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# COVID-19 Health Care Provider Briefing

Middlesex and London Region

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# Welcome

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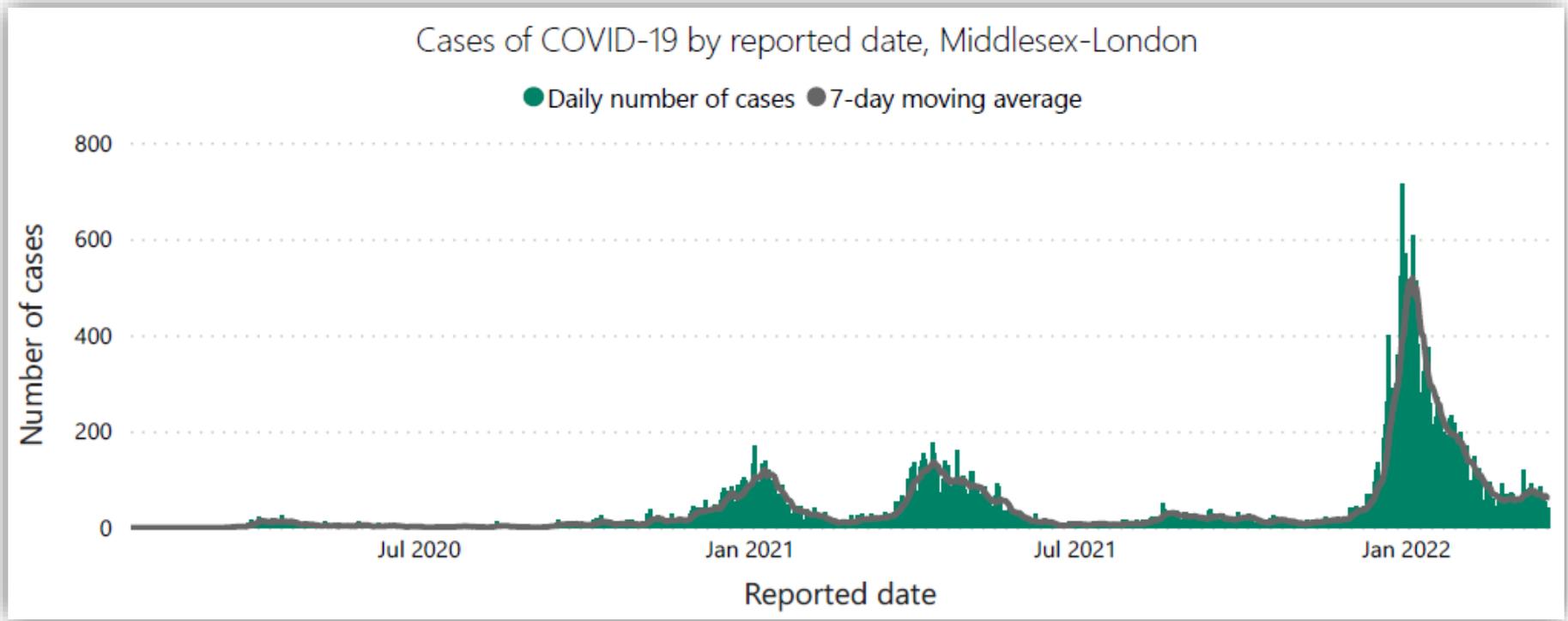
# Surveillance Report

As of March 21<sup>st</sup>:

- Worldwide:
  - Over 469.2 million COVID-19 cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported
  - Over 10.9 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide
- In Ontario:
  - 1.1 million cases of this illness confirmed, including 12,336 deaths
- Locally:

33,212	40	0
Total number of confirmed cases	New cases since previous day	New deaths since previous day
356	644	32,212
Total deaths	Total active cases	Total resolved cases

# Cases by Reported Date



**Data source:** Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-03-22. Data current as of the end of day 2022-03-21.

## Changes to Our COVID-19 Dashboard

- There will be a reduction in the amount of information that will be on the dashboard – rationale:
  - Provincial perspective on COVID is changing - there is a desire to streamline the content to focus on data aligned with Provincial reporting.
  - Due to testing restrictions, case counts underrepresent the true burden of COVID-19 in our communities, and the indicators shown on the dashboards do not accurately represent the community as a whole.
  - Now into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the pandemic, some of the cumulative data is no longer as meaningful on a day-to-day basis.

## What's Changing?

- On the internal dashboard, *Daily Hospitalized Cases* and *Contact Tracing* tab will be removed.
- School and child care tab will be removed from both internal and external dashboard.
- In the *Cases by Municipality* table, an additional column will be added to show cumulative incidence rate by municipality.
- On the vaccination status tab, all charts will be removed except *Case Vaccination Status Assessment Rates*.
- In the chart for *Incidence Rates*, the toggle and associated chart for Cumulative incidence rate will be removed.
- COVID-19 testing sites and assessment centre data will be removed.
- Vaccination coverage language will be updated.

