



**Healthcare Provider Webinar**  
Middlesex and London Region  
May 16, 2023

# Welcome

Presenter:

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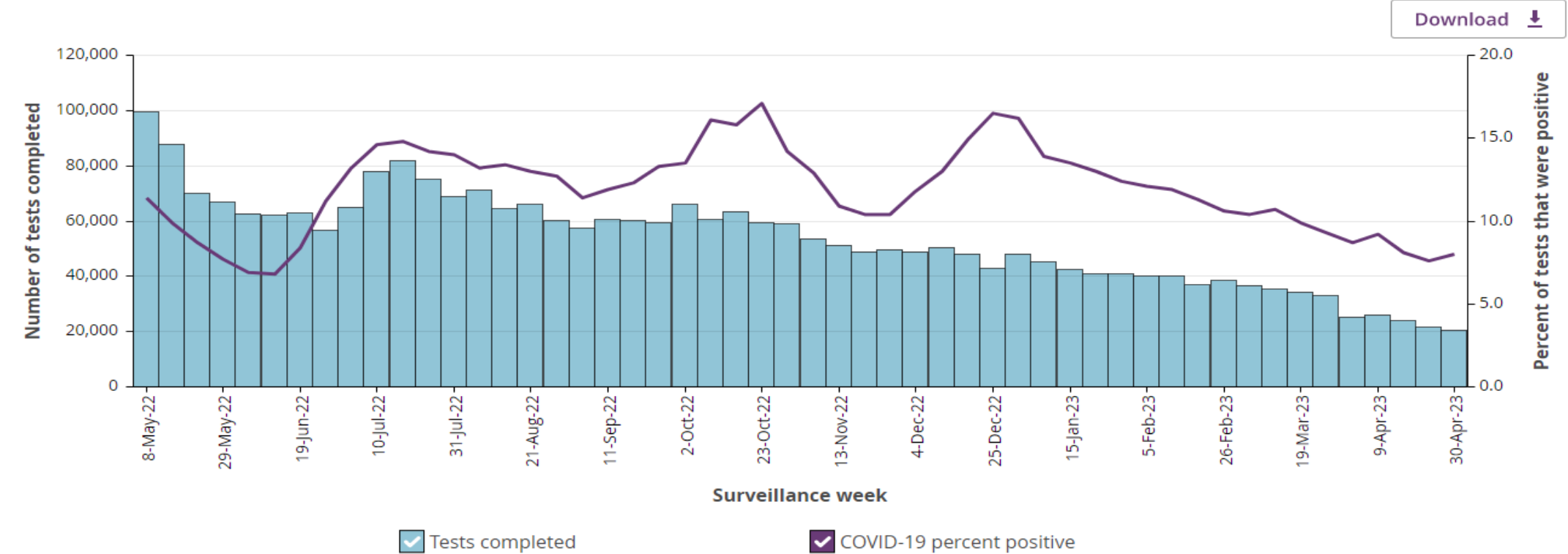
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**Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positive by  
surveillance week**

May 8, 2022 to May 6, 2023

This graph shows provincial testing data for COVID-19 over the previous 52 weeks.

