COVID-19 Update

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Overall Trends

- The number of new cases has continued to stabilize.
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- As of 10:30 a.m. this morning, our dashboard reports that the total number of COVID-associated deaths remains at 113.
  - Of these, 20 deaths are associated with cases in the community, and 93 are associated with long-term and retirement home outbreaks.
- Approximately 6.6% of people tested in Waterloo Region are testing positive for COVID-19.
- A total of 775 cases or 71% of positive cases in Waterloo Region have now been classified as resolved.
- There are currently 207 active cases, of which 86% are isolating at home (or in their congregate setting home), and 13% are in hospital, at this time. Two cases are still under investigation.
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- The signs are tentatively positive, but we are still in a delicate state.
- This stabilization is the result of residents following public health measures, and where we go from here will largely depend on the actions all of us take as a community going forward.

Closing Remarks

- We need to continue to:
  - Practice physical distancing whenever we leave our homes, and wear a non-medical mask when we are around others.
- Wash our hands often.
- Only spend time with our household contacts for now.
- Make an appointment to get tested and stay home if we develop symptoms.
- As a reminder, a negative test result does not exempt you from continuing to follow these measures.

- Let’s continue to work together.
- Thank you.