

COVID-19 Update for Partners

August 11, 2021

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Key messages from Dr. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health

There is no media briefing scheduled the week of August 9, 2021. Dr. Gardner's next media briefing will take place on Tuesday, August 17. Previous media briefings are available on the SMDHU [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel.

Opportunity for pop-up clinics - As our mass immunization clinics (MIC) are ramping down in August and through September, health unit staff will be out in the community doing pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinics in an effort to make the vaccine as easy to get as possible for those who have not accessed our MICs. If you have an event or group that would like a pop-up COVID-19 immunization clinic, please email details (group who would like the clinic, contact information for person we would coordinate with, date and time requests) to immscheduling@smdhu.org. Immunization staff would need a space to provide the clinic with access to a few tables and chairs, and ideally a power source and protection from weather elements. We will do our best to accommodate requests but may not be able to do all based on our capacity.

Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Case Status *(As of August 10, 2021 10:00)*

Total Cases	Active Cases	Resolved	Deaths
12,439	64	12,120	255
<p>In the last day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 people became cases, there were 2 resolved cases, there was no new hospitalizations, and there were no new deaths. <p>Currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 23 new cases reported to the health unit for the current week. 1 Simcoe Muskoka resident is hospitalized with COVID-19. There are 35 active variant cases*. Variants of Concern (VOC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,923 cases screened to date for variants of concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,423 VOC: 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4000 Alpha (B.1.1.7 - UK), including 3,290 presumptive B.1.1.7 • 34 Beta (B.1.351 - S. Africa) • 168 Gamma (P.1 - Brazil) • 221 Delta (B.1.617 - India), including 81 presumptive B.1.617.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 674 screened positive for N501Y and/or E484K mutations ○ VOC percent positivity for week of August 1 to August 7 is 100%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 active COVID-19 outbreaks (institutional settings: 1, community settings: 1). • There has been a total of 221 confirmed cases of the Delta variant in Simcoe Muskoka. <p>Since the last Partner Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have reported 54 new cases, 19 resolved cases, and no new deaths. • There are 35 more active cases compared to the same day last week. • There is the same amount of active COVID-19 outbreaks compared to the same day last week. • During the week of August 1st, there were 36 new cases reported to the health unit, 29% higher than the 28 cases reported for the week prior. <p>For more local data, see: SMDHU COVID-19 HealthSTATS page and COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard</p> <p><small>*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.</small></p>
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Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Vaccine Data *(As of August 10, 2021 14:00)*

Total # immunized with first dose	Total # immunized with second dose
421,992	366,926
<p><u>Highlights:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17,399 immunizations have been provided since the last Partner Update. • Almost 422,000 people have received their first dose, which represents 69.8% of the total population. • Almost 367,000 people have received both required doses of the vaccine, representing 60.7% of the total population. • Approximately 79% of Simcoe Muskoka adults 12 years of age and older have received at least one dose of vaccine and 69% have received both doses. 	

Local Media Updates *(Since Aug 4, 2021 Partner Update)*

- 'Unusual ask in an unusual time'; Health unit gets city, county approval for COVID line of credit ([article](#))
- Five new COVID cases confirmed in Barrie on Tuesday ([article](#))
- Camp Muskoka Woods COVID-19 outbreak hits double digits ([article](#))

Provincial, National and Global COVID-19 Case Status

Ontario <i>(As of August 11, 2021, 10:30)</i>			
Total cases	Active Cases	Resolved	Deaths
553,449	2,611	541,426	9,412
<p><u>As of today:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 324 new cases, 204 resolved cases, and 3 deaths in the last day. • Of the 324 new cases, 234 are unvaccinated, 32 are partially vaccinated and 58 are fully vaccinated. 			

- A total of 108 people are hospitalized with COVID-19, 108 people are in intensive care units (ICU) due to COVID-related critical illness, and 70 people are on ventilators.
- A total of 19,998,744 vaccine doses have been administered. 71.18% of all Ontarians have received their first vaccine dose and 63.36% have been fully vaccinated.
- Of all eligible Ontarians 12 years of age and older 81.14% have at least 1 dose and 72.23% are fully vaccinated.
- There are currently 77 active COVID-19 outbreaks in Ontario.

Since the last Partner Update:

- There have been 2,324 new cases, 1,351 recoveries, and 52 deaths.
- There are 921 more active cases compared to the same day last week.
- There are 4 fewer people hospitalized, the same number of people in the ICU, and 6 fewer people on ventilators compared to the same day last week.
- The 7-day average number of new daily cases is 269.