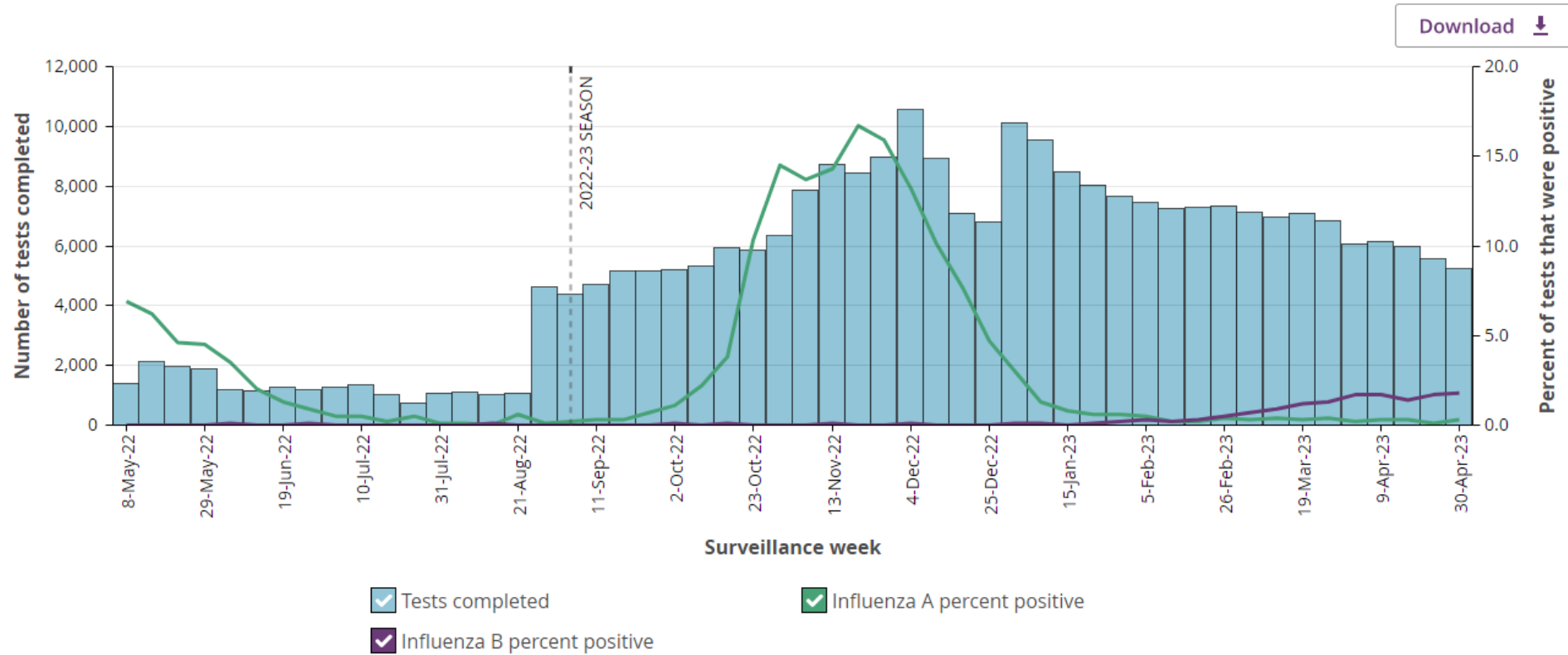


**Data source:** Public Health Ontario- *Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool*, extracted 2023-05-16. Data current as of the end of day 2023-05-06. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/COVID-19-Data-Surveillance/COVID-19-Data-Tool?tab=overview>

## Number of influenza tests performed and percent positive by surveillance week

May 8, 2022 to May 6, 2023

This graph shows provincial testing data for influenza over the previous 52 weeks.



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**It's official... the WHO announces an end to the  
COVID-19 global public health emergency!**

Thank you!

On behalf of the Health Unit and our community, thank you for  
your awesome work and commitment throughout this  
generational challenge.

## Vaccine Return Reminder

- Expired or unusable publicly funded vaccine should be returned to the Health Unit on a regular basis.
- Please see today's eNewsletter for dates, times and locations, where vaccine can be returned.
- Vaccine returns must be accompanied by a completed ***Vaccine Return Form***, or they will not be accepted.

# Two NEW Pneumococcal Vaccines Authorized by Health Canada

- Prevnar<sup>®</sup>20 (Pneu-C-20) and Vaxneuvance<sup>®</sup> (Pneu-C-15) are now available in Ontario as non-publicly funded vaccine options.
- Non-publicly funded vaccines are not available to order from the Health Unit for clients at Health Unit clinics. Most non-publicly funded vaccines require a prescription to obtain from a pharmacy. Depending on the age of the client and vaccine type, a pharmacist may also be able to administer the vaccine.

