



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
November 15, 2022

Welcome

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Surveillance Report

As of November 14th:

- Local data:

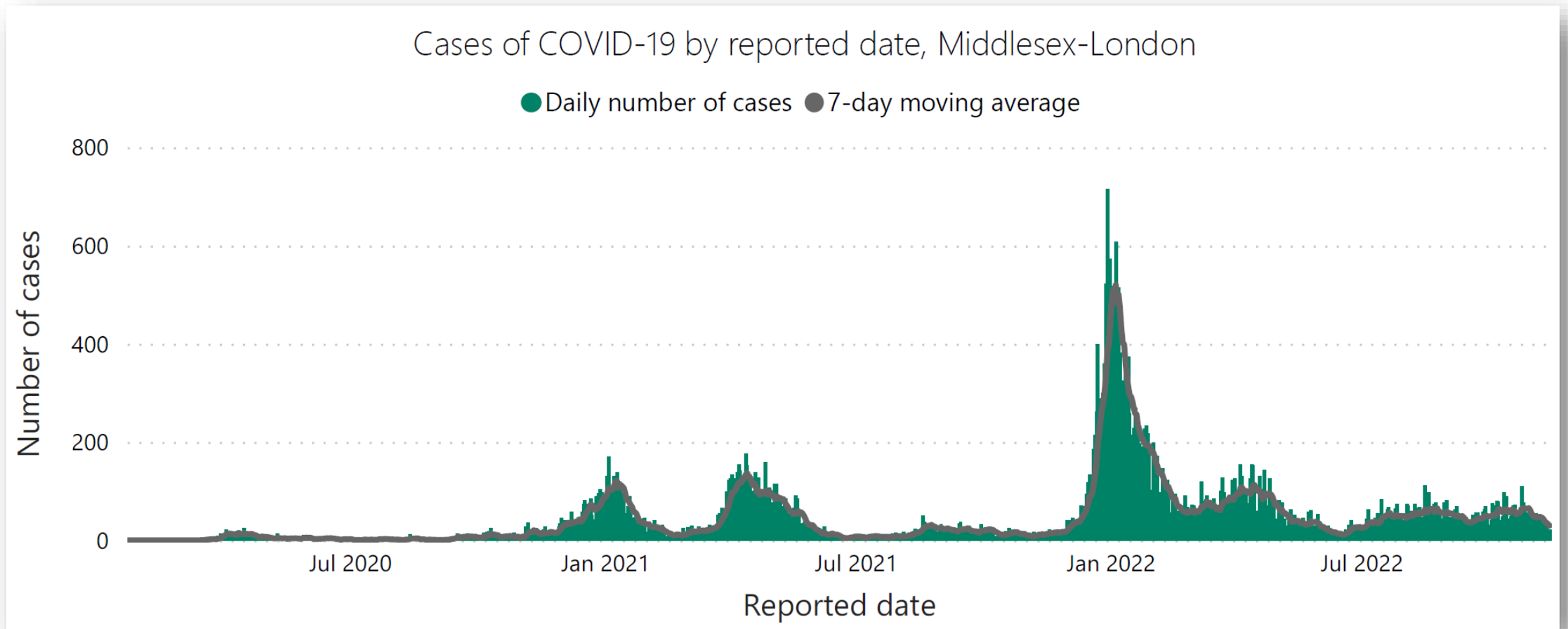
COVID-19 Summary			
Local metrics	Week 45 (Nov 6 - Nov 12, 2022)	Total in 2022	Trend (compared to previous week)
Laboratory-confirmed cases	247	22,933	Decreased
Deaths	3	224	Decreased
Active outbreaks	As of the end of Nov 14, 2022:		Decreased
		15	
Local test positivity	Percent of tests positive: 13.0% Positivity level: Moderate		Decreased

Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution* (CCM), extracted 2022-11-15. Data current as of the end of day 2022-11-14.

2022-2023 Influenza Season Summary

Local metrics	Week 45 (Nov 6 - Nov 12, 2022)	Season to date (Aug 28 - Nov 12, 2022)	Trend (compared to previous week)
Laboratory-confirmed cases	27	41	Increased <div></div>
Influenza sub-types	Influenza A: 27 Influenza B: 0 <div><div></div><div></div></div>	Influenza A: 41 Influenza B: 0	
Deaths	1	2	Increased <div></div>
Active outbreaks	As of the end of Nov 7, 2022: 0		No change
Provincial metrics	Week 44 (Oct 30 - Nov 5, 2022)		
Local influenza activity level	Activity level: Sporadic		
Provincial test positivity	Percent of tests positive: 14.5% Positivity level: Moderate		
Provincial weekly indicator change			Higher

Cases by Reported Date



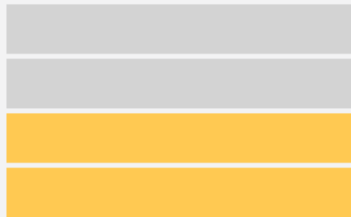
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Provincial Data

COVID-19

Percent positivity:

Moderate



Weekly indicator
change:

Lower



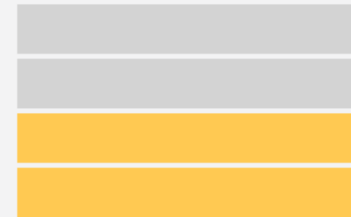
Percent positivity:



Influenza

Percent positivity:

Moderate



Weekly indicator
change:

Higher



Percent positivity:



Managing Pediatric Respiratory Virus Season

- Ontario is facing a “triple threat” of respiratory illnesses (RSV, influenza, & COVID-19)
- CMOH Dr. Moore is strongly recommending Ontarians **wear a mask** in **all** indoor public settings
- As the risk to Ontarians increases, we need to get back to the basics that we know work:
 - Mask in indoor public settings, including schools & childcare
 - Stay up to date with your vaccines
 - Screen for respiratory symptoms daily
 - Stay home if you are sick
 - Always practice good hand hygiene and clean high-touch surfaces frequently



Managing Pediatric Respiratory Virus Season Cont'd

- There are treatments available for clients who may be at a higher risk of becoming severely ill, including Paxlovid for COVID-19 and Tamiflu for influenza.
- Through the *RSV Prophylaxis for High-risk Infants Program*, children who are younger than two years of age, and who are at high risk of severe illness from RSV, may be eligible for palivizumab, which is used to prevent a serious lower tract infection.
- Young children under five years of age are most susceptible to respiratory viruses, and adults can transmit to them.
- Children aged two to five should only wear a mask with supervision, if they can tolerate masking safely and can put it on and take it off.

Summary - Managing Pediatric Respiratory Virus Season

- Given the pressures our pediatric health care system is facing, Ontario's Chief MOH has strongly recommended that everyone wear masks in indoor public settings.
- Increase in pediatric hospitalizations appears to be from the convergence of respiratory viruses like COVID-19, influenza, and RSV amongst a population of children who have limited immunity to these viruses because they haven't been exposed through the pandemic. With the roll-back of public health measures and the return to in-person activities, a lot of kids are getting sick all at once.
- Masking has been a critical tool to help reduce the individual risk of respiratory infection, and right now, it could play an important population-level role in reducing transmission of respiratory viruses in our community so that less kids are getting sick all at once.
- Therefore, for the next few weeks, it is important that all of us mask more often in an effort to try and reduce community transmission.

Memorandum and resources for Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) 2022-23

- The Ministry's memorandum regarding Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) for the 2022-23 influenza season has been released.
- Influenza & COVID vaccination will be very important this fall to protect the health of individuals, families, and communities as well as mitigate impacts on our healthcare system.
- Please encourage your patients to receive the influenza vaccine, as well as COVID-19 booster doses for best protection this season.
- Additional information can be found on our *Influenza for Healthcare Providers webpage*.

Supporting refugee families in search for primary care providers

- We are partnering with the **London Cross Cultural Learner Centre (CCLC)** to assist resettled and medically stable newcomer patients and families in their search for primary care providers.
- Since April 2022, London has welcomed 625 government assisted refugees from around the world. The London InterCommunity Health Centre (LIHC) provides interdisciplinary transitional health resettlement for newly arriving refugees and asylum seekers through the Newcomer Clinic but needs help matching resettled patients and families with long-term primary care.
- Each patient comes from the Newcomer Clinic with a summary & guidance based on their assessment and completed evidence-based screening and care recommendations.
- **Case based community learning and decision support will be available for primary care practitioners caring for newcomers;** please fax clinical questions with background to refugee health expert at **519-642-1532 attn Newcomer Clinic.**

Supporting refugee families in search for primary care providers

- Please email **healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca** if you would like to be added to a list of primary care providers available to take on new patients from this population.
- A list will be developed and shared with case managers at the CCLC and clinic staff at LIHC. CCLC will use this information to contact your office directly to refer patients or families and support the transition to your care.
 - Case managers are available to help with service navigation and language supports may be available.

Public Health Ontario: Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) for Non-clinical Staff

- The vital importance of infection prevention and control (IPAC) in congregate living settings is one of the key lessons learned over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Everyone who works in a congregate living setting can play an important role in preventing the spread of infections.
- To ensure that non-clinical staff who work in these settings have the IPAC knowledge they need, Public Health Ontario (PHO) has developed an online program: ***IPAC for Non-clinical Staff***, available through our *Educational Opportunities for Healthcare Providers* webpage.

Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Updates

Reminder: Please register for *PHOS*

- All healthcare providers responsible for ordering vaccine must transition from paper forms/faxing of vaccine orders to *Public Health Ordering System (PHOS)* by **December 1st**
- Registration details:
 - Determine who is your primary vaccine ordering contact
 - Have them fill out the registration link
 - Registration link can be found in today's eNewsletter
 - Once the account is created, the primary contact can add additional users from within the system

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

Additional Q&A time during December 6th HCP webinar

- We recognize there may be additional questions as we continue to navigate influenza season and COVID-19.
- As a part of our regularly scheduled Healthcare Provider webinar on Tuesday, December 6th, we have scheduled additional time for Q&A.



Upcoming eNewsletter & HCP webinar schedule

- The eNewsletter and webinar schedule for November & December is as follows:
 - **No eNewsletter or webinar** on Tuesday, November 29th
 - Resume eNewsletter & webinar on Tuesday, December 6th
 - **eNewsletter ONLY** on December 20th



Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
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- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's
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