

Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Epidemiology Update

All information in this report is based on data available from Public Health Sudbury & Districts as of 4:00 PM January 17, 2022, unless otherwise specified.

Highlights

Active COVID-19 Cases and Outbreaks

As of January 17, 2022, Public Health Sudbury & Districts was reporting:

- **948** active case of COVID-19, of which
 - **98** active cases (**10.3%**) were 19 years old or younger
 - **287** active cases (**30.3%**) were 60 years old or older
 - **181** active cases (**19.1%**) were linked to an outbreak
 - **40** active cases (**4.2%**) had no known epidemiological link (unknown exposure)
- **20** new hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in the past 7 days, with **42** local cases in hospital during that time.
- **13** active outbreaks declared in local hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement homes
- **0** active outbreaks declared in local schools and licensed daycares
- **11** active outbreaks declared in other community settings

Total COVID-19 Cases and Outbreaks

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has reported:

- **7,983** cases of COVID-19, of which:
 - **1,849** cases (**23.2%**) were 19 years old or younger
 - **1,312** cases (**16.4%**) were 60 years old or older
 - **1273** cases (**15.9%**) are linked to an outbreak
 - **1039** cases (**13.0%**) have no known epidemiological link (unknown exposure)
- **291** hospitalizations due to COVID-19
- **59** deaths due to COVID-19. The local *case fatality rate* is **0.7%** (i.e., *Total Deaths / Total Cases x 100%*)
- **53** outbreaks declared in local hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement homes
- **66** outbreaks declared in local schools and licensed daycares
- **89** outbreaks declared in other community settings

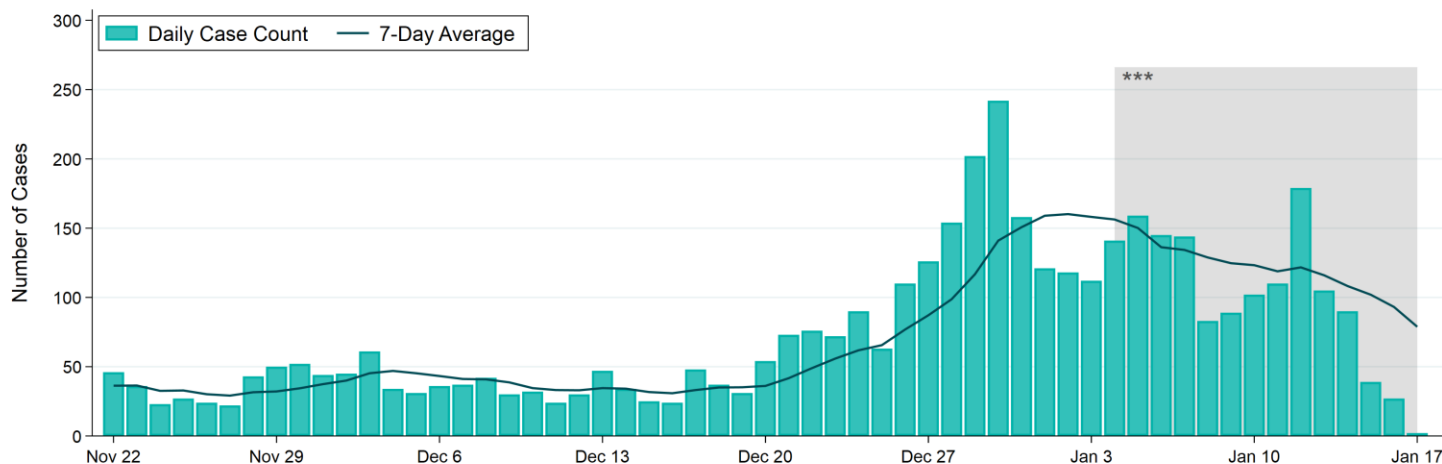
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Current Status

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has reported **7,983** cases of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. Of these, **948** cases are currently active, and **59 (0.7%)** cases have died from COVID-19.

