

# COVID-19 Update for Partners

June 30, 2021

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## Key messages from Dr. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health

There is no media briefing scheduled the week of June 28, 2021. Dr. Gardner's next media briefing will take place on Tuesday, July 6. Previous media briefings are posted on the SMDHU [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel.

## Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Case Status *(As of June 30, 2021 14:00)*

Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
12,275	70	11,532	251

### In the last day:

- 8 people tested positive, 15 people recovered, there was 1 new hospitalization, and there were 2 new deaths.

### Currently:

- There have been 12 new cases reported to the health unit for the current week.
- 11 Simcoe Muskoka residents are hospitalized with COVID-19.
- There are 33 active variant cases\*.
- There are 3 ongoing outbreaks (congregate settings: 2, workplaces: 1), including 2 outbreaks with known variant cases.
- There has been a total of 52 confirmed cases of the Delta variant in Simcoe Muskoka.

### Since the last Partner Update:

- We have reported 42 new cases, 79 recoveries, and 2 new deaths.
- There are 30 fewer active cases compared to the same day last week.
- There is 1 more active outbreak compared to the same day last week.
- During the week of June 20, there were 40 new cases reported to the health unit, which was 38% lower than the 64 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 30, 2021 14:00)*

Total first doses administered	Total second doses administered
392,752	167,805

**Highlights:**

- 61,960 immunizations have been provided since the last Partner Update.
- Over 392,700 people have received their first dose, representing 65% of the total population and 74% of those ages 12 and older in Simcoe Muskoka. This includes:
  - 217,722 adults 50 years of age and older (86%);
  - 152,482 adults 18-49 years of age (64%); and,
  - 22,533 youth 12-17 years of age (58%).
- Over 167,800 people have received both required doses of the vaccine, representing 27.8% of the total population and 31.6% of those 12 and older in Simcoe Muskoka.

## Local Media Updates *(Since June 23, 2021 Partner Update)*

- Don't abandon public health measures this summer, urges health unit ([article](#))
- COVID-19 vaccination appointments in BWG are now available for July ([article](#))
- 'We need to open things up,' Ford visits Simcoe Muskoka days before Step 2 ([article](#))
- Simcoe Muskoka region passes 500,000 shot milestone ([article](#))
- An inside look at the Holly vaccination clinic ([article](#))
- Simcoe Muskoka youth can book second vaccine dose sooner ([article](#))
- Direct motion could move Barrie vaccination clinic from city ice pads ([article](#))
- Ford says Ontario will 'revisit' possibility of separating health unit borders ([article](#))
- Two COVID cases at Orillia hospital presumed to be Delta variant ([article](#))

## Provincial, National and Global COVID-19 Case Status

<b>Ontario</b> <i>(As of June 30, 2021, 10:30)</i>			
Total cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
544,897	2,257	533,472	9,168

**As of today:**

- There were 184 new cases, 322 resolved cases, and 14 deaths in the last day.
- The total confirmed variant of concern cases in Ontario are as follows:
  - Lineage B.1.1.7 (Alpha variant): 143,444
  - Lineage B.1.351 (Beta variant): 1,365
  - Lineage P.1 (Gamma variant): 4,544
  - Lineage B.1.617.2 (Delta variant): 1,909
- A total of 251 people are hospitalized with COVID-19, 271 people are in intensive care units (ICU) due to COVID-related critical illness, and 181 people are on ventilators.
- A total of 14,741,138 vaccine doses have been administered. 67.2% of all Ontarians and 76.8% of those ages 12 and older have received their first vaccine dose. 32.5% of all Ontarians and 37.2% of those ages 12 and older have been fully vaccinated.
- There are 102 ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks (workplaces: 36, other settings: 22, congregate living: 20, schools and childcares: 15, health care settings: 9).

**Since the last Partner Update:**

- There have been 1,878 new cases, 2,578 recoveries, and 75 deaths.
- There are 775 fewer active cases compared to the same day last week.
- The number of confirmed cases of the Delta variant has nearly doubled.
- There are 44 fewer people hospitalized, 34 fewer people in the ICU, and 9 fewer people on ventilators compared to the same day last week.

- The 7-day average number of new daily cases is 268.

Regional updates:

- Areas with the highest number of active cases per 100,000 population: Porcupine (93.82), Waterloo (70.63), North Bay (53.30), Grey Bruce (35.39), and Lambton (24.48).
- Areas with the highest number of active cases: Toronto (482), Waterloo (378), Peel (212), Grey Bruce (158), and Hamilton (112).

Weekly Epidemiological Summary highlights: June 13-19, 2021:

- During the week of June 13, there were 2,433 new cases reported, which represented a 30% decrease compared to the 3,492 cases reported the week prior.
- The only health units in Ontario with a rate of over 40 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population were Porcupine Health Unit and Region of Waterloo. Of note, case rates in these regions decreased during the week of June 13 compared to the week prior.