## Canada Ends Pre-arrival COVID-19 Testing Rule for Fully Vaccinated Travellers

- As of April 1, fully vaccinated travellers arriving to Canada will no longer require any tests before arriving here.
- This change will apply to travellers arriving by air and land.





## Provincial Update: Masking

- As of Monday, March 21, mandatory masking requirements for most settings (including schools) have been removed.
- Exceptions = public transit, health care will be settings, long-term care homes and congregate care settings.
- Other measures in schools were also lifted on Monday, including the removal of cohorting and daily onsite screening.
- All other regulatory requirements for businesses were also removed on March 21, including passive screening and safety plans.

# Section 22 Orders

A brief overview

## Order by M.O.H. re communicable disease

- **22** (1) A medical officer of health, in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (2), by a written order may require a person to take or to refrain from taking any action that is specified in the order in respect of a communicable disease. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 22 (1).

## Condition precedent to order

- (2) A medical officer of health may make an order under this section where he or she is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds,
  - (a) that a communicable disease exists or may exist or that there is an **immediate** risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease in the health unit served by the medical officer of health;
  - (b) that the communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the health unit served by the medical officer of health; and
  - (c) that the requirements specified in the order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 22 (2); 1997, c. 30, Sched. D, s. 3 (1).

## Time

- (3) In an order under this section, a medical officer of health may specify the time or times when or the period or periods of time within which the person to whom the order is directed must comply with the order. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 22 (3).

# What may be included in order

- **(4) An order under this section may include, but is not limited to,**
    - (a) requiring the owner or occupier of premises to close the premises or a specific part of the premises;
    - (b) requiring the placarding of premises to give notice of an order requiring the closing of the premises;
    - (c) requiring any person that the order states has or may have a communicable disease or is or may be infected with an agent of a communicable disease to isolate himself or herself and remain in isolation from other persons;
    - (d) requiring the cleaning or disinfecting, or both, of the premises or the thing specified in the order;
    - (e) requiring the destruction of the matter or thing specified in the order;
    - (f) requiring the person to whom the order is directed to submit to an examination by a physician and to deliver to the medical officer of health a report by the physician as to whether or not the person has a communicable disease or is or is not infected with an agent of a communicable disease;
    - (g) requiring the person to whom the order is directed in respect of a communicable disease that is a virulent disease to place himself or herself forthwith under the care and treatment of a physician;
    - (h) requiring the person to whom the order is directed to conduct herself in such a manner as not to expose another person to infection.
- 1990, c. H.7, s. 22 (4); 1997, c. 30, Sched. D, s. 3 (2).

# Person directed

- (5) An order under this section may be directed to a person,
  - (a) who resides or is present;
  - (b) who owns or is the occupier of any premises;
  - (c) who owns or is in charge of any thing; or
  - (d) who is engaged in or administers an enterprise or activity,
- in the health unit served by the medical officer of health. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 22 (5).

# Class orders

- (5.0.1) An order under this section may be directed to a class of persons who reside or are present in the health unit served by the medical officer of health. 2003, c. 1, s. 15 (1).

# Section 22 Orders and Masking

## Provincial context

- Province has lifted masking mandates as of March 21, 2022
- Rationale:
  - Province is pivoting from an emergency response to recovery response.
  - High community immunity, particularly against severe outcomes, from vaccination and previous infection.
  - Metrics are currently improving.

## A Section 22 Order is a limited tool

- Section 22 Orders are intended to be focused, time-limited, and used sparingly in response to an immediate risk of a communicable disease. The intent is to provide MOHs with a tool to respond urgently to acute situations for which immediate action is required.
- In this instance, there is not a new and emerging risk in this jurisdiction of which the province, and their respective officials, is not aware.
- The province has access to the same information regarding COVID-19 trends and the effectiveness of masking that local MOHs do.
- As an example, regulations within schools are the purview of the Ministry of Education, and the Province has made a decision regarding masks.

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- A Section 22 Order in this instance would essentially ‘override’ the decision of provincial officials, including elected representatives.
- The community is the patient, and the clinical decisions for the patient are made by those individuals who have been democratically given authority to do so (i.e., elected officials).

# Examples of where a Class Section 22 Order could be used

- **Example:** A COVID-19 outbreak has been declared in a long-term care home, and staff are refusing to wear masks, and the administrator refuses to enforce the wearing of masks.
- **Example:** A new COVID-19 variant is emerging locally, and the Province does not have time to respond quickly.
- **Example:** New infectious disease outbreak identified in an apartment building; we don't know the source or the nature of transmission, and therefore all residents are ordered to isolate/quarantine.
- There have been very few examples of class orders used prior to the pandemic, and as we have more information about the risk and behaviour of the virus, they are less indicate

# Masking is strongly recommended

- Masking has been demonstrated to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- It is notably effective as a ‘source control.’
- Organizations should consider options which increase masking amongst their staff and patrons, relative to the risk of COVID-19 transmission in their setting.