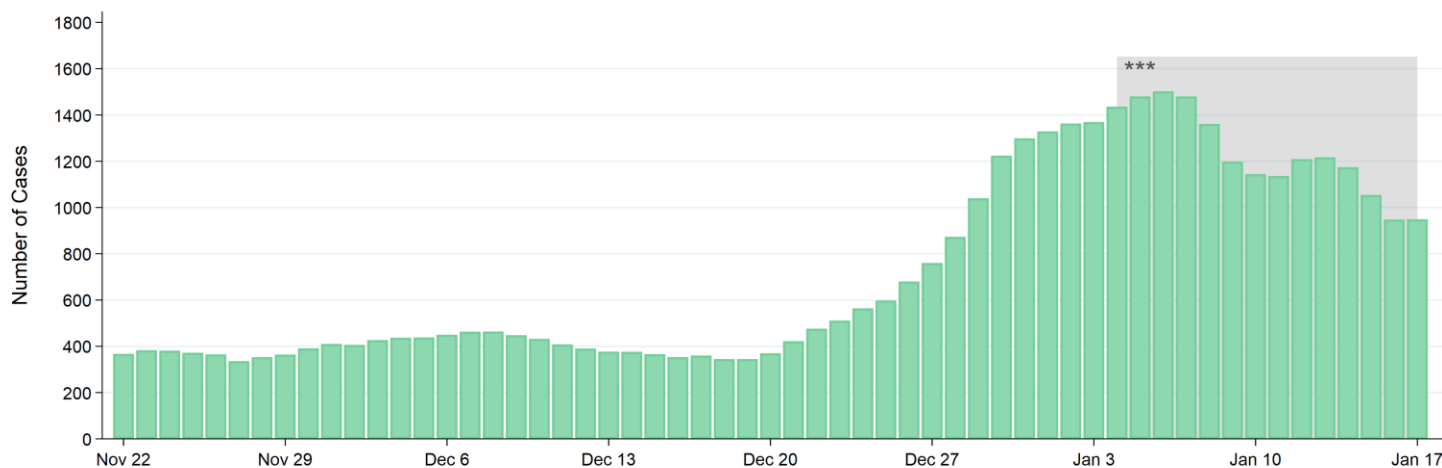
The current 7-day average rate of new COVID-19 cases is **78.9** cases per day.

FIGURE 1. Daily confirmed COVID-19 cases and rolling 7-day average, past 8 weeks, Sudbury and districts



Dates are the earliest of the following: the case's date of symptom onset, their date of testing, or the date the case was reported to public health. Due to changes in provincial testing policy effective December 31, 2021, confirmed cases are an underestimate of the true number of people with COVID-19. *** Infections occurring during this period may not yet be detected and/or reported. Data Source: CCM