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 29, 2021 at 19:00 EDT)

Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
1,414,736	7,447	1,381,016	26,273

Yesterday:

- Canada reported 602 new cases and 35 new deaths.
- New cases were reported in all provinces and territories except NL, NWT, and NT.
- New deaths were reported in AB, SK, ON, and QC.

Since the last Partner Update:

- In the last week, 4,530 people tested positive for COVID-19, 118 people died, and 7,127 people recovered.
- There are 2,715 fewer active cases of COVID-19 than there was a week ago.

Key vaccine updates as of June 30, 2021:

- 67.4% of the population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, including 77.4% of those ages 12 and older.
- 29.8% of the population has been fully vaccinated, including 34.2% of those ages 12 and older.

Between June 14 and June 21, 2021:

- The number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized decreased from 981 to 696.
- The number of COVID-19 patients in ICU beds decreased from 563 to 471.
- The number of COVID-19 patients mechanically vented decreased from 337 to 282.

Weekly epidemiology report: June 13-19, 2021:

- New cases decreased by 27% compared to the previous week, with an average of 1,016 new cases reported every day.
- New deaths decreased by 27% compared to the previous week, with an average of 20 deaths reported every day.
- The number of weekly hospitalizations decreased by 22% and the number of weekly cases in the ICU decreased by 20% compared to the week prior.
- Although cases are declining, variants of concern represented an increasing proportion (approximately 70%) of reported cases at the end of May 2021.

- According to forecasting, between 1,413,010 to 1,420,740 cumulative reported cases and 26,175 to 26,475 cumulative reported deaths are expected by July 4, 2021.

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

<b>Global</b> (As of June 30, 2021 at 10:12 CET)	
<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	<b>Confirmed Deaths</b>
181,344,224	3,934,252
<p><u>In the last day:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 320,920 new cases and 6,658 deaths.</li> <li>• India, Colombia, Brazil, the U.K., and Russia reported the most new cases and India, Russia, Colombia, Brazil, and Argentina reported the most new deaths.</li> </ul> <p><u>In the past week:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 2.6 million new cases and 56,936 deaths were reported.</li> <li>• Brazil, India, Colombia, Argentina, and Russia reported the most new cases and the most new deaths.</li> </ul> <p><u>Weekly Epidemiological Summary highlights: June 21-27, 2021:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the week of June 14, there were over 2.6 million new cases reported, which was similar to the number of cases reported the week prior.</li> <li>• There were over 57,000 deaths reported, which represented a 10% decrease compared to the week prior and the lowest weekly mortality figure since early November 2020.</li> <li>• Sharp upward trends were noted in the African region this week, with a 33% increase in cases and a 42% increase in deaths compared to the week prior.</li> </ul> <p>For more international data, see: <a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Disease Dashboard</a> and <a href="#">Weekly Epidemiological and Operational Updates</a></p>	

## Provincial, National and Global Updates *(Since June 23, 2021 Partner Update)*

### **Provincial Updates**

#### The Ontario Government:

- Thanks Dr. David Williams for his years of dedicated service ([statement](#))
- All Ontarians aged 18+ becoming eligible for accelerated second doses ([news release](#))
- In-person summer learning to support student success ([statement](#))
- Is moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30 ([news release](#))

#### Public Health Ontario published:

- Estimating the Prevalence and Growth of Variants using Mutation Profiles ([report](#))
- Vaccination Coverage by Neighbourhood Diversity and Material Deprivation ([report](#))
- Updated: Vaccine Uptake and Program Impact in Ontario ([surveillance report](#))
- Updated: Confirmed Cases After Vaccination in Long-Term Care Homes ([epi summary](#))
- Updated: Trends of COVID-19 Incidence in Ontario ([epi summary](#))

#### Other Provincial News:

- ON rolls back restrictions to allow personal care services, indoor gatherings ([article](#))
- Ontario's new chief medical officer of health rules out an early move to Step 3 ([article](#))
- Abuse faced by Toronto clinic staff amid move to interchangeable vaccines ([article](#))
- Ford tells Ontarians to 'just hang in there' as pressure mounts to ease restrictions ([article](#))

- Dr. Kieran Moore ready to lead ON into post-pandemic world, colleagues say ([article](#))
- Grey Bruce Health Unit says recent surge connected to disadvantaged groups ([article](#))
- Education minister promises ‘detailed plan’ for resumption of in-person classes ([article](#))
- For this ER doctor, the crisis is far from over – even as COVID-19 cases decline ([article](#))
- Outgoing chief medical officer says province ‘did a good job’ during pandemic ([article](#))
- Efforts needed to reach unvaccinated Ontarians ([article](#))

### ***National Updates***

#### The Government of Canada:

- Funds four new projects to encourage COVID-19 vaccination in Canada ([news release](#))
- AstraZeneca vaccine and COVISHIELD: Risk of capillary leak syndrome ([recall](#))
- Labour Minister speaks with provinces, territories on workplaces and COVID-19 ([readout](#))
- Statements from the Chief Public Health Officer: [June 24](#), [June 26](#), [June 27](#), [June 28](#), [June 30](#)