Regional updates:

- Areas with the highest number of active cases per 100,000 population: Hamilton (36.81), Windsor-Essex County (36.72), Grey Bruce (28.84)

Weekly Epidemiological Summary highlights:

- There are a total of 553,449 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario reported to date.
- Compared to the previous day, this represents:
 - An increase of 324 confirmed cases (percent change of +0.9%)
 - An increase of 3 deaths (percent change of +50.0%)
 - An increase of 204 resolved cases (percent change of +2.0%)

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 August 10, 2021 at 19:00 EDT)			
Total Cases	Active Cases	Resolved	Deaths
1,443,433	12,548	1,404,202	26,683

Yesterday:

- Canada reported 1,346 new cases and 6 new deaths.
- Most cases (64.7%) and deaths (77.4%) were reported by Ontario and Quebec.

Since the last Partner Update:

- In the last week, 9,658 people tested positive for COVID-19, 76 people died, and 4,778 people recovered.
- There are 4,804 more active cases of COVID-19 than there was a week ago.

Key vaccine updates as of August 11, 2021:

- 71.5% of the population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, including 82.2% of those ages 12 and older.
- 62% of the population has been fully vaccinated, including 71.3% of those ages 12 and older.

Between July 18 and July 26, 2021:

- The number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized decreased from 322 to 315.
- The number of COVID-19 patients in ICU beds decreased from 188 to 166.
- The number of COVID-19 patients mechanically vented decreased from 118 to 109.

Weekly epidemiology report: July 26 and August 2, 2021:

- During week 30 (25 July to 31 July 2021), Canada reported low but increasing COVID-19 activity compared to the previous week (week 29: 18 July to 24 July 2021).
- Three provinces and territories (Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) reported no COVID-19 activity for week 30.
- There was an average of 715 new cases reported daily during week 30, representing a 43% increase compared to the previous week. Following a decrease in the number of cases reported since mid-April 2021, the daily number of reported cases has been gradually increasing since mid-July 2021.
- During week 30, six provinces and territories (Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut) reported a decrease or no new cases, compared to the previous week.
- Daily rates of cases per 100 000 population have continued to decrease among all age groups since the peak in mid-April 2021. Among both males and females, case rates are highest among individuals in the 20–39 years age groups and lowest among individuals in the 60 to 79 and 80 years and older age groups.

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

Global (As of August 10, 2021 at 18:22 CET)	
Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths
203,295,170	4,303,515
<u>In the last day:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were 560,850 new cases and 8,426 deaths.• Iran, Indonesia, India, Turkey and Russia reported the most new cases and Indonesia, Russia, Vietnam, Brazil and India reported the most new deaths. <u>In the past week:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nearly 4.3 million new cases and 66,829 deaths were reported.• The U.S., India, Indonesia, Iran and Brazil reported the most new cases and Indonesia, Brazil, Russia, India and USA reported the most new deaths. <u>No new epidemiological summary for this week.</u> <p>For more international data, see: WHO COVID-19 Disease Dashboard and Weekly Epidemiological and Operational Updates</p>	

Provincial, National and Global Updates *(Since August 4 , 2021 Partner Update)*

Provincial Updates

The Ontario Government:

- Ontario Rolls Out Vaccine Clinic on Wheels ([news release](#))

Public Health Ontario published:

- Updated: Estimating the Prevalence and Growth of SARS-CoV-2 Variants in Ontario using Mutation Profiles ([surveillance report](#))

Other Provincial News:

- Ontario sees 321 new COVID-19 cases as long-term care homes call for vaccine mandate for health workers ([article](#))
- Fully vaccinated students could continue going to class despite COVID-19 case contact under new Ontario guidance ([article](#))

- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic close contacts of Ontario COVID-19 cases no longer need to self-isolate ([article](#))
- Head of science table says he won't support further easing of COVID-19 restrictions right now ([article](#))
- Toronto backtracks on decision to close North York mass vaccination clinic ([article](#))

National Updates

The Government of Canada:

- Health Canada updates Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine label to reflect very rare reports of Bell's Palsy ([recall and safety alert](#))
- Government of Canada announces agreement with leading COVID-19 vaccine developer Moderna, Inc. to build mRNA vaccine facility in Canada ([news release](#))
- Transport Canada extending restrictions on direct flights from India until September 21, 2021 ([news release](#))
- Canada and Ontario invest more than \$2.1 million in active transportation infrastructure to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 ([news release](#))
- Helping Ontario Food and Beverage Processors During COVID-19 ([news release](#))
- Canada announces new vaccine contributions for regional partners ([news release](#))
- Statements from the Chief Public Health Officer: [Aug 10](#), [Aug 6](#)

Other National News:

- 'No doubt' Canada now in 4th wave of COVID-19 as cases spike across much of the country ([article](#))
- More than 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses now stockpiled in Canadian freezers ([article](#))

SMDHU Resources

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

Getting your Vaccination

- Added information about upcoming [local pop-up clinics](#) for Port McNicoll, Wyevalle, Stayner, Ramara, Orillia, Waubesaushene, Barrie, Lafontaine, Washago, Creemore, Penetanguishene, Oro-Medonte and Perkinsfield.

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-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](#)