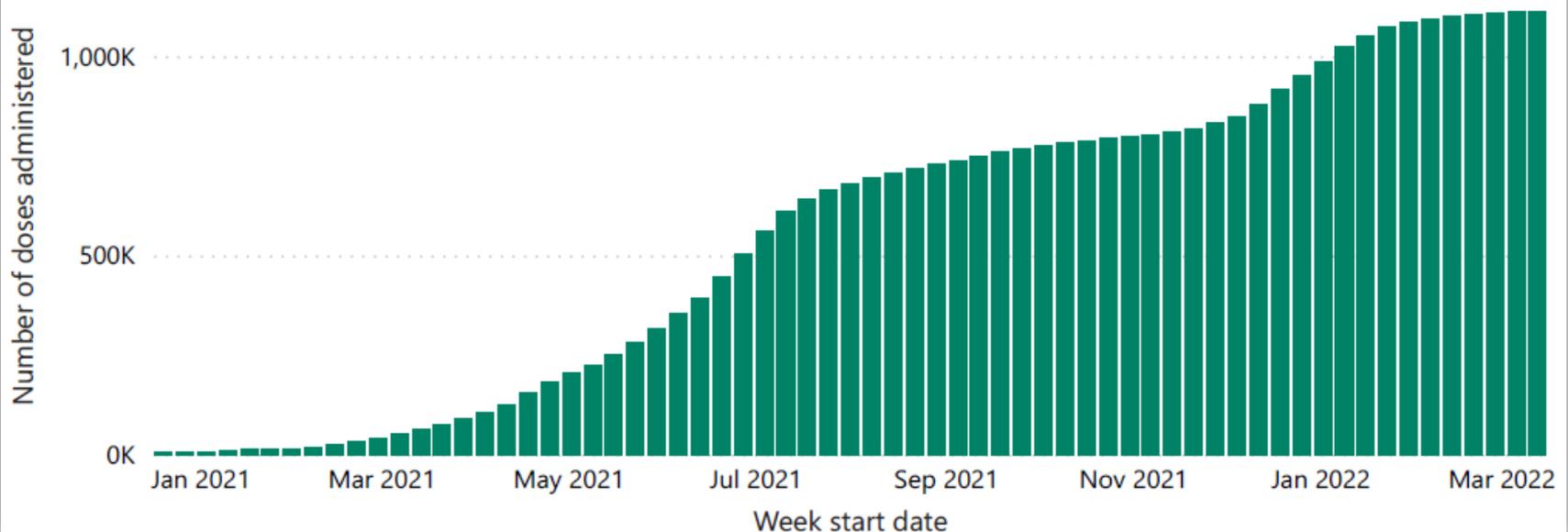
# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Total doses administered in the Middlesex-London region