#### Other National News:

- PHAC releases new guidance for what fully vaccinated Canadians can do ([article](#))
- Warning of rare, serious condition added as potential AstraZeneca side effect ([article](#))
- What to know about relaxed travel measures for fully vaccinated Canadians ([article](#))
- Third wave would have been much deadlier in Canada without vaccines: Tam ([article](#))
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine in limbo with no additional Canadian shipments ([article](#))
- Planning a get together? This online tool estimates your COVID-19 risk ([article](#))
- Feeling bad after a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose? Here’s why that should give you peace of mind ([article](#))
- COVID-19 deaths in Canada may be two times higher than reported: study ([article](#))
- Why reports of infections after 2 vaccine doses aren’t cause for alarm ([article](#))
- B.C. to lift requirement for masks indoors as COVID-19 cases plummet ([article](#))
- Nearly 30 percent of respondents to new poll say they broke COVID-19 rules ([article](#))
- New modelling shows ‘sustained national decline’ in COVID-19 spread ([article](#))

### ***Global Updates***

#### The World Health Organization (WHO):

- Special Focus: Update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern ([Weekly epi update p.5-7](#))
- Special Focus: Current challenges in the COVID-19 pandemic ([Weekly epi update p.8-9](#))
- Health workforce in COVID-19 action series: Time to Protect. Invest. Together. ([article](#))
- Directors of WHO, WIPO, WTO agree on intensified cooperation in support of access to medical technologies worldwide to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic ([news release](#))
- Director General continues to emphasize the need for vaccine equity: “Delta is the most transmissible of the variants identified so far... and is spreading rapidly... It’s quite simple: more transmission, more variants. Less transmission, less variants... This is why WHO has been saying for at least a year that vaccines must be distributed equitably, to protect health workers and the most vulnerable.” (Remarks at [June 25 media briefing](#))
- Support remains critical in countries and regions facing COVID-19 surges ([feature story](#))

#### Other International News:

- Pfizer, Moderna vaccines likely to produce long-lasting immunity, study suggests ([article](#))
- Mixing Pfizer, AstraZeneca doses provides strong immune response ([article](#))
- U.K. confident about July reopening despite soaring cases ([article](#))
- Delta variant is forcing U.S. to rethink COVID measures, even for the vaccinated ([article](#))
- Delta variant surge in South African raises fears of repeat of India’s catastrophe ([article](#))
- The global vaccine gap: Eight charts on the race to inoculate the world ([article](#))

## SMDHU Resources

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

#### [Main COVID-19](#)

- Updated main content to reflect the transition to Step 2 of Ontario's [Roadmap to Reopen](#)

#### [Stop the Spread](#)

- Updated content under the following expander bars to reflect current restrictions under Step 2 of Ontario's [Roadmap to Reopen](#):
  - [Close contact, gatherings and events](#)
  - [Travel](#)
  - [Marinas](#)
  - [How to attend a wedding, funeral or other religious ceremony safely](#)
- Added new expander bar with guidance on [Hosting a garage/yard sale during COVID-19](#)
- Updated information on [Shopping for and handling second-hand goods during COVID-19](#)

#### [Getting your Vaccination](#)

- Updated main content to reflect that those who are 12 years or older are now eligible to book their second dose at an earlier interval
- Posted information about upcoming [local pop-up clinics](#) in Bradford West Gwillimbury

#### [Operating your Business Safely](#)

- Updated information and guidance documents under the following expander bars to reflect current restrictions under Step 2 of Ontario's [Roadmap to Reopen](#):
  - [Resources for all employers and workplaces](#)
  - [Mandatory face covering in indoor public spaces](#)
  - [Businesses that provide staff housing](#)
  - [Curling clubs](#)
  - [Day camps](#)
  - [Food operators](#)
  - [Indoor and outdoor events and gatherings](#)
  - [Landlords and property managers](#)
  - [Marinas](#)
  - [Outdoor recreational amenities](#)
  - [Personal service settings](#)
  - [Recreational camps](#)
  - [Recreational water facilities](#)
  - [Retail businesses and shopping malls](#)

#### [Partners and Municipalities](#)

- Updated information and guidance documents under the following expander bars to reflect current restrictions under Step 2 of Ontario's [Roadmap to Reopen](#):
  - [Public beaches](#)
  - [Cooling centres](#)
  - [Day camps](#)
  - [Election guidance](#)
  - [Farmers' Markets](#)
  - [Food banks and donation centres](#)
  - [Outdoor recreational amenities](#)
  - [Places of Worship](#)

- [Shelter services](#)

### **Enforcement**

- Added 1 new charge issued to 'Summary of SMDHU Enforcement Actions' table

### **New Public Health Alerts – None**

#### **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](#)