



Durham Region's COVID-19 Response

Durham Region COVID-19 Executive Table
Community Update

Week of May 9, 2022

Key News:

- There are 18 COVID-19 Institutional Outbreak cases (May 11)
- Ontario's top doctor predicts 'calm summer' for COVID-19, worries about BA.4, BA.5. Read more [here](#).
- COVID-19 symptoms linger for many 2 years after infection, study shows. Read more [here](#).
- Over 75% of Canadian nurses burnt out, RNAO survey finds. Read more [here](#).
- If you or anyone you know is an internationally trained nurse and are interested in joining the fight against COVID, please visit [Supervised Practice Experience Partnership](#), for more information
- Check out the latest COVID-19 projections from the COVID-19 Science Advisory Table [here](#).

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May 9 to May 15 is National Nursing Week, which provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the important role that nurses have in supporting the health and well-being of area residents. Throughout the pandemic, the Health Department's nurses who work in public health have been involved in all aspects of pandemic response including case and contact management and COVID-19 vaccination. I acknowledge the unwavering commitment, care, compassion, and expertise that nurses who work in public health continue to show everyday. The pandemic has been very hard for all of us, including our nurses who have worked tirelessly to support residents to

manage illness and protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19. Despite having experienced physical and mental exhaustion throughout the pandemic, the Health Department's nurses continue to work everyday to improve the health of residents and prevent illness in our community. The theme of National Nursing Week this year is **#WeAnswerTheCall**, which was developed by the Canadian Nurses Association to showcase the many roles that nurses play in a patient's health-care journey. Thank you to all the Health Department nurses that have answered the call throughout the pandemic and continue to do so everyday to support the

health and well-being of area residents. As we now work towards restoring core Health Department programs and services, I know that the nurses who work in public health are looking forward to responding to the public health needs of area residents and delivering the programs and services that they are passionate about. As key members of the Health Department team, I am grateful to our nurses who play a fundamental role in keeping our community healthy.



1,475, 617 total doses administered

COVID-19 THERAPEUTIC CLINIC



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Scan the QR Code or visit the COVID-19 page at www.lh.ca to learn more.

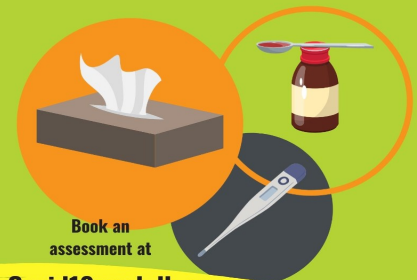


Total Number of Cases in
Durham Region (to date): 61,293

(May 11)

ARE YOU 50+?
Immunocompromised?
Pregnant?

FEELING UNWELL?



Book an
assessment at

Covid19swab.lh.ca

or visit www.lh.ca to find your
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14.8 preliminary
test positivity rate
(May 1 - May 7)



51 current hospitalizations
(5 in the ICU and 35 Persons
Under Investigation (PUI))
(May 13)

Provincial Update

As part of the Ontario government’s plan to stay open, and to help seniors and recovering patients stay in the homes they love, the Ontario government is investing \$1 billion more over the next three years to further expand home care. This funding will benefit the nearly 700,000 families who rely on home care annually, preventing unnecessary hospital and long-term care admissions and shortening hospital stays. Expanding home care will provide Ontarians with the choice to stay in their home and help with hospital capacity to keep the province open. This funding will support expanded home care services, while recruiting and training more home care workers. It builds on the \$548.5 million over three years to expand home care services that was announced in [Ontario’s 2021 Fall Economic Statement](#).

Expanding home care will bolster Ontario’s [Plan to Stay Open](#) by allowing patients to receive the care they need in the comfort of their own home, preserving hospital beds for those who need them most. This is in addition to other measures the government is taking to keep the province open.

Walk-in COVID-19 testing happening near you!

McLean Community Centre
95 Magill Dr., Ajax
Tuesday, May 17
3 pm to 6 pm

Ages 2+ / No tests for travel / No OHIP required
*Rapid tests will be provided at no cost at the clinic.
Please call the COVID-19 helpline at 1-888-969-6746 if you have any questions.



Additional Resources

- [Ontario’s Weekly Epi Stats](#)
- [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#)
- [COVID-19 Assessment Centre Information](#)

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