



COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Briefing
Middlesex and London Region
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Welcome

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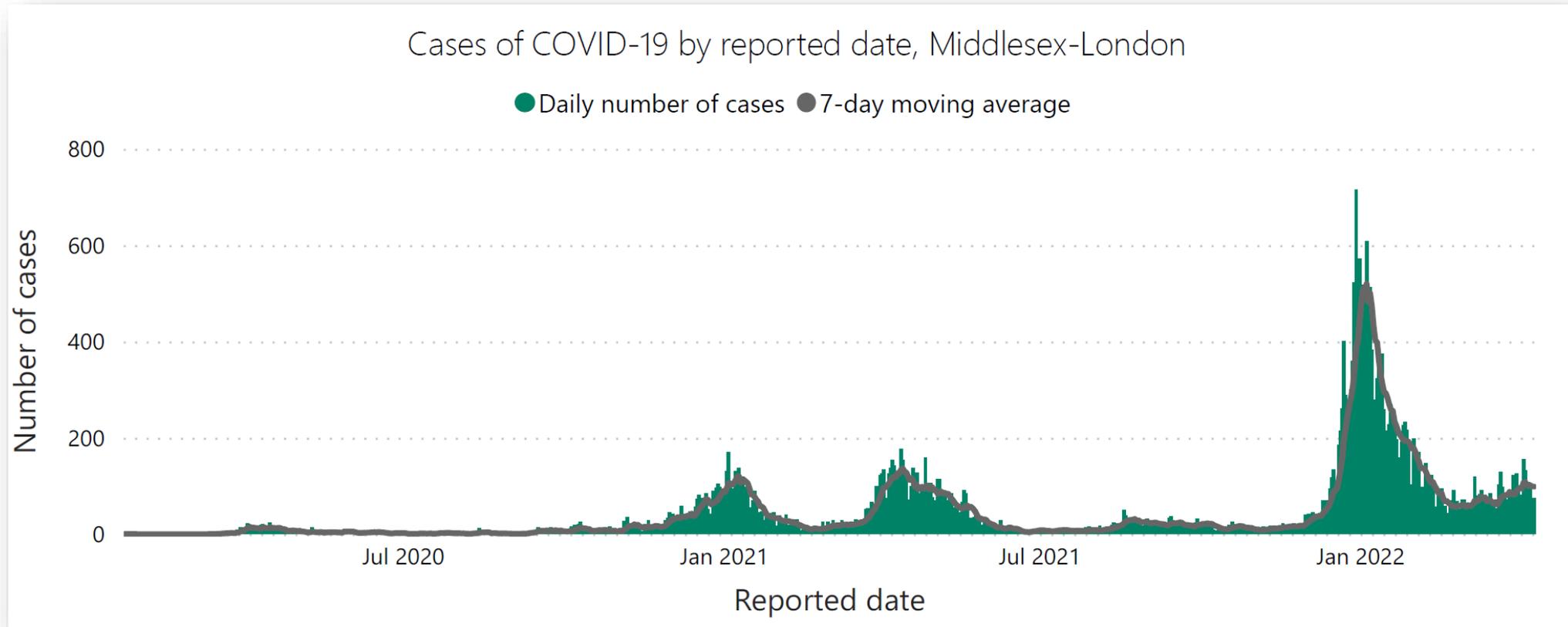
Surveillance Report

As of April 11th:

- Worldwide:
 - Over 497 million COVID-19 cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported
 - Over 11.2 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide
- In Ontario:
 - 1.19 million cases of this illness confirmed, including 12,566 deaths
- Locally:



Cases by Reported Date



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-04-12. Data current as of the end of day 2022-04-11.

The risk of COVID-19 in our community is increasing

- With the end of mask mandate and the lifting of capacity limits, the current risk of COVID-19 transmission in Middlesex-London is very high.
- We are going to continue to see the number of COVID-19 cases increase.
- It is important to consider your risk for COVID-19 and take steps to protect yourself.
 - Wear a mask.
 - Ensure you are up to date for all recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccine, including a booster for those 12+ and a second booster for those 60+
 - Stay at home if you feel unwell or develop any symptoms of COVID-19
 - Consider limiting social interactions, and keeping social circles smaller, until there is less virus circulating in the community.

Maintaining safety in healthcare settings

- Masking continues to be a critical protection in healthcare settings.
- Other tools like symptom screening and physical distancing will also be helpful during the current COVID-19 wave.
- While balancing staffing pressures, it is critical that symptomatic staff have minimal patient interactions and stay home if they are sick.



