1 |
| Mar 28 | 6154 | 96 | | 191 (3/3) | 2/2/1/1 |
| Mar 29 | 6165 | 96 | | 192 (2/2) | 2/1/0/2 |
| Mar 30 | 6201 | 97 | | 192 (2/2) | 2/1/0/2 |
| Mar 31 | 6227 | 97 | | 193 (3/2) | 2/1/0/2 |

Vaccine coverage

- As of March 27, 295,656 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in Huron Perth.

| Population | Aged 5 years +/18+ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| % with at least one dose | 84.2 |
| % fully vaccinated with 2 doses | 81.4 |
| % fully vaccinated with 3 doses | 52.9/62.0 |
| % fully vaccinated with 4 doses | 1.7/2.0 |

Ministry of Education COVID-19: school closures and absenteeism

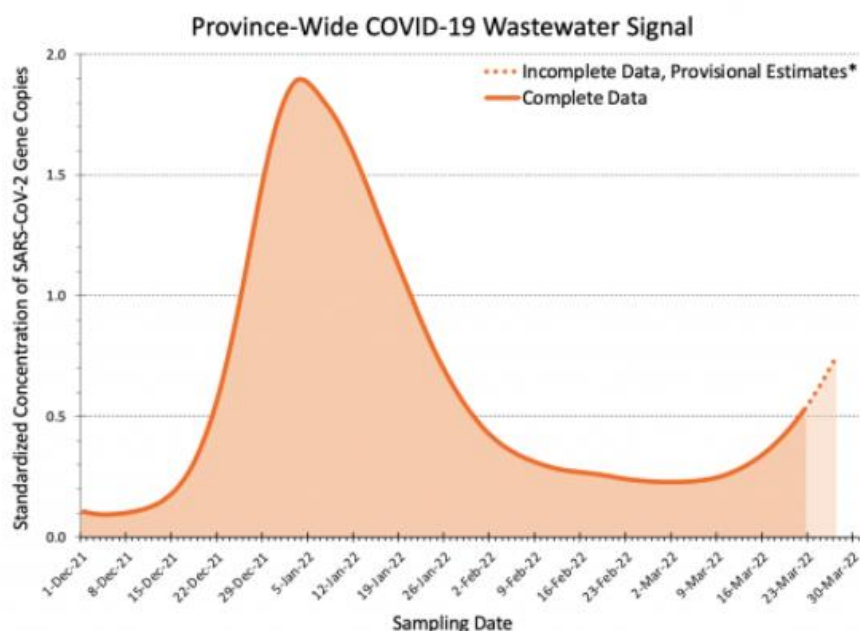
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-school-closures-and-absenteeism>
- March 31: 0/4,844 (0.0%)