FIGURE 2. Daily active COVID-19 cases, past 8 weeks, Sudbury and districts

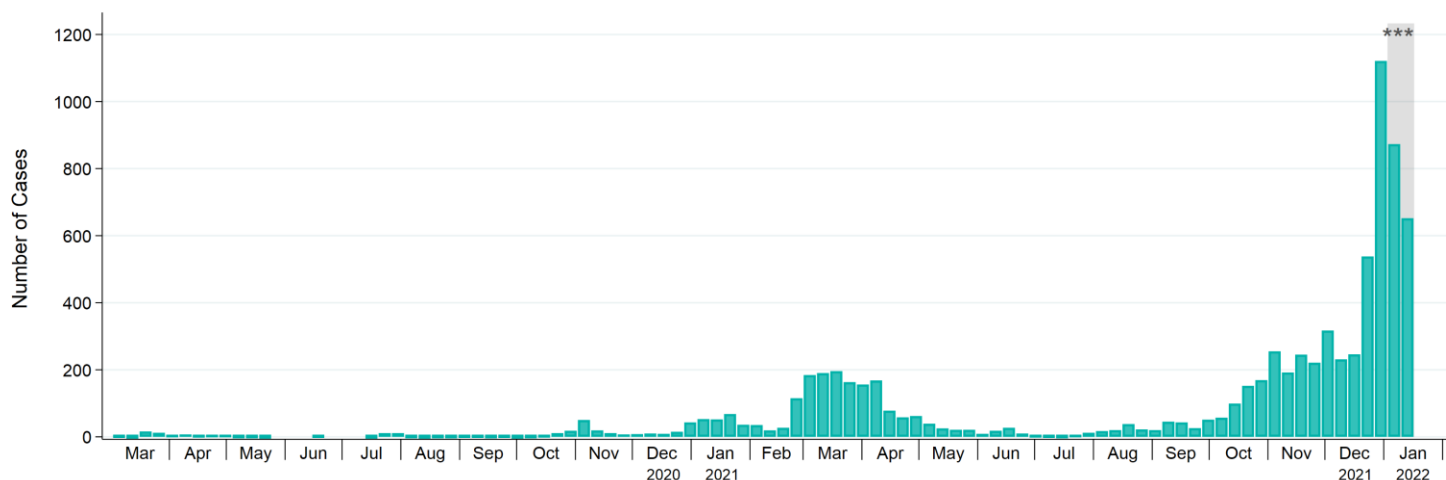


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Case Counts by Week

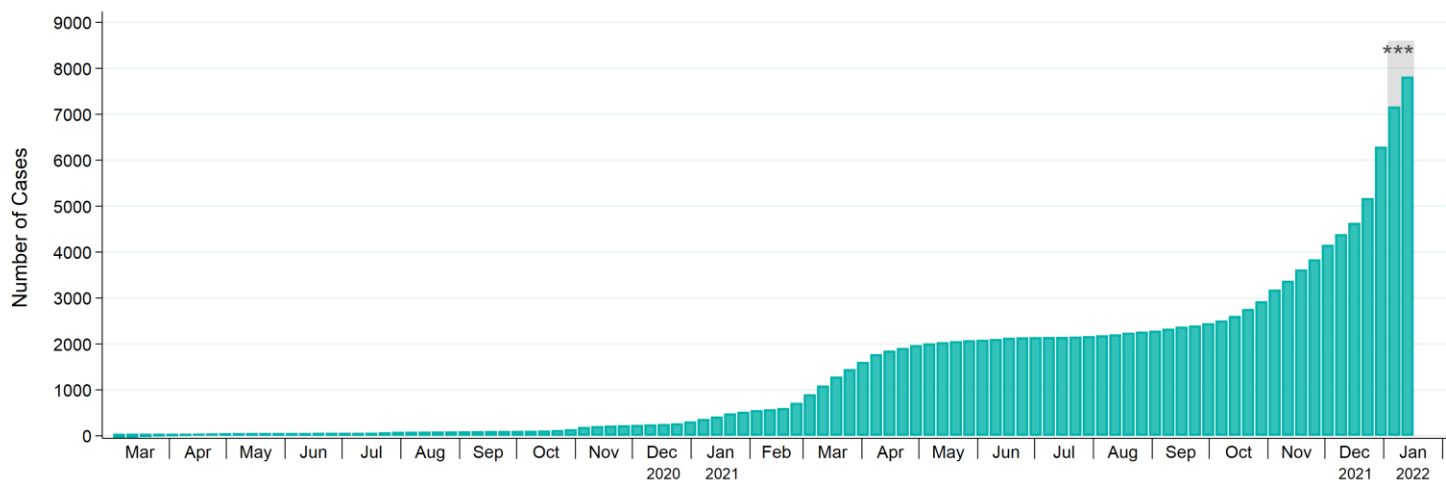
The following graphs show weekly COVID-19 case counts in Sudbury and districts since the first case was reported locally (Figure 3), and the cumulative weekly case count (Figure 4).

FIGURE 3. Confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Sudbury and districts



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FIGURE 4. Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Sudbury and districts



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Case Characteristics

Table 1, below, summarizes the number and percentage of total and active COVID-19 cases in Sudbury and districts by various characteristics, including age, sex, location and whether they have screened positive for a variant of concern (VOC).

TABLE 1. Number and Percentage of Cases, by Various Characteristics

Characteristic	Total Cases	Percentage (%)	Active Cases	Percentage (%)
Numbers of Cases	7,983	100%	948	100%
Change from 7 days ago	472	6.3%*	-195	-17.0%*
Sex: Male	2,897	36.3%	341	36.0%
Sex: Female	3,207	40.2%	498	52.5%
Sex: Not specified**	1,849	23.2%	98	10.3%
Ages: 19 and under	1,849	23.2%	98	10.3%
Ages: 20-39	2,871	36.0%	326	34.4%
Ages: 40-59	1,951	24.4%	237	25.0%
Ages: 60-79	943	11.8%	163	17.2%
Ages: 80 and over	369	4.6%	124	13.1%
Ages: Not specified**	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Area: Greater Sudbury	6,926	86.8%	835	88.1%
Area: Manitoulin District	489	6.1%	48	5.1%
Area: Sudbury District, North	72	0.9%	5	0.5%
Area: Sudbury District, West	340	4.3%	43	4.5%
Area: Sudbury District, East	156	2.0%	17	1.8%

Due to changes in provincial testing policy effective December 31, 2021, confirmed cases are an underestimate of the true number of people with COVID-19. *Percent change represents the degree of change over time, calculated: (New-Original)/Original. **Data on sex and age groups are listed as unspecified until there are sufficient numbers to allow them to be assigned to the appropriate categories. This ensures that individual cases cannot be identified. Sex is not specified for cases aged 19 years and under. Data source: CCM

Variants of Concern (VOCs)

COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC) are genetic mutations to the virus that may result in the infection being more easily transmissible, cause more severe illness, or both. In total, cases have screened positive for a VOC in Sudbury and districts. The Alpha variant was dominant locally in the spring of 2021, while the Delta variant was dominant in the fall. The highly transmissible Omicron variant is now dominant in the winter of 2022.

