



COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Briefing
Middlesex and London Region
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Welcome

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Surveillance Report

As of April 25th:

- Worldwide:
 - Over 507 million COVID-19 cases and over 6.2 million deaths have been reported
 - Over 11.3 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide
- In Ontario:
 - 1.24 million cases of this illness confirmed, including 12,736 deaths
- Locally:

36,556

Total number of confirmed cases

73

New cases since previous day

1

New deaths since previous day

373

Total deaths

900

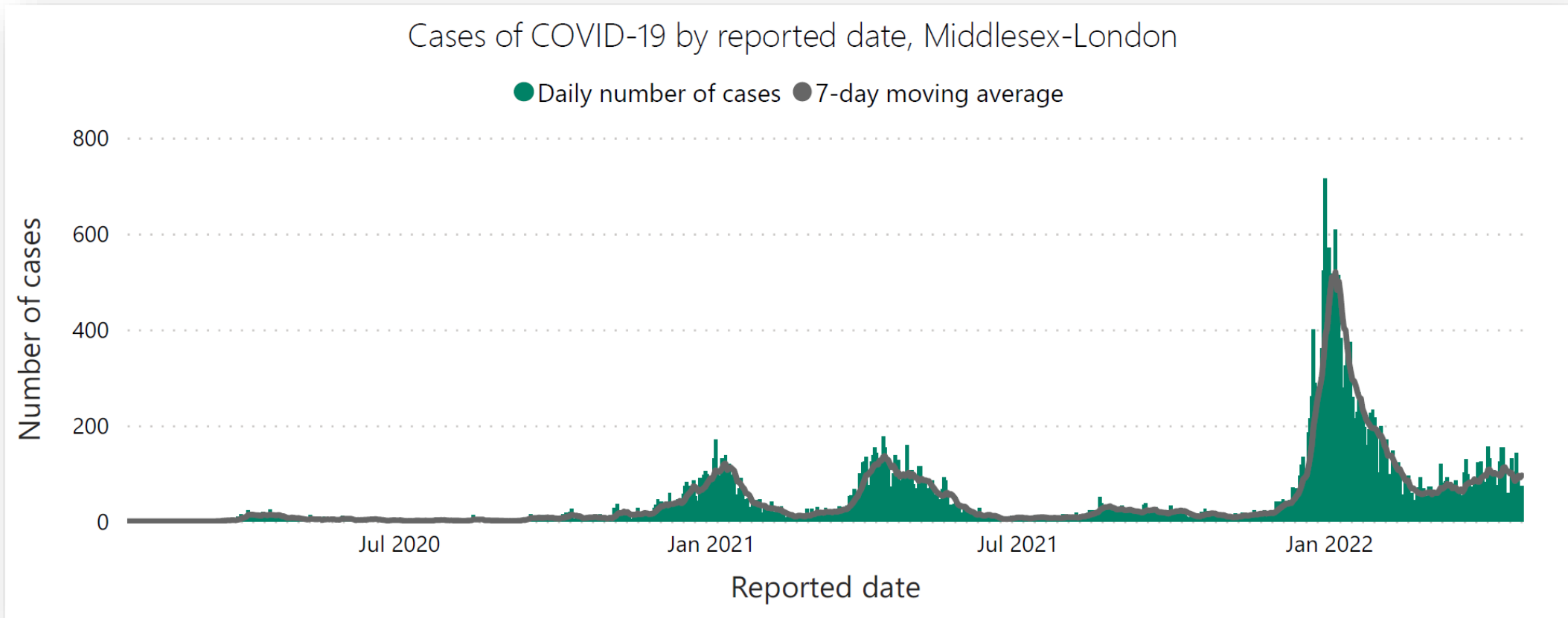
Total active cases

35,283

Total resolved cases

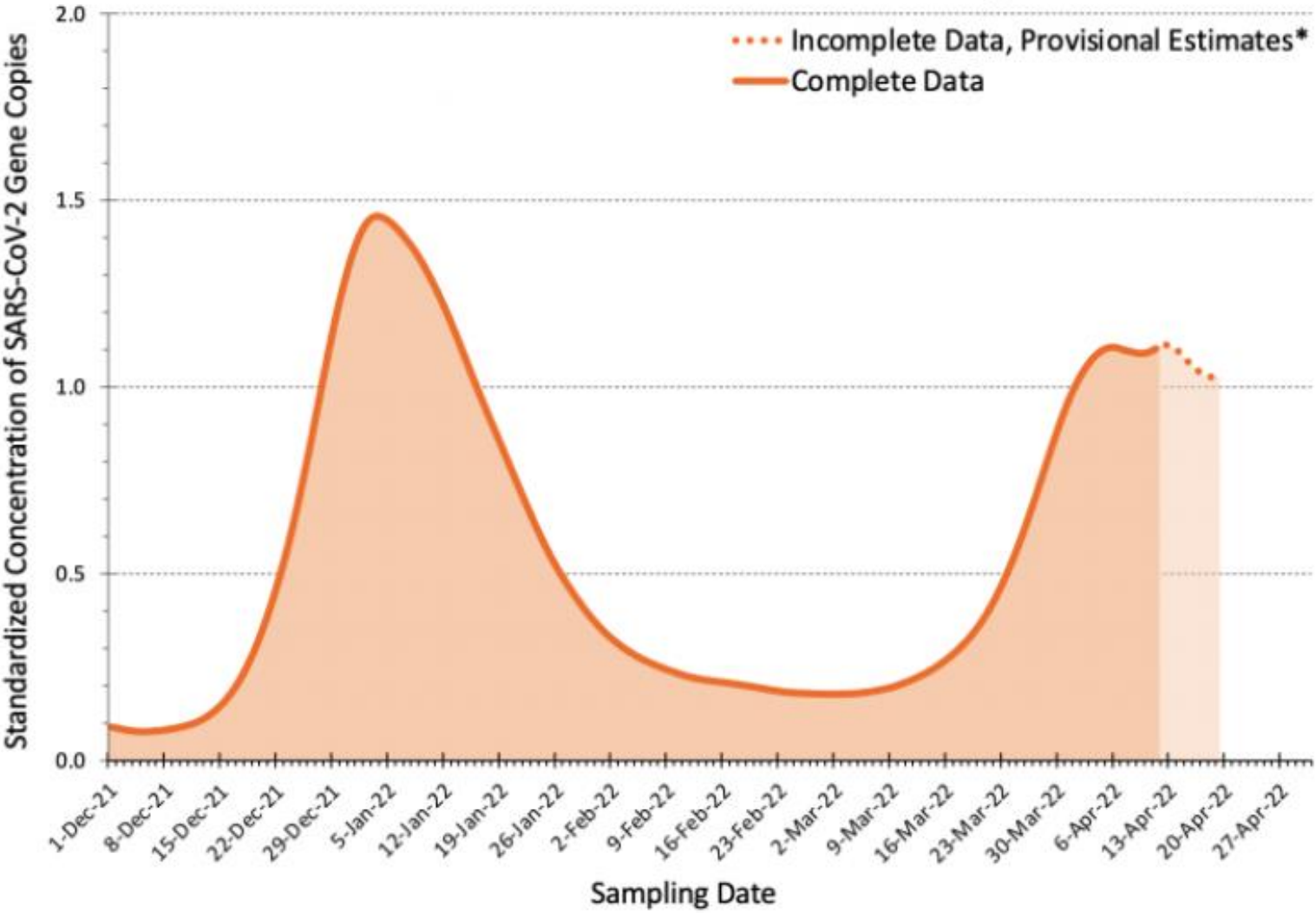
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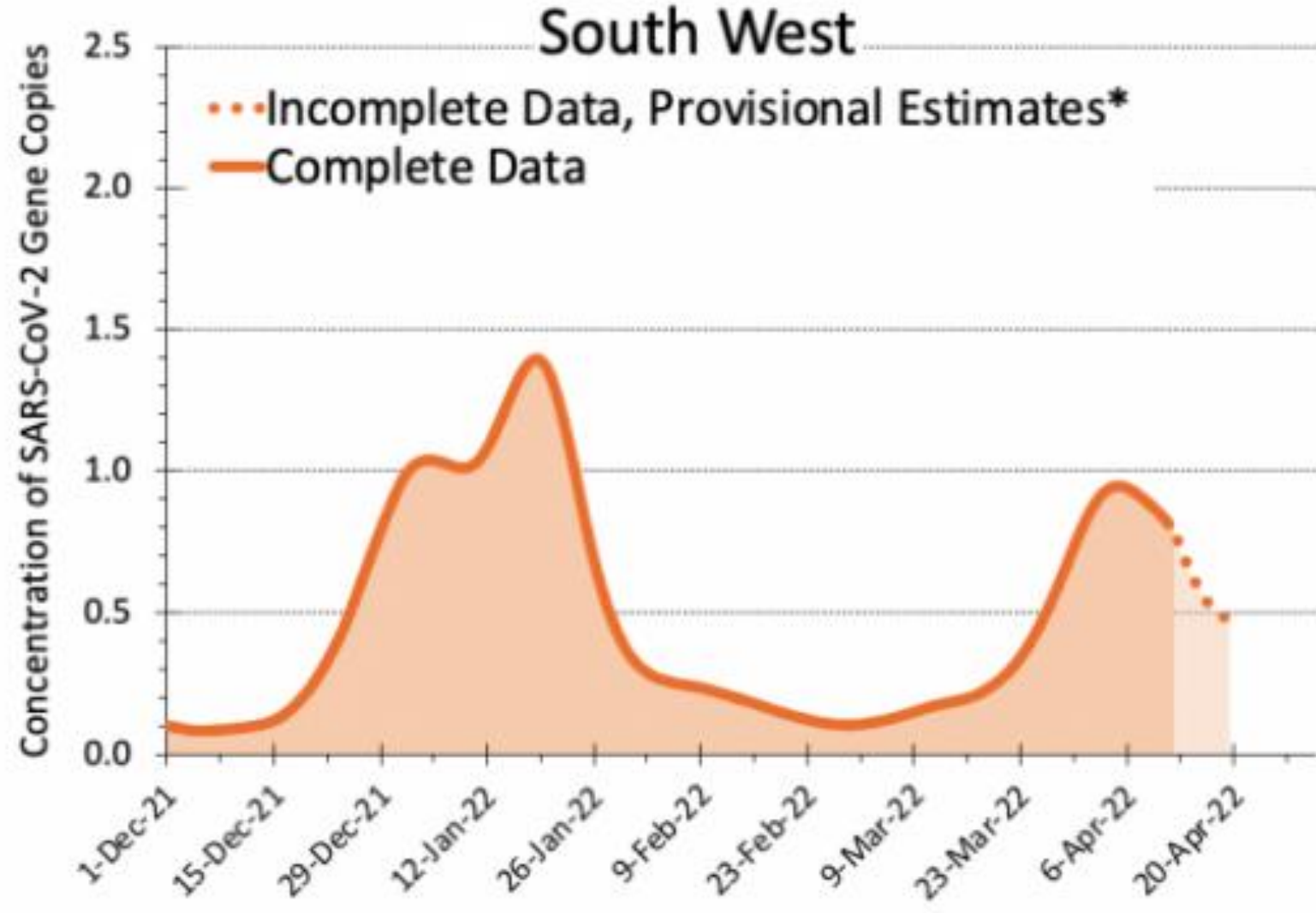
Cases by Reported Date



