



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
June 13, 2022

Welcome

Presenter:

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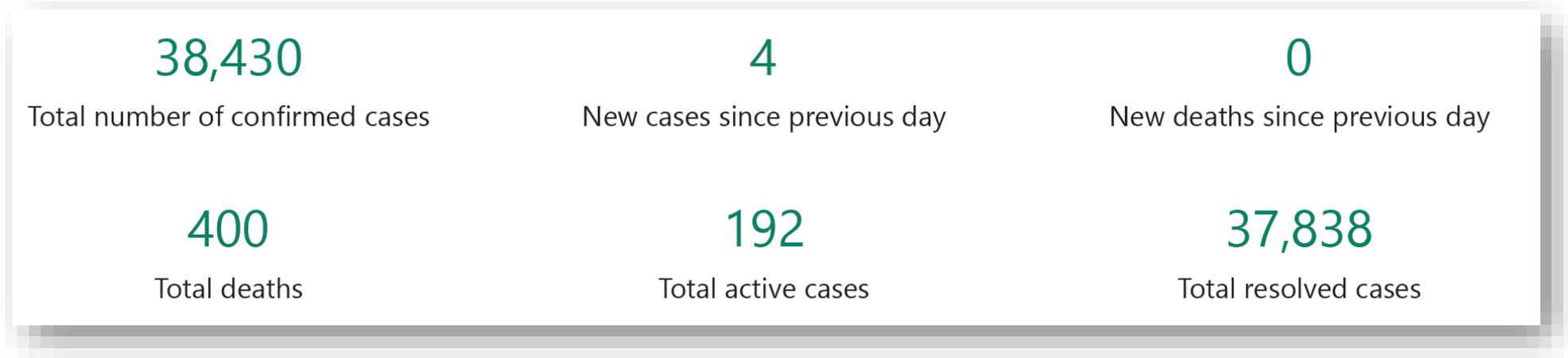
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Surveillance Report

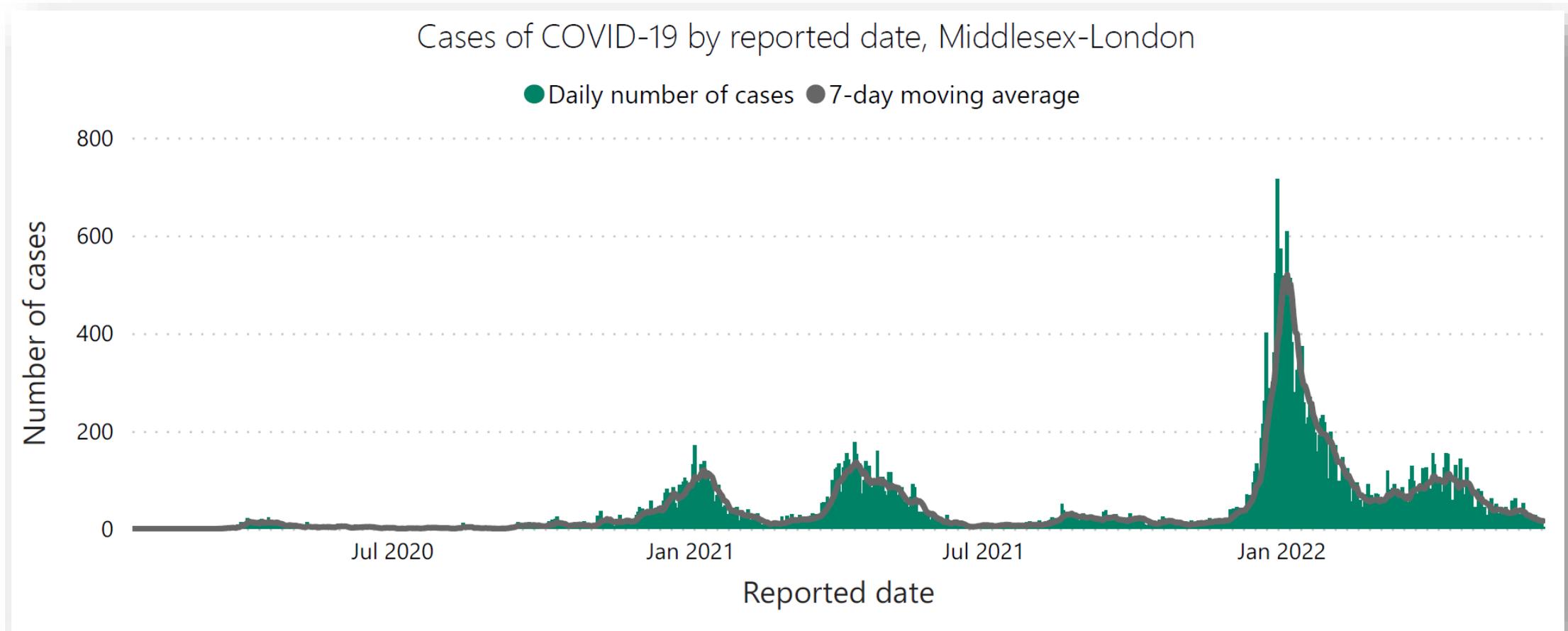
As of June 10th:

- Worldwide:
 - Over 532 million COVID-19 cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported
 - Over 11.85 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide
- In Ontario:
 - 1.31 million cases of this illness confirmed, including 13,324 deaths
- Locally:



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-06-13. Data current as of the end of day 2022-06-12.

Cases by Reported Date



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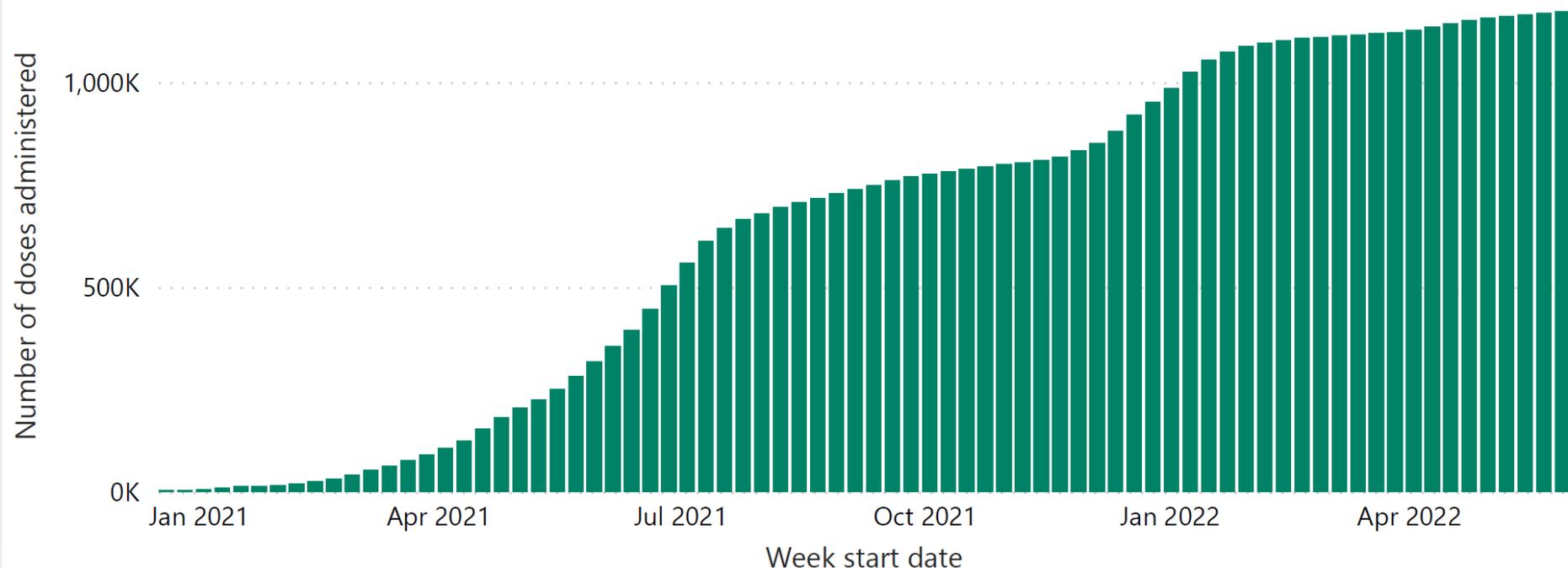
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Total doses administered in the Middlesex-London region

