



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, 72 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.
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- There are currently 12 long-term care or retirement homes in outbreak
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- 316 people have now recovered from COVID-19 in our community.
- 11 long-term care or retirement home outbreaks have been declared over.
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- COVID rates broken down by area municipality:
 - You may have noticed that is new on our dashboard.
 - The number of positive cases in each area municipality is skewed based on testing guidance that prioritizes groups and settings at greater risk, including long-term care and retirement homes.
 - Still, it demonstrates COVID-19 is in all our area municipalities.
 - There is broad circulation of COVID-19 in our community.
 - Residents should assume they could get COVID-19 anywhere in Waterloo Region.

Closing Remarks

- Thank you to everyone in our community who is doing their part to help us slow the spread.
- By staying home and limiting the number of trips you make, you are protecting yourself as well as others.

- Your actions help protect those who cannot stay home. Your actions help protect health care and other essential workers. Your actions help protect vulnerable members of our community, including those in long-term care settings.
- I appreciate that the past weeks have been challenging. These public health measures are hard.
- If we break public health measures now, we can expect cases to rise and we can expect these measures to continue.
- Please know that your efforts are truly appreciated.
- We need to continue to work together; we can not do this without you.
- Thank you