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Province-Wide COVID-19 Wastewater Signal





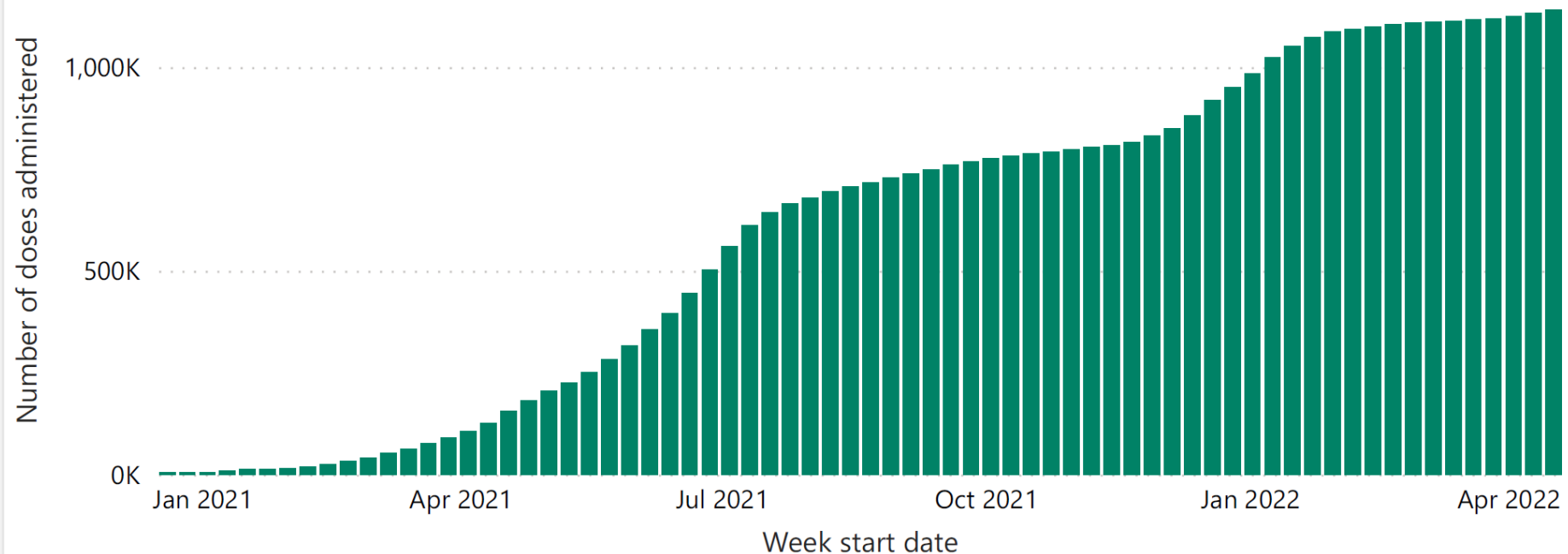
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Total doses administered in the Middlesex-London region

