



Region of Waterloo  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES

## COVID-19 Update

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### Overall Trends:

- I am sad to report that, since my update on Monday, and as of 7 p.m. last evening, we have 4 more COVID-19 related deaths to report.
  - For a total of 15 deaths.
  - (We are counting all deaths where the person was COVID-19 positive, even if it may not have been the primary cause of death, as can sometimes be the case.)
- I wish to express my deepest condolences to the families, loved ones and caregivers of those who have passed.
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- You will also have noticed that the number of confirmed cases continues to rise as we have undergone a significant expansion of testing since late last week.
- Most of this increase has been due to additional cases detected in long-term care and retirement homes, as a result of expanded testing.
- As expected, we are now seeing, and will continue to see in the next few days, the significant increase in numbers of residents and staff who have tested positive.
- These results will give us a clearer picture of the status of COVID-19 in such homes, and will allow us to respond accordingly.
- Detecting these new cases now will help us reduce the number of additional cases in the future.
- That said, measures have already been put in place in anticipation of the increased numbers.
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- We now have 14 long-term care or retirement homes under outbreak. A majority continue to be stable and have low numbers of cases.

## **Final remarks**

- Our residents continue to cooperate with public measures, and because of this, you have made an impact.
- Thank-you for doing all you can to help our community fight this pandemic.
- Together, we are making a difference.