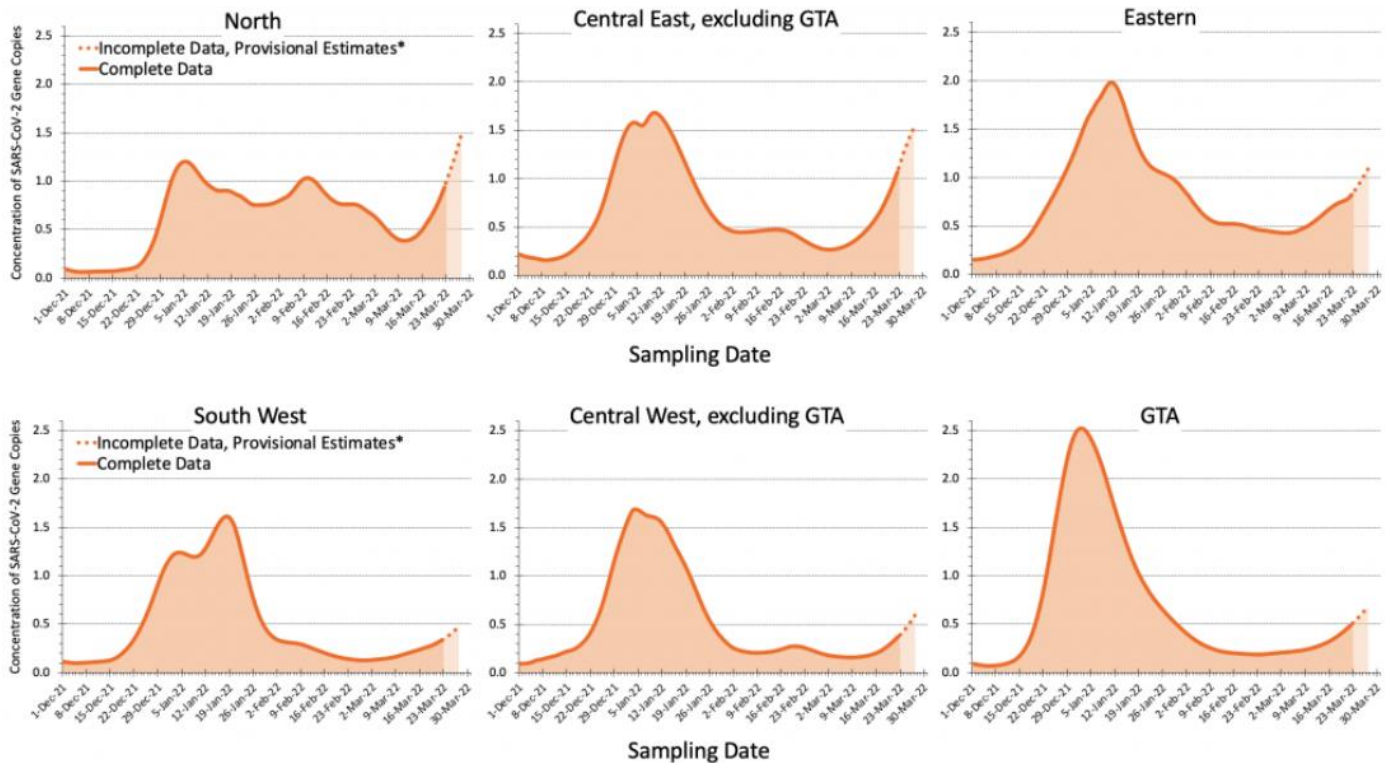
COVID-19 Science Table dashboard

- <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/ontario-dashboard/>

COVID-19 wastewater signals in Ontario, March 30, 2022

- Signal consistent with rebound (with regional variability)





Note: HPPH will be providing local wastewater data (based on data from Stratford and Goderich) in the next several days.

Federal update

- No update

Provincial update

- The following COVID-19 Guidance documents were updated as of March 24 to include content on the new Novavax Nuvaxovid vaccine.
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors and Deviations Guidance](#)
 - [COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada](#)
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Third and Booster Dose Recommendations
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet \(age 12+\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge Management of Staffing in Highest-Risk Settings](#) has been updated as of March 31

- [Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines: Recommended Doses](#) is a new guidance document
- The new toll-free Provincial Testing and Isolation Information Line is an additional resource to help answer questions from the public about COVID-19 testing and isolation guidance. The line can be reached at 1-888-777-0730, and is available from 8am-6pm, Monday to Sunday.
 - Current advice is also available at [Ontario.ca/exposed](https://ontario.ca/exposed).

Public Health Ontario

- New evidence brief: [Disaster Recovery Frameworks: Common Themes to Inform COVID-19 Recovery Efforts](#)
- [COVID-19 Week at a Glance and Questions From the Field](#), March 25, 2022
 - The current risk of BA.2 sub-lineage transmission in Ontario is high with a low degree of uncertainty. The risk of severe disease in Ontario is moderate, with a moderate degree of uncertainty. The risk of reinfection is high with a moderate degree of uncertainty. The risk of breakthrough infection in Ontario is high with a moderate degree of uncertainty. The risk of impact of the BA.2 sub-lineage on testing in Ontario is moderate, with a moderate degree of uncertainty. The risk of impact on surveillance in Ontario is moderate with a low degree of uncertainty.
 - Q. What is the currently recommended frequency for environmental cleaning in health care settings? Does outbreak status affect the frequency?