1,141,005

As of end of day April 23, 2022

Cumulative doses administered in the MLHU region by week

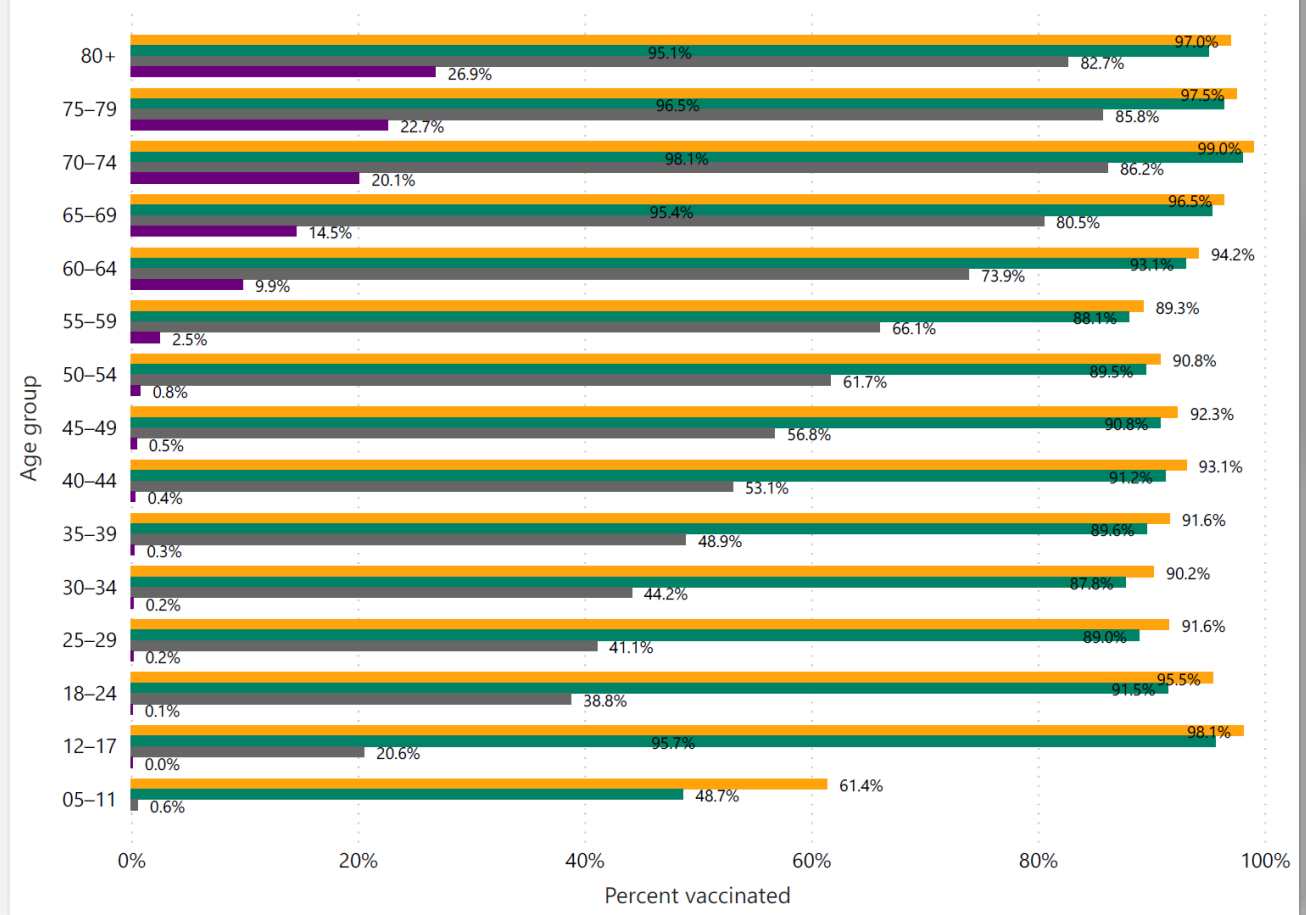


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COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage by age group

Percent of MLHU residents vaccinated by age group

● At least one dose ● Complete primary series ● Dose 3 ● Dose 4



MLHU population age 12 and older who have received at least 1 dose



MLHU population age 12 and older who have a complete primary series



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White Oaks Mall vaccination clinic to remain open throughout May

- Since re-opening on April 7th, the White Oaks Mall vaccination clinic has delivered 617 doses of COVID-19 vaccine!
- The vaccination clinic will continue to operate throughout the month of **May**
 - Located next to the Tim Hortons near the food court (east entrance near RBC, facing Wellington Road)
- Offers walk-in vaccinations to anyone **five years of age and older.**
- For more information about the Health Unit's vaccination clinics, please visit: <https://www.healthunit.com/pop-up-vaccination-clinics>

Highlighting case and contact management updates as per Ministry of Health

- New updates featured in the *Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario* document:
 - Workers who are symptomatic and/or positive for COVID-19 **do not** require a negative test prior to returning to work
 - People with severe illness (requiring ICU level of care) must isolate for **20 days** after date of collection of specimen *OR* symptom onset (whichever is earlier)
 - Updated flow charts for close contacts and people who are symptomatic and/or positive
 - **Additional precautions** for **after** the isolation period ends

Ministry of Health

Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario

April 19, 2022 (version 14.1)

Table 1: Isolation Period for Test-Positive Cases and Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms

Population	Isolation Period ★	Additional Precautions after Self-Isolation Period ★
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with severe illness¹ (requiring ICU level of care) 	20 days (or at discretion of hospital IPAC) after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/applicable)	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals 12+ who are not fully vaccinated² Individuals residing in a highest-risk setting Individuals hospitalized for COVID-19 related illness (not requiring ICU level of care) Immunocompromised individuals³ 	10 days (or at discretion of hospital IPAC) after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/applicable)	For a total of 20 days after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/applicable), immunocompromised individuals should follow the additional precautions listed in the row below.