Note: As routine screening for VOCs was discontinued by the province as of December 30, 2021, the results of VOC screening cases will no longer be provided in this report.

Probable Exposure

Table 2, below, summarizes how local COVID-19 cases are thought to have acquired their COVID-19 infection. Both total and active cases are presented. Exposure categories are assigned using the hierarchy shown in the table for prioritization. This means that if a case might have acquired their infection in multiple different ways, the exposure classification shown higher in the table below will be assigned.

TABLE 2. Cases, by probable exposure, Sudbury and districts

Exposure	Total Cases	Percentage (%)	Active Cases	Percentage (%)
Outbreak-associated	1,273	15.9%	181	19.1%
Close contact of a confirmed case	2,742	34.3%	21	2.2%
Travel-related	126	1.6%	0	0.0%
No known epidemiological link (unknown exposure)	1,039	13.0%	40	4.2%
Information missing / Lost to follow-up	825	10.3%	75	7.9%
Under investigation	1,978	24.8%	631	66.6%

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Figures 5 and 6, below, summarize the weekly and cumulative weekly COVID-19 case counts by the cases' probable exposure, respectively. The bars in the graph are stacked to illustrate the proportion of total cases each week that each exposure category represents.

FIGURE 5. COVID-19 cases, by week and probable exposure, Sudbury and districts

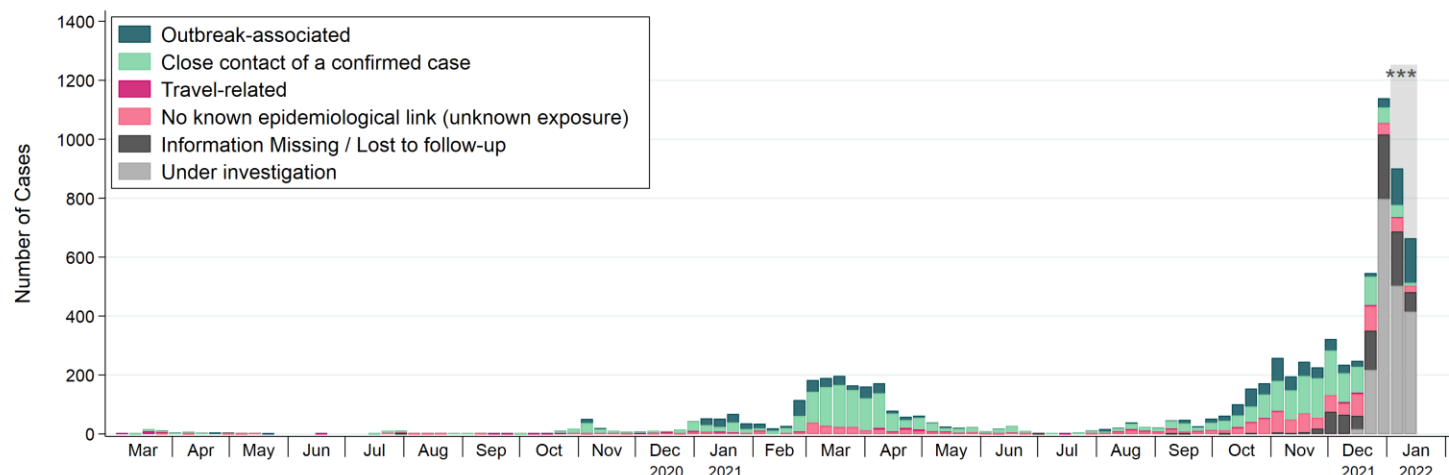
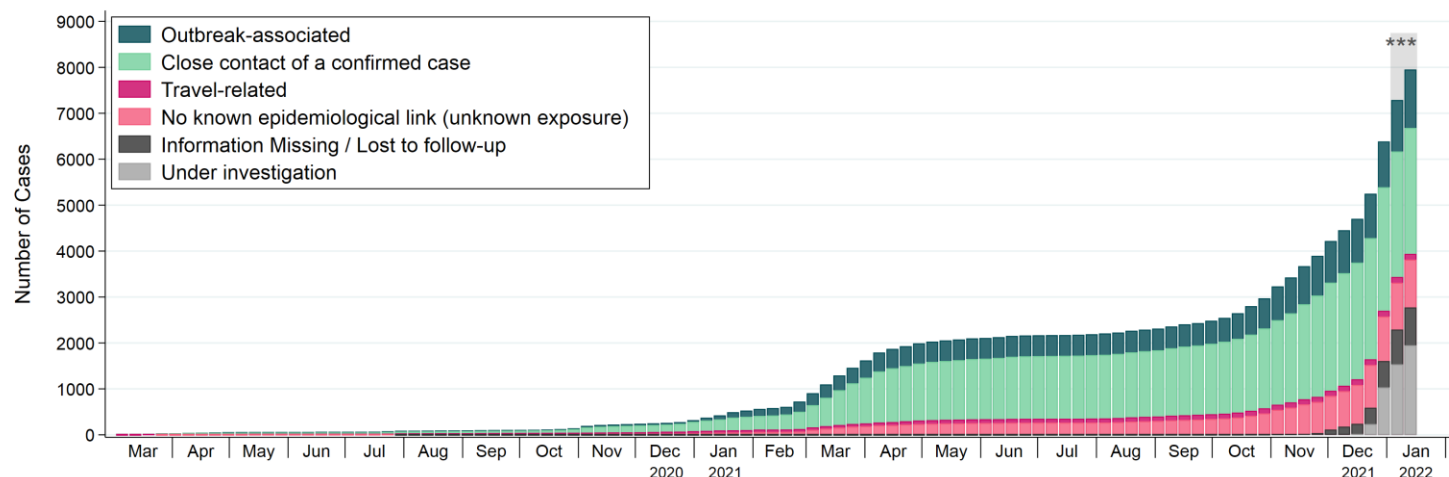