1,172,410

As of end of day June 4, 2022

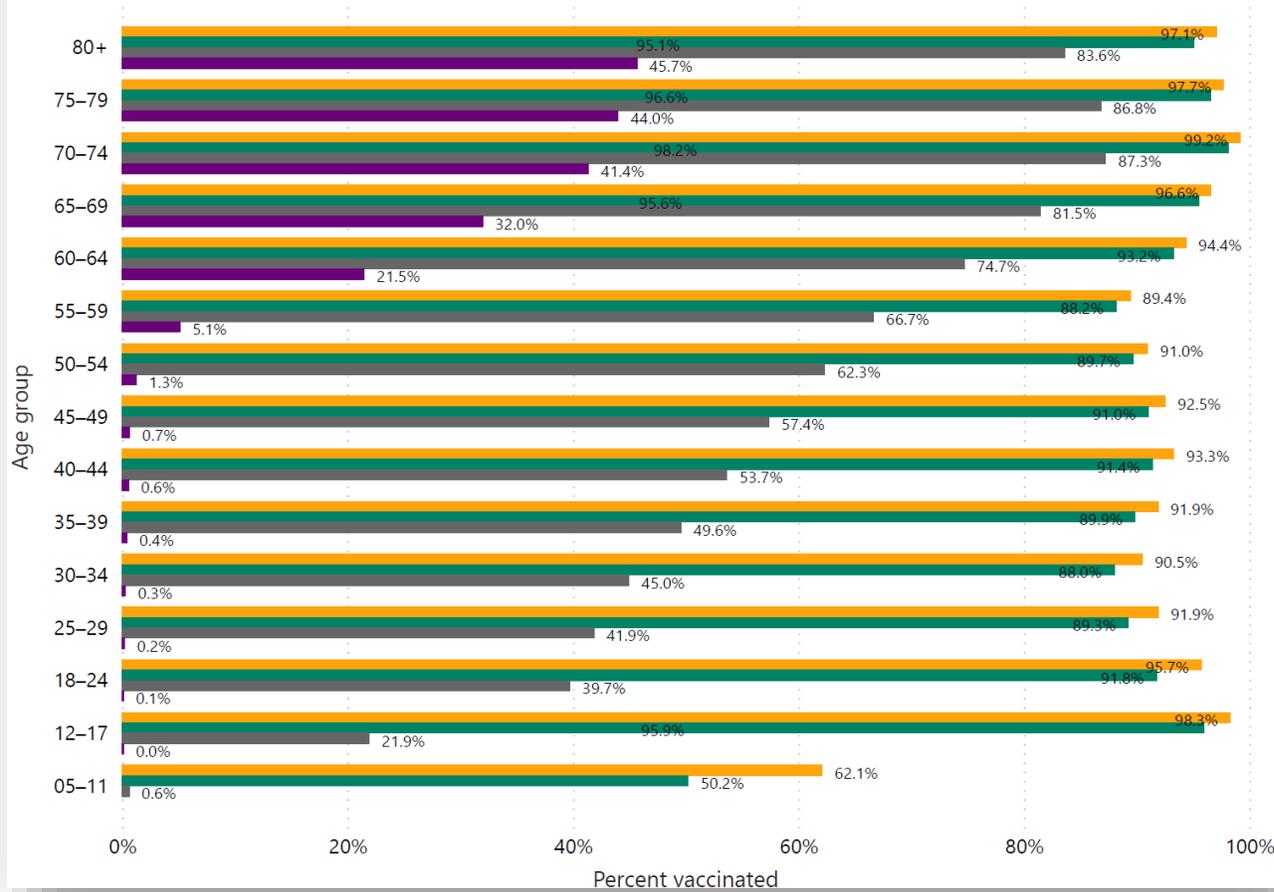
Cumulative doses administered in the MLHU region by week



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



Overall status as of end of day June 4, 2022

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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Masking Requirement Update

- As per the CMOH, the remaining Directives for masking will be revoked on June 11th
 - Masks no longer *required* in indoor areas of:
 - Public transit
 - Hospitals
 - Other healthcare settings (clinics, laboratories, home and community care providers)
- Masks are still required in LTC and RH settings, and are recommended in higher-risk congregate living settings (group homes, shelters)
- **Organizations may implement their own policies** (should obtain independent legal advice)
- Masking is recommended for those who are high-risk for severe illness, are recovering from COVID-19, have symptoms, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19

Masking Update Continued



For healthcare settings, clinical spaces, and facilities caring for immunocompromised individuals

- Universal masking of staff and clients is still recommended.
- Universal eye protection is not required at this time.
- As always, droplet and contact precautions should still be used for patients with respiratory symptoms.