¹Severe illness is defined as requiring ICU level of care for COVID-19 illness (e.g., respiratory dysfunction, hypoxia, shock and/or multi-system organ dysfunction).² Individuals are considered fully vaccinated if they have received a full series of a Health Canada authorized vaccine (e.g. two doses of AstraZeneca/Moderna/Pfizer or 1 dose of Janssen) at least 14 days ago.

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³Examples of **immunocompromised** include cancer chemotherapy, untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count <200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, taking prednisone >20 mg/day (or equivalent) for more than 14 days and taking other immune suppressive medications. Factors such as advanced age, diabetes, and end-stage renal disease are generally not considered severe immune compromise impacting non-test based clearance.

Population	Isolation Period	Additional Precautions after Self-Isolation Period ★
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other individuals not listed above, who have COVID-19 symptoms, or a positive COVID-19 test (PCR, rapid molecular or rapid antigen test) 	5 days after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset date (whichever is earlier/applicable)	For a total of 10 days after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/applicable), individuals should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including schools and child care, unless under 2 years old) and avoid non-essential activities where mask removal is necessary (e.g., dining out, playing a wind instrument, high contact sports where masks cannot be safely worn).⁴ Not visit anyone who is immunocompromised or at higher risk of illness (e.g., seniors) Avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes. Employees working in highest-risk settings should report their exposure and follow their workplace guidance on return to work.

⁴ Reasonable exceptions would include temporary removal for essential activities like eating (e.g., when eating or drinking in shared space at school/child care/work while maintaining as much distancing from others as possible). Individuals who are unable to mask (e.g., children under two years of age) may return to public settings without masking.

The duration of self-isolation **after** the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/applicable) depends on relevant clinical factors such as setting, severity of infection, and immune status (Table 1).

Masking requirements to continue in higher-risk indoor settings until June 11th

- The Chief Medical Office of Health is maintaining existing provincial masking requirements in the following higher-risk indoor settings until **June 11, 2022**:
 - public transit
 - health care settings (e.g., hospitals, doctors' offices, clinics that provide health care services, laboratories, specimen collection centres, and home and community care)
 - long-term care homes
 - retirement homes
 - shelters and other congregate care settings that provide care and services to medically and socially vulnerable individuals
- A complete list of settings where masking requirements continue to apply is available online & through this week's newsletter.



Centre for Effective Practice now has additional resources for Paxlovid

- The CEP has added new content to the COVID-19 Resource Centre about prescribing Paxlovid, which includes:
 - How to determine which patients should be prescribed Paxlovid
 - Considerations when prescribing Paxlovid
 - Pre-assessing patients
- **The eHealth Centre of Excellence** has also developed several resources to help with Paxlovid prescriptions and referrals. These resources are available for PS Suite, Oscar and Accuro.
- Links available in this week's newsletter or online through CEP COVID-19 Resource Centre page under *COVID-19 Clinical Guidance and Care* & eHealth website



Tick and Lyme Disease Webinar Tuesday May 3rd

- As part of our regularly scheduled webinar on Tuesday May 3rd, we will review key highlights relating to tick identification and Lyme Disease
- Discussion will include testing, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme Disease
- Please join us to learn more about these updates and to have any of your tick and/or Lyme Disease related questions answered



Change of frequency to HCP Alerts and Webinars

- The Health Unit will soon be undertaking the effort to return to regular operations and processes
- As part of that effort, the HCP Outreach program will be changing the frequency of HCP Alerts & webinars to **bi-weekly beginning May 3rd**
- The next HCP Alerts & webinars will be held on:
 - May 3rd
 - May 17th
 - May 31st
- We appreciate your support and engagement throughout our webinars and look forward to your continued participation

Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
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