Regional update

- Ontario Health West region dashboard, March 28 <https://ohwestcovid19.ca/g15dashboard/>

| LHIN | Master PHUs | Incidence (Weekly New Cases per 100k) | % Positivity (7d Avg - Interim Data) | Occ% Acute excl ICU | Occ% ICU | Occ% ICU (Adult) | Occ% Med/Surg |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|
| 01 ESC | Chatham-Kent HU | 103.5 | 12.08% | 87% | 30% | 30% | 88.3% |
| 01 ESC | Lambton HU | 142.0 | 18.35% | 73% | 71% | 64% | 74.6% |
| 01 ESC | Windsor-Essex HU | 129.2 | 17.19% | 105% | 104% | 96% | 111.5% |
| 02 SW | Grey Bruce HU | 106.5 | 15.56% | 85% | 75% | 63% | 86.8% |
| 02 SW | Huron-Perth HU | 118.8 | 12.06% | 87% | 109% | 114% | 96.1% |
| 02 SW | Middlesex-London HU | 110.7 | 12.44% | 90% | 76% | 78% | 91.9% |
| 02 SW | Southwestern PH | 96.0 | 12.91% | 88% | 50% | 44% | 93.8% |
| 03 WW | Waterloo PH | 80.9 | 16.70% | 98% | 59% | 59% | 102.0% |
| 03 WW | Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph HU | 110.0 | 17.16% | 92% | 96% | 96% | 98.2% |
| 04 HNHB | Brant HU | 86.3 | 16.35% | 107% | 93% | 93% | 114.1% |
| 04 HNHB | Haldimand-Norfolk HU | 94.7 | 19.17% | 78% | 25% | 25% | 77.6% |
| 04 HNHB | Hamilton HU | 134.6 | 17.90% | 104% | 83% | 84% | 105.4% |
| 04 HNHB | Niagara HU | 80.2 | 15.13% | 105% | 66% | 66% | 113.4% |

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New/updated COVID-19 resources for businesses and organizations

- [*Managing the Risks of COVID-19: Operator and Business Tool Kit*](#) available at [COVID-19 Information: Workplaces, Employers, Employees](#)
- [*Managing the Risks of COVID-19: Events and Gatherings*](#) available at www.hpph.ca/covid, under the heading “Public Events and Gatherings”
- [*COVID-19 Recommendations for places of worship*](#) available at [COVID-19: Information for places of worship](#)

COVID-19 vaccine clinics

- HPPH will continue to offer vaccination clinics in several locations throughout April. Some clinics are walk-in while others are appointment only. All clinics are family-friendly.
- Dates and locations are posted at www.hpph.ca/GetVaccinated. Vaccines are also still available through pharmacies and primary care providers.
- HPPH is seeing people who are requesting a fourth dose but are not eligible. More information on current fourth dose eligibility can be found at www.hpph.ca/getvaccinated.

Mobile workplace clinics

- As HPPH scales back community COVID-19 vaccination clinics, we are offering mobile clinics to businesses/organizations (including municipalities). If a business or organization has eligible employees/volunteers who still need a first, second or third dose of COVID-19 vaccine and would like to hold an on-site clinic, please contact us at covidvaccine@hpph.ca. We will follow up to discuss further details.

Novavax Nuvaxovid

- HPPH will soon be receiving a limited supply of Novavax Nuvaxovid, the recently approved protein-based COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals who are eligible and interested in receiving this vaccine can call COVID Intake at 1-888-221-2133 ext 3299 to be placed on a wait list. Appointments will be booked once vaccine supply is confirmed.
 - Novavax Nuvaxovid has been approved by Health Canada for adults 18+ who:
 - Have not received any doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Have allergies to mRNA vaccines or who are looking to receive a non-mRNA vaccine
 - More information about Novavax is available [here](#).

Medicago

- The plant-based Medicago Covifenz COVID-19 vaccine was approved by Health Canada for use in people aged 18 to 64.
- This vaccine is not yet available in Ontario. HPPH is waiting for details about the supply and use of Medicago and will communicate this once we have the information.
- More information about Medicago is available [here](#).