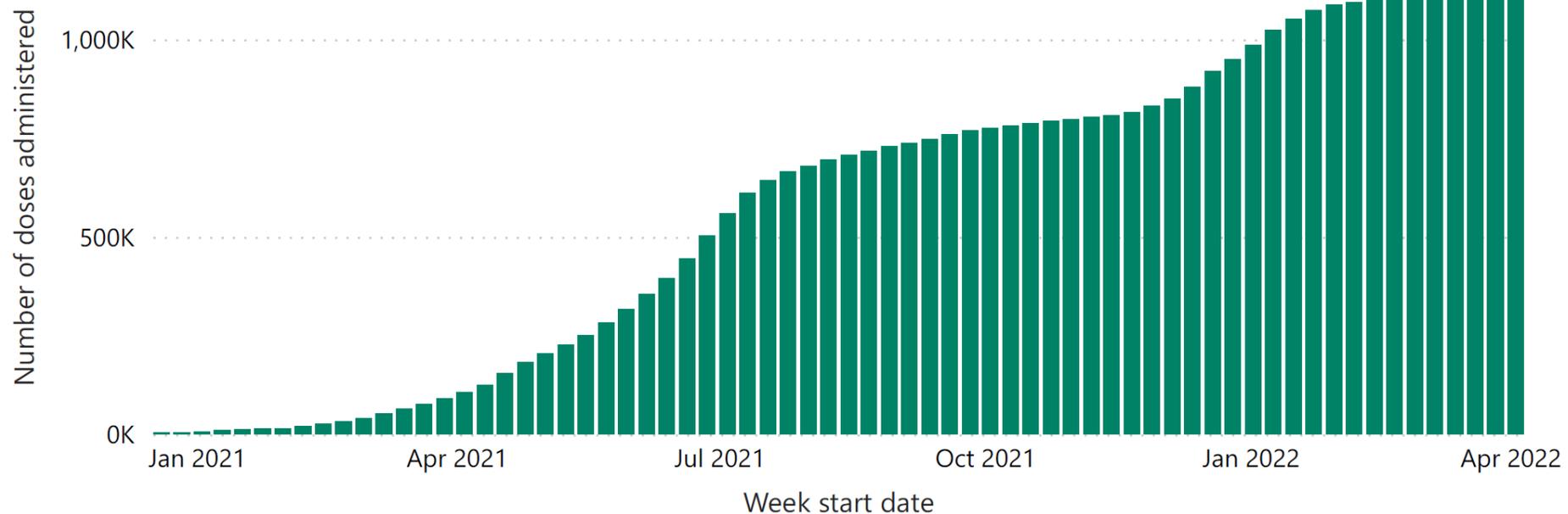
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Total doses administered in the Middlesex-London region

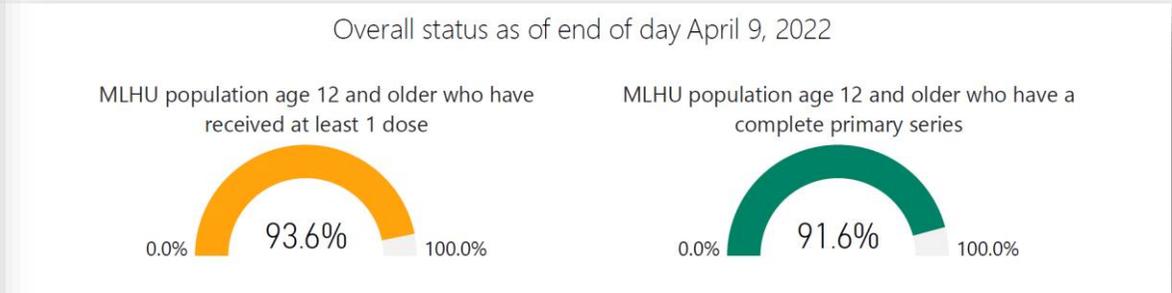
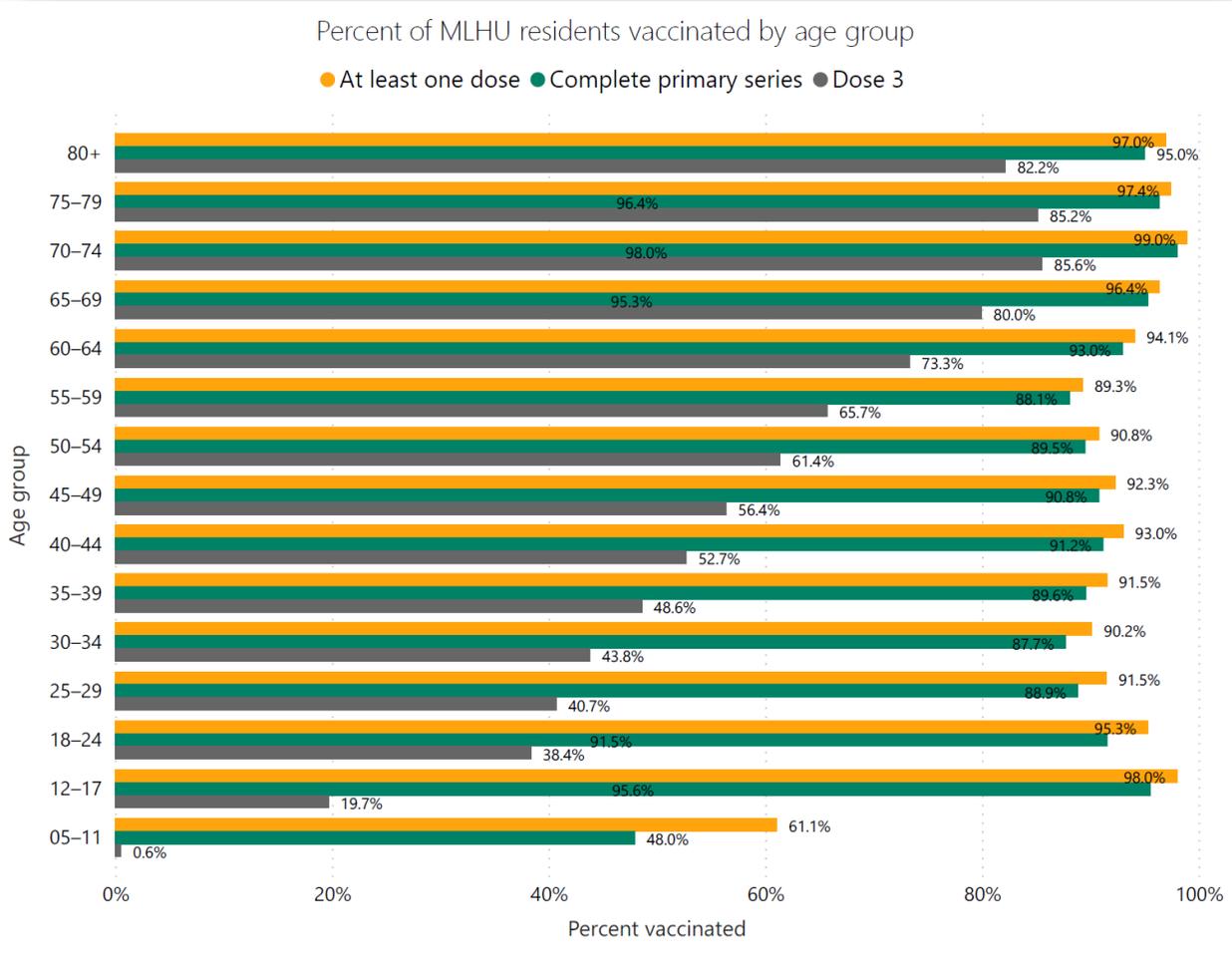
1,124,256

