



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 is stable.
- Testing volumes have continued to increase and so it is expected that we could see increasing numbers of people test positive.
 - The percentage of those tested who test positive however has continued to decrease.
- As of 10:30 a.m. this morning, we have 87 active cases in Waterloo Region.
- A total of 30,516 tests have been performed in Waterloo Region with positive results for approximately 4.1 per cent of all tests
- A total of 1,055 cases or 84 per cent of positive cases in Waterloo Region are now resolved.
- There are currently 13 people in hospital.
- Outbreaks in long-term care home and retirement homes are also stable. There are currently three outbreaks in these settings.
 - With the enhanced monitoring and testing in long-term care and retirement homes, it is expected that these facilities may continue to experience outbreaks.
- We do not currently have any active outbreaks in other congregate settings or workplace settings.

Closing Remarks

- The first wave is not over. The virus is still active in our community.
- The virus is spread by people and we have a collect responsibility to **protect each other**.
- In everything that you do, whether it's going to the store, picking up library books or checking in on loved ones, we need to protect each other.

- We help protect our families, our friends, and our community when we:
 - Practice physical distancing
 - Wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be guaranteed
 - Wash our hands often, cover our coughs, and avoid touching our faces or fiddling with our masks
- We protect our community when we stay home and isolate from others, including family members, if we start to develop symptoms.
- We protect our community when we get tested if we start to develop symptoms.
- Together, these measures are part of a comprehensive approach to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- This is our 'new normal' and it will continue to be for a long time to come.
- Our continued progress is in our hands and we all have a role to play.
- Thank-you.