



COVID-19 Update

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Overall Trends

- The number of new cases continues to remain relatively low at the moment.
- As of 10:30 a.m. this morning, we have 110 active cases in Waterloo Region.
- Approximately 5.6 per cent of people tested in Waterloo Region are testing positive for COVID-19.
- A total of 927 cases or 80 per cent of positive cases in Waterloo Region are now resolved.
- There are currently 13 people or 1 per cent of our cases who are hospitalized
- The outbreaks in long-term care home and retirement homes continue to stabilize and decrease in number. We currently have 5 active outbreaks, and a total of 33 have now been declared over.
- We do not currently have any new outbreaks in work settings.
- So overall we're in a much better place than we were during our peak in April, but we are not out of the woods yet.
- Our goal is to keep the number of new infections low while we continue to gradually lift restrictions and open up our economy.

Closing Remarks

- The virus is still active in our community.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to develop, from the time you may have been exposed to the virus.
- It is vitally important that we don't let up on public health measures.
 - Continue to practice physical distancing.
 - Wear a mask when you are in close proximity to others.
 - Wash your hands often.
 - And even if you have mild symptoms – stay home and get tested.
- These measures help protect our families, our friends, our neighbours.

- I know the past few months has been very difficult.
- I know the past week has been particularly hard for many in our community.
- Continuing to follow these public health measures is **our new normal**.
- Even as more businesses and organizations begin to re-open, these measures will remain.
- We must continue to protect one another.
- Thank you.