

COVID-19 Update for Partners

June 9, 2021

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Key messages from Dr. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health

There is no media briefing scheduled for the week of June 7, 2021. Dr. Gardner's next media briefing will take place on Wednesday, June 16. Previous media briefings are available on the SMDHU [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel.

Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Case Status *(As of June 9, 2021 14:00)*

Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
12,102	220	11,211	246

In the last day:

- 25 people tested positive, 2 people recovered, there was 1 new hospitalization, and there were no new deaths.

Currently:

- There have been 51 new cases reported to the health unit for the current week.
- 25 Simcoe Muskoka residents are hospitalized with COVID-19.
- There are 137 active variant cases*.
- There are 9 ongoing outbreaks (workplaces: 5, congregate settings: 2, institutions: 1, educational settings: 1), including 6 active outbreaks with known variant cases.

Since the last Partner Update:

- We have reported 148 new cases, 209 recoveries, and no new deaths.
- There are 66 fewer active cases compared to the same day last week.
- There is one less active outbreak compared to the same day last week.
- During the week of May 30, there were 152 cases reported to the health unit, which was 27% lower than the 207 cases reported the week prior.

For more local data, see: SMDHU [COVID-19 HealthSTATS page](#) and [COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard](#)

*Variant cases encompass confirmed VOC cases and positive screens for a VOC. Caution should be taken when interpreting these data due to potential sampling biases and delay between sample collection and sequencing in recent weeks.

Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Vaccine Data *(As of June 9, 2021 14:00)*

Total first doses administered	Total second doses administered
357,796	50,394

Highlights:

- 42,814 immunizations have been provided since the last Partner Update.
- Nearly 357,800 people have received their first dose, representing 59% of the total population and 70% of adults ages 18 and older in Simcoe Muskoka. This includes:
 - 211,285 adults 50 years of age and older (83%);
 - 132,471 adults 18-49 years of age (55%); and,
 - 14,022 youth 12-17 years of age (36%).
- Nearly 50,400 people have received both required doses of the vaccine, representing 8.3% of the total population and 10.2% of adults 18 and older in Simcoe Muskoka.

Local Media Updates *(Since June 2, 2021 Partner Update)*

- Ramara hosting vaccine pop-up clinic for first and second doses ([article](#))
- Gardner takes over provincial council of top docs today ([article](#))
- South Georgian Bay clinics offering second dose Moderna, AZ next Wednesday ([article](#))
- What a drop-off in testing rates means for COVID-19 in Simcoe Muskoka ([article](#))
- Amid challenges, RVH's care for people has 'never wavered' ([article](#))
- Will COVID-19 ever go away? 'No reason why it would cease to exist,' top doc ([article](#))
- Simcoe County schools prepare for unique graduation ceremonies ([article](#))
- RVH launches virtual visits program to better connect patients to loved ones ([article](#))
- Roberta Place PSW comes home to hero's welcome after double-lung transplant ([article](#))
- In-class learning should be resuming now, Simcoe Muskoka health unit says ([article](#))
- 'A sense of relief,' Barrie businesses prepare to reopen to in-store customers ([article](#))
- Barrie chamber now offering rapid COVID tests for local businesses ([article](#))

Provincial, National and Global COVID-19 Case Status

Ontario <i>(As of June 9, 2021, 10:30)</i>			
Total cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
537,487	6,824	521,743	8,920

As of today:

- There were 411 new cases, 932 resolved cases, and 33 deaths in the last day.
- There has been a total of 134,608 confirmed cases of the U.K. variant, 1,125 cases of the South African variant, and 4,073 cases of the Brazilian variant.
- A total of 571 people are hospitalized for COVID-19, 466 people are in intensive care units (ICU), and 314 people are on ventilators.
- There are 237 ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks (workplaces: 93, other settings: 45, congregate living: 36, schools and childcares: 35, health care settings: 28).

Since the last Partner Update:

- There have been 4,596 new cases, 8,307 recoveries, and 129 deaths.
- There are 3,840 fewer active cases compared to the same day last week.
- There are 137 fewer people hospitalized, 110 fewer people in the ICU, and 85 fewer people on ventilators compared to the same day last week.
- The 7-day average number of new daily cases is 657.

Vaccine status:

- A total of 10,445,119 vaccine doses have been administered to date, with 177,506 doses administered yesterday.
- 62.2% of all Ontarians and 70.8% of those ages 12 and older have received their first vaccine dose. 8.7% of all Ontarians and 9.9% of those ages 12 and older have been fully vaccinated with two doses.