Pneumococcal Vaccine	Description	Authorized Age Groups	Recommendations and Publicly Funded Criteria
<b>Prevnar 13<sup>®</sup></b> (Pneu-C-13)	Conjugate* vaccine providing protection against <b>13</b> serotypes of Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria	6 weeks of age and older	<b>Publicly funded for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infants and children 6 weeks to 4 years of age</li> <li>• High risk adults aged 50 and older</li> </ul>
<b>Vaxneuvance<sup>®</sup></b> (Pneu-C-15)	Conjugate* vaccine providing protection against <b>15</b> serotypes of Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria	6 weeks of age and older	<b>NOT publicly funded</b> , however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be considered as interchangeable with Prevnar 13 for those 6 weeks to 17 years old</li> </ul>
<b>Prevnar<sup>®</sup>20</b> (Pneu-C-20)	Conjugate* vaccine providing protection against <b>20</b> serotypes of Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria	18 years of age and older	<b>NOT publicly funded</b> , however, is recommended for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following adults that have not been previously vaccinated with a pneumococcal vaccine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Adults 65 years of age and older</li> <li>◦ Adults 50 to 64 years of age at higher risk of pneumococcal disease</li> <li>◦ Adults 18 to 49 years of age with immunocompromising conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Adults 65 years of age and over who have received Pneumovax 23 alone or both Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23 if it has been at least 5 years since their last dose</li> </ul>
<b>Pneumovax<sup>®</sup>23</b> (Pneu-P-23)	Polysaccharide* vaccine providing protection against <b>23</b> serotypes of Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria	2 years of age and older	<b>Publicly funded for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults 65 years of age and older</li> <li>• High risk individuals 2 to 64 years of age</li> </ul>

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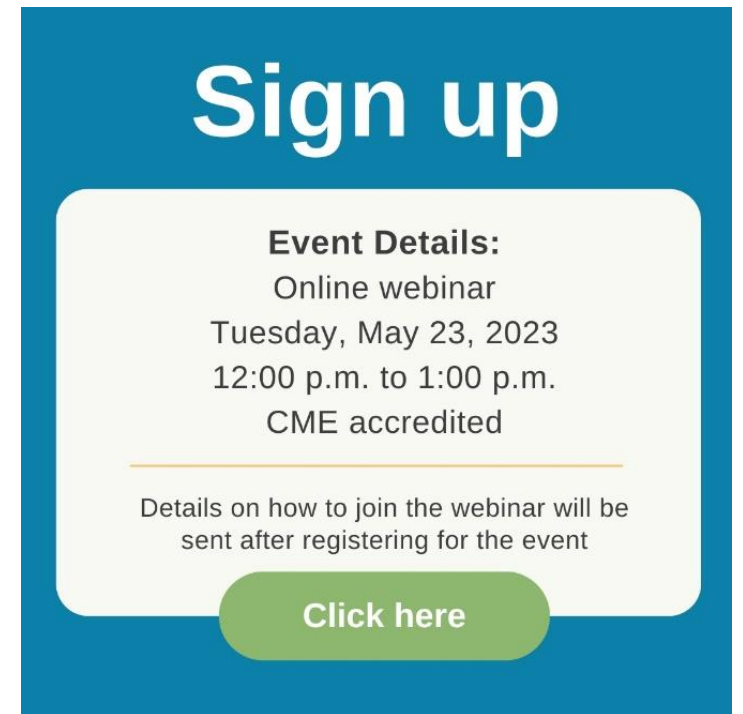
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# PHO Rounds: The 2023 Ontario HIV Testing Guidelines

- This session will discuss the updated Ontario HIV testing guidelines, which introduces a four-pronged approach to testing that aims to help reach persons with undiagnosed HIV infection.
- By the end of this session, participants will be able to:
  - Identify population groups that should be tested for HIV according to the new Ontario HIV testing guidelines
  - Describe scenarios and conditions where it is appropriate to test (and retest) people for HIV; and
  - List additional HIV prevention interventions and when to recommend them.

You can sign up from the button within the eNewsletter



**Sign up**

**Event Details:**  
Online webinar  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
CME accredited

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Details on how to join the webinar will be sent after registering for the event

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# Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:  
[healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca](mailto:healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca)
- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's main line at **519-663-5317**
- For more information  
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