Masking Update Continued



For the general community:

- COVID-19 remains a risk in our community. Individuals at higher risk of poor outcomes from COVID-19 include older people and people with underlying medical conditions.
- Being up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccine is most important way that you can reduce your risk of a poor outcome.
- Masking in public indoor spaces can also reduce your risk of being infected with the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, individuals may choose to mask in public indoor spaces.
- **At this time, the decision to mask is a personal one.** Businesses and facilities may still choose to require masks, and that should be respected
- When the fall arrives, or if a new variant is identified in Ontario, the recommendation for masking may be strengthened.

Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Updates

Publicly Funded Hepatitis B Vaccine: Upcoming Program Expansion

- Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, the school-based Hep B immunization program eligibility period will be expanded until the end of Grade 12
- Hep B vaccine will continue to be offered routinely as a 2-dose series in Grade 7 as part of the school-based immunization program administered by MLHU
- The eligibility expansion will allow students who missed their vaccine in Grade 7 to be vaccinated under the publicly funded program until the end of Grade 12 (through their healthcare provider or public health unit)
- More details are to follow approaching September 2022

Routine Immunization Catch-up and Coordination with COVID-19 Vaccine

- Recognizing that routine immunization services have been affected by COVID-19, the Health Unit is expanding its student immunization screening and catch-up efforts
- Letters have been mailed to secondary school students, and in the coming weeks, will be sent to students in Grade 7 and 8 followed by JK to Grade 6. Students will receive a letter if they are:
 - overdue for their required vaccines according to Ontario's [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#),
 - eligible for the recommended Hepatitis B, HPV and varicella vaccines, and/or
 - missing any required immunization records on file with the Health Unit.

Routine Immunization Catch-up Opportunities

- Families will be encouraged to contact their HCP to receive vaccines **OR** schedule an appointment at one of the Health Unit's mass immunization clinics where school catch-up vaccines will be offered
- Information about these clinics, including how to schedule an appointment (appointments are required), can be found at:
<https://www.healthunit.com/school-immunization-catch-up-clinics>



Timing Routine Immunizations with COVID-19 Vaccines

- To provide protection as soon as possible and minimize the number of office visits, all vaccines due or overdue should be administered during a student's visit, according to the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#)
- Office visits provide a great opportunity to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine
 - If a student is considering receiving the COVID-19 vaccine (or has recently been vaccinated), follow the interval guidance in the next slide. Additional guidance can be found in the Ministry's [Guidance for routine immunization services during COVID-19](#).

Spacing Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccine & Routine Immunizations

Age	Simultaneous (same day) Administration of COVID-19 and Routine Immunizations	Recommended interval
5-11 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *NOT RECOMMENDED. Routine immunizations (live or non-live) should not be administered routinely on the same day as the COVID-19 vaccine. <p>*however, it may be considered on the same day at the clinical discretion of the HCP (i.e. if the child is unlikely to return)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of evidence, it is recommended to wait at least 14 days before or after the administration of another vaccine before administering the COVID-19 vaccine in order to prevent the erroneous attribution of an AEFI to one vaccine or the other. <p>*may be given at a shorter interval at the clinical discretion of the HCP (i.e. if protection is needed sooner)</p>
12+ years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine immunizations and COVID-19 vaccines may be given on the same day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine immunizations may be given any time before or after a COVID-19 vaccine or vice versa.

Reminders

- Please remind families that it is their responsibility to update their records with the Health Unit, either online using [Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](#) or by contacting the Health Unit directly.
- You can order vaccines for students, including Grade 7 immunizations (Men-C-ACYW, HPV, and HB) using the vaccine order forms located at: <https://www.healthunit.com/physicians-healthcare-workers-immunization#ordering-vaccine>

Vaccine Ordering and Returns

Middlesex-London health care providers that have passed their annual fridge inspection may order vaccines.

[Publicly Funded Routine Vaccine and TB Order Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Publicly Funded High Risk Vaccine Order Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Publicly Funded School Immunization Program Order Form \(PDF\)](#)

Change of frequency for HCP webinars starting July 12th

- Since March 2020, we have held **148** HCP webinars!
- Thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic
- As we look to return to regular operations, we will be hosting monthly HCP webinars to highlight important public health topics starting **Tuesday, July 12th**
- *The eNewsletter will continue to be sent out on a bi-weekly basis*



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Questions?

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