



# COVID-19 Update

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## Overall Trends

- We continue to see cases reported, but overall the status of COVID-19 in our community continues to move in the right direction.
- Waterloo Region, along with most other areas of Ontario, will be permitted to move to Stage 2 of the provincial re-opening as of this Friday.
- It will be especially important as more restrictions are lifted and our economy continues to open up, that we practice the recommended public health measures.

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- As of 10:30 a.m. this morning, we have 107 active cases in Waterloo Region.
- Approximately 5.4 per cent of people tested in Waterloo Region have tested positive for COVID-19.
- A total of 954 cases or 81 per cent of positive cases in Waterloo Region are now resolved.
- There are currently 15 people or 1 per cent of our cases who are hospitalized
- Outbreaks in long-term care home and retirement homes continue to stabilize and decrease in number. We currently have 2 active outbreaks, and a total of 36 have now been declared over.
- One outbreak in a group home has also been declared over.
- We do not currently have any new outbreaks in workplace settings.

## Closing Remarks

- As we move into stage 2 of our re-opening as of Friday, we find ourselves in uncharted waters.

- The wisest, most prudent approach with uncharted waters, has always been to move carefully, cautiously and thoughtfully.
- In our current circumstance, this means continuing to follow public health measures:
  - This means continuing to practice physical distancing.
  - Continuing to wear a mask when you are in close proximity to others.
  - Continuing to wash your hands often.
  - And even if you have mild symptoms – this means getting tested and staying at home.
- As we gradually re-open the economy, we will see more and more people move throughout Waterloo Region in the weeks ahead.
- Inevitably, this increases our contact with others, and also increases our risk of coming in contact with the virus.
- Please remember that COVID-19 continues to circulate in Waterloo Region and that it is possible to come in contact with the virus anywhere in our community.
- This is why staying the course with our public health measures is so important right now.
- It is important that our local economy open up, and it is important that we each do what we can to minimize spread of COVID-10. The number of infections could re-surge if we are not careful.
- Let's continue to be kind and considerate, and look after our families, our friends, and our neighbours.
- Thank you.