As of end of day April 9, 2022

Cumulative doses administered in the MLHU region by week



COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage by age group



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM), extracted 2022-04-12. Data current as of the end of day 2022-04-11.

Expanded Eligibility for Second Booster (Fourth Dose)

- As of April 7th, eligibility has expanded for a second booster (fourth dose) of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Eligible groups include:
 - Adults 60 years of age and older
 - First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations who are 18 years of age and older (including non-Indigenous household members)
- Timing for a second booster (fourth dose) = 5 month interval (140) after first booster (third dose), with the option to receive a dose at a 3-month interval (84 days).
- MLHU website and booking site have been updated to reflect this change.

Provincial Update: New Eligibility to Assessing/Treating COVID-19

- Effective April 11th, the following groups are eligible to be tested and assessed for antiviral treatment, such as Paxlovid:
 - Individuals aged 18 and over who are immunocompromised (by a health condition or medications);
 - Individuals aged 70 and over;
 - Individuals aged 60 and over with fewer than three vaccine doses; and
 - Individuals aged 18 and over with fewer than three vaccine doses and at least one risk condition (e.g., a chronic medical condition)
- Ontario is also expanding dispensing locations to include participating pharmacies
 - A list of pharmacies that are dispensing Paxlovid will be available at [Ontario.ca/antivirals](https://www.ontario.ca/antivirals) as of Wednesday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Update to Prescribing Paxlovid: Eligibility Criteria

- **Reminder: Healthcare providers can prescribe Paxlovid to eligible patients**
 - Confirmed* COVID-19 positive patient within **FIVE** (*previously three*) days of symptom onset who meets eligibility criteria can be prescribed treatment
 - *A positive rapid antigen test, PCR or rapid molecular test is required as part of the assessment for antiviral treatment.
- Paxlovid Prescription form is available online (link below), as well as through this week's newsletter
- Referrals can be made to Carling if unable to do testing (PCR OR Rapid Antigen Tests) in-office and/or can't see the patient in a timely manner
 - For more information, please visit: <https://covidtestinglm.ca/for-providers/>

Ukrainians Fleeing War: Early Assessment Considerations for Primary Care Providers- Supports from the Ontario government

- The Ministry has created a guidance document to support primary healthcare providers in their early assessments and care of individuals arriving in Ontario from Ukraine
- This includes Immigration Medical Examination, immunization and early assessment considerations, health service access and more
- Available on the Ministry's site & in newsletter: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/emb/displaced_ukrainians/default.aspx

Ministry of Health

Ukrainians Fleeing War: Early Assessment Considerations for Primary Care Providers

April 7, 2022

Overview

This document is intended to support primary health care providers in their early assessments and care of individuals arriving in Ontario who have been displaced due to the war in Ukraine.

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