1,114,036

As of end of day March 19, 2022

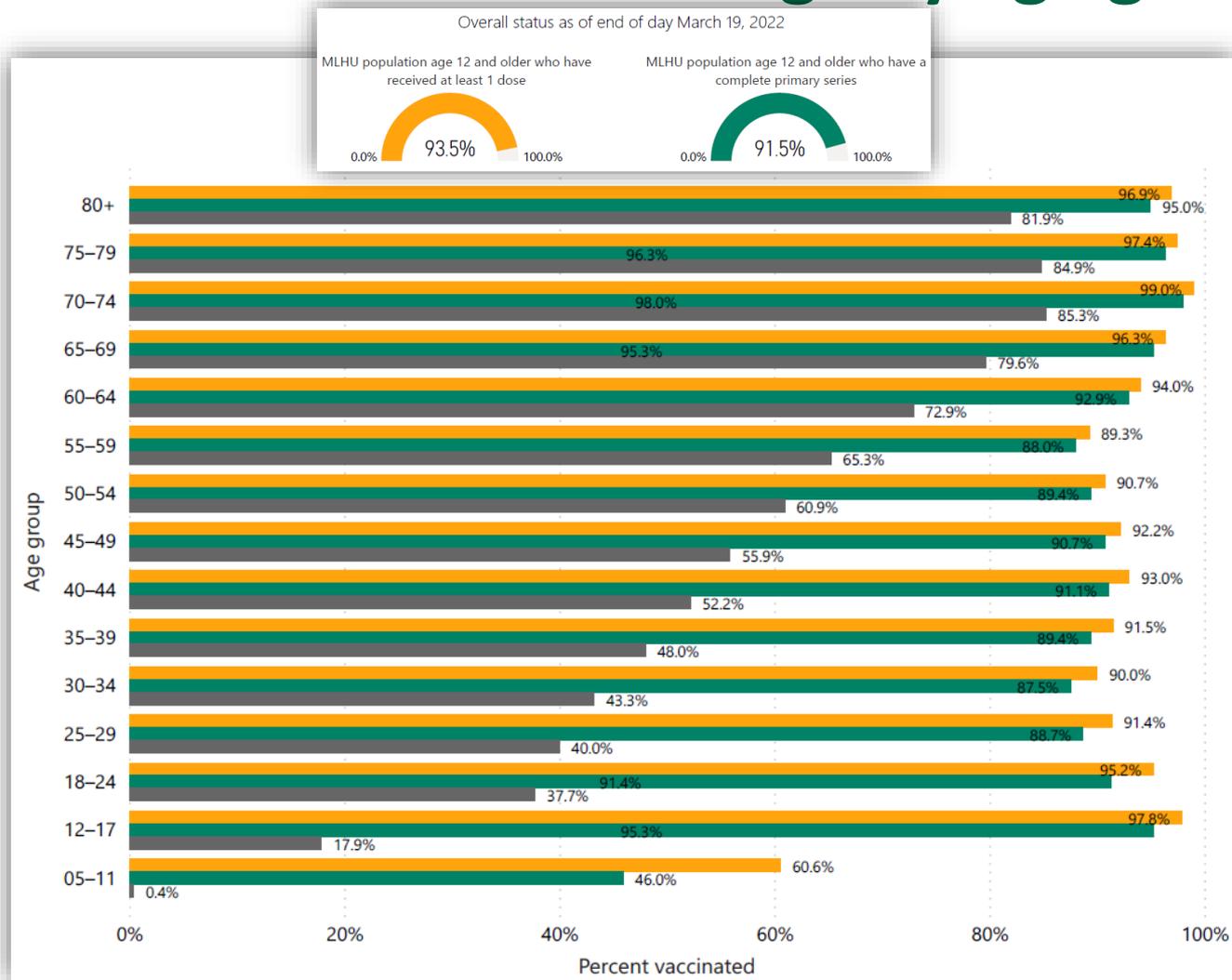
Cumulative doses administered in the MLHU region by week



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# COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage by age group



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## Moderna Approved for 6-11 years of age

- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Health Canada authorized the use of the Moderna Spikevax (50 mcg) COVID-19 vaccine for children between the ages of six and 11 years old.
- After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, Health Canada has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between six and 11 years of age outweigh the risks.
- Primary two-dose regimen, of 50 micrograms per dose, to be administered four weeks apart. This is half of the 100 micrograms primary two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older.
- Clinical trials showed the immune response in children six to 11 years old was comparable to the immune response in people between the ages of 18 and 25, supporting the vaccine efficacy in this younger age group.
- No serious adverse events were observed during the trials.

## Mass Vaccination Clinics: Looking Ahead

- Caradoc Community Centre is now running 3 days/week:
  - Monday to Wednesday, 11AM – 6PM
- On March 29<sup>th</sup> Agriplex will move to 5 days/week (and transition to new clinic space on the other side of the facility)
  - Tuesday to Saturday, 11AM-6PM
- CitiPlaza will be used as a flex clinic space (main floor room) in the event that an additional site is required.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

#### CLINIC HOURS:

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY**

**11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Walk-ins welcome.**



**Masks MUST be worn  
at all times while in  
the clinic area**

## COVID-19 Vaccine Mobile & Pop-up Clinics

### *Community HUB COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics:*

- 9 more clinics in the month of March, including tonight at Montcalm S.S
- Looking at planning another Superhero Saturday on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to kick off the new clinic space at Agriplex.
- Mass vaccination clinics saw a great turnout for the March 12<sup>th</sup> Superhero Day!
- In total, 340 people attended Agriplex and Caradoc, including the administration of vaccine to 166 5-to-11 year olds!



## COVID-19 Vaccine Mobile & Pop-up Clinics

- London & Middlesex Housing corporation in partnership with MLHU will drop off door knockers and posters to promote neighbourhood and mobile clinic efforts in low-uptake neighbourhoods.
- Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORCs) posters now being delivered to buildings, to promote 4<sup>th</sup> dose eligibility among members of these congregate living communities.
- Partnering with City of London Health and Social Services staff to support vaccination uptake among clients receiving social assistance/Ontario Works support.



**Community Hub COVID-19  
Vaccination Clinics**

**We're coming to your  
neighbourhood! Come  
get vaccinated.**

Walk-in, no health card  
or appointment needed

I GOT MY  
COVID-19  
VACCINE!

DATE / TIME / LOCATION



**LM** LONDON & MIDDLESEX  
COMMUNITY HOUSING

**ML** BUREAU DE SANTÉ DE  
MIDDLESEX-LONDON  
HEALTH UNIT  
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