



Region of Waterloo  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES

## **COVID-19 Update**

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### **Overall Trends**

- Sadly, we continue to see COVID-19 deaths in our community. To date, 67 people have died in our community.
- I wish to express my deepest condolences to all the families, friends, and caregivers who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.
- There are currently 12 long-term care or retirement homes in outbreak
- We continue to work closely with facilities in outbreak and, with the continued monitoring and expanded testing, I expect to see more cases identified.
- Finally, I am glad to share that:
  - 285 people have now recovered from COVID-19 in our community
  - 10 outbreaks in long-term care and retirement homes have been declared over.

### **Public Health Measures**

- As the days start to get warmer, I'd like to remind all residents of the importance of following the public health measures.
- I know this is a challenging time, and many are feeling isolated.
- But staying home, limiting how often you leave your home, and practicing physical distancing is making a difference.
- These measures help slow the spread, and ultimately helps save lives.
- Your actions are making a difference.

### **Closing Remarks**

- Finally, I want to express my profound gratitude to staff at long term homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings across Waterloo Region.

- The work you are doing is exceptionally challenging during these times, but this is crucial work and the compassion you are providing is invaluable to those that you care for, their loved ones, and our community.
- Please know that your work is truly appreciated.
- Thank you for your commitment and service.