Regional updates:

- Areas with the highest number of active cases per 100,000 population: Porcupine (412.11), Peel (97.49), Toronto (68.97), Brant (66.69), and Hamilton (61.65).
- Areas with the highest number of active cases: Toronto (1,884), Peel (1,347), Ottawa (447), York (350), and Porcupine (347).

Weekly Epidemiological Summary highlights: May 23-29, 2021:

- During the week of May 16, there were 7,766 new cases reported, which represented a 38.6% decrease compared to the 12,645 cases reported the week prior. This is the largest single-week decrease in weekly cases observed since widespread transmission was established in Ontario.
- 69.2% of reported cases this week tested positive for a mutation or variant of concern.

For more provincial data, see: [Ontario COVID-19 case data](#), [Public Health Ontario Data Tool](#), [Daily Epidemiologic Summaries](#) and [Weekly Epidemiologic Summaries](#)

Canada (As of June 8, 2021 at 19:00 EDT)

Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
1,395,410	21,539	1,348,080	25,791

Yesterday:

- Canada reported 1,268 new cases and 30 new deaths.
- New cases were reported in all provinces and territories except PEI, NWT, and NT.
- New deaths were reported in AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, and NL.

Since the last Partner Update:

- In the last week, 12,196 people tested positive for COVID-19, 225 people died, and 21,596 people recovered.
- There are 9,625 fewer active cases of COVID-19 than there was a week ago.

Between May 24 and May 31, 2021:

- The number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized decreased from 2,017 to 1,501.
- The number of COVID-19 patients in ICU beds decreased from 1,073 to 894.
- The number of COVID-19 patients mechanically vented decreased from 619 to 507.

Weekly epidemiology update: May 23-29, 2021:

- New cases decreased by 35% compared to the previous week, with an average of 2,981 new cases reported every day.
- New deaths decreased by 7% compared to the previous week, with an average of 39 deaths reported every day.
- The number of weekly hospitalizations decreased by 15% and the number of weekly cases in the ICU decreased by 11% compared to the week prior.
- Variants of concern represented approximately 65% of reported cases from mid-April to early May 2021.
- According to forecasting, between 1,391,670 to 1,412,280 cumulative reported cases and 25,790 to 26,350 cumulated reported deaths are expected by June 13, 2021.

Key vaccine updates as of May 29, 2021:

- 56.78% of the population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, including 68.33% of adults ages 18 and older.
- 5.71% of the population has been fully vaccinated, including 7.02% of adults ages 18 and older.

For more national data, see: [Daily epidemiology updates](#) and [Weekly epidemiology report](#)

Global (As of June 9, 2021 at 13:08 CET)

Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths
173,609,772	3,742,653

In the last day:

- There were 356,061 new cases and 8,607 deaths.
- India, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, and the U.S. reported the most new cases and the most new deaths.

In the past week:

- Nearly 2.9 million new cases and 71,593 deaths were reported.
- India, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, and the U.S. reported the most new cases and India, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, and the U.S., reported the most new deaths.

Weekly Epidemiological Summary highlights: May 31-June 6, 2021:

- During the week of May 31, there was a 15% decrease in new global cases and an 8% decrease in new global deaths reported compared to the week prior.
- Despite the continued downward trend in new cases and deaths, many countries across all six WHO regions have reported rises in the number of cases and deaths.

For more international data, see: [WHO COVID-19 Disease Dashboard](#) and [Weekly Epidemiological and Operational Updates](#)

Provincial, National and Global Updates *(Since June 2, 2021 Partner Update)*

Provincial Updates

The Ontario Government:

- Is dramatically ramping up delivery of rapid test kits ([news release](#))
- To move to Step One of Roadmap to Reopen on June 11 ([news release](#))
- Is expanding accelerated second dose booking to more Ontarians ([news release](#))
- Is easing restrictions on long-term care ([news release](#))
- Is updating AstraZeneca second dose guidance ([news release](#))

Public Health Ontario published:

- Updated: Trends of COVID-19 Incidence in Ontario ([surveillance report](#))
- Updated: COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Ontario ([surveillance report](#))
- Updated: Adverse Events Following Immunization for COVID-19 ([epi summary](#))
- Updated: Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Following Vaccination in Ontario ([epi summary](#))

Other Provincial News:

- Ontario faces pressure to shift COVID vaccine 2nd doses to hot-spot communities ([article](#))
- Peel's top doctor warns 'potential 4th wave' brewing due to Delta variant ([article](#))
- Three communities declare state of emergency as cases spike in Northern ON ([article](#))
- Province may ramp up vaccine supply to hot spots amid Delta variant concerns ([article](#))

- Students are up to 3 months behind in learning due to lockdowns: Science Table ([article](#))
- Why the Latin American community in Toronto has been hit hard by COVID-19 ([article](#))
- Hospitals brace for a wave of non-COVID patients as pandemic caseloads ease ([article](#))
- Most Toronto schools will not hold graduation in-person this year ([article](#))
- Rise in youth suicide attempts, hospitalizations unveils different health crisis ([article](#))
- More new mothers are seeking mental health supports during the pandemic ([article](#))
- Toronto's shelters see rise in violent incidents, overdoses during pandemic ([article](#))

National Updates

The Government of Canada:

- Funds five new projects to encourage vaccine uptake in Canada ([news release](#))
- New chair, vice-chair of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization ([statement](#))
- Statements from the Chief Public Health Officer: [June 5](#), [June 6](#), [June 7](#), [June 8](#), [June 9](#)

Other National News:

- What will Canadians fully vaccinated be allowed to do? Calls grow for guidelines ([article](#))
- Fully vaccinated Canadians, permanent residents can soon skip hotel stay ([article](#))
- After weeks of uncertainty, Moderna says 7 million doses will arrive this month ([article](#))
- Tam urges 2nd vaccine dose as Delta variant arises 'essentially across Canada' ([article](#))
- U.S. to share vaccines with Canada, as Ottawa is pushed to donate to COVAX ([article](#))
- Canada eyeing multi-stage approach to reopening the border to travellers ([article](#))
- Moderna seeks OK to give teens its COVID-19 vaccine in Canada ([article](#))
- Canada is now among top countries for first doses of COVID-19 vaccines ([article](#))
- Ottawa ups fines to \$5,000 for travellers who refuse to quarantine in a hotel ([article](#))
- Donating vaccines before Canadians can be vaccinated could be politically risky ([article](#))
- Poll shows rising approval of federal government's COVID-19 vaccine rollout ([article](#))
- COVID has led to a mental health decline for Canadian mothers, studies show ([article](#))

Global Updates

The World Health Organization (WHO):

- Special Focus: Update on SARS-CoV-2 variants ([Weekly epidemiological update p.4-9](#))
- Developing guidelines for fighting COVID-19 ([feature story](#))
- Director General continues to emphasize that "The inequitable distribution of vaccines has allowed the virus to continue spreading, increasing the chances of a variant emerging that renders vaccines less effective... high-income countries have administered almost 44% of the world's doses. Low-income countries have administered just 0.4%... The biggest barrier to ending the pandemic remains sharing: of doses, of resources, of technology." ([Remarks at June 7 media briefing](#))
- Revised scope and direction for the Smart Vaccination Certificate ([departmental news](#))
- The Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine: What you need to know ([feature story](#))

Other International News:

- The difficulty of vaccinating the world against COVID-19 is enormous ([article](#))
- WHO rules out 'hybrid' COVID-19 variant in Vietnam ([article](#))
- Battling opposition and 4th wave, Tokyo forges ahead with Olympics ([article](#))
- WHO: Vaccinating kids 'not a high priority' amid shortage ([article](#))
- U.S. increasingly unlikely to meet Biden's July 4 vaccination goal ([article](#))
- Pfizer to test COVID-19 vaccine in larger group of children below 12 ([article](#))

SMDHU Resources

SMDHU [website](#) – recent changes include:

Main COVID-19

- Updated main content to reflect that the province will be moving into Step 1 of its reopening plan on June 11

Stop the Spread

- Added new expander bar with guidance on [how to safely enjoy the beach](#)

Getting your Vaccination

- Reorganized main content section headings to enhance clarity of messaging
- Updated information on second dose appointments and early second dose eligibility
- Added information about an upcoming immunization clinic in the Township of Ramara under the [local pop-up clinics](#) expander bar
- Added new expander bar with information on [youth-focused clinics](#)
- Updated information and eligibility for [hot spot clinics in Bradford West Gwillimbury](#)
- Added new expander bar with information on [mixing vaccines to complete your series](#)

New Public Health Alerts:

- **June 3, 2021:** [COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #26: Provincial Implementation of NACI Vaccine Interchangeability Statement Second Dose Options for Those Who Received AstraZeneca Vaccine](#)

Additional SMDHU resources:

- SMDHU [COVID-19 HealthSTATS page](#)
- [SMDHU Vulnerable Populations for COVID-19 Response Interactive Map](#) highlights vulnerable populations in Simcoe Muskoka.
- SMDHU Health Connection responds to calls and emails about COVID-19. Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 5829 or via [email](#).
Health Connection Hours: Monday-Friday - 8:30am-6pm; Saturday - 8:30am-4:30pm

Credible Sources of Information

- [Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
- [Public Health Ontario](#)
- [Centre for Effective Practice COVID-19 Resource Centre](#)
- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)