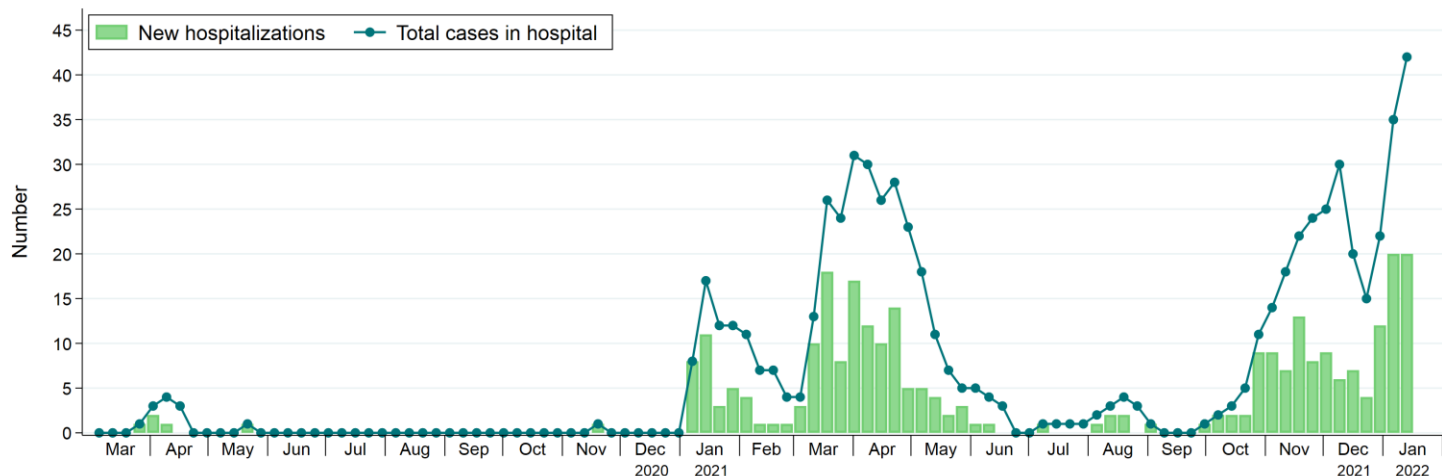
FIGURE 6. Cumulative COVID-19 cases, by week and probable exposure, Sudbury and districts



Hospitalizations

In total there have been **291** hospitalizations due to COVID-19 among cases in Sudbury and districts. Figure 7, below, shows the number of new hospitalizations each week, along with the total number of patients in hospital due to COVID-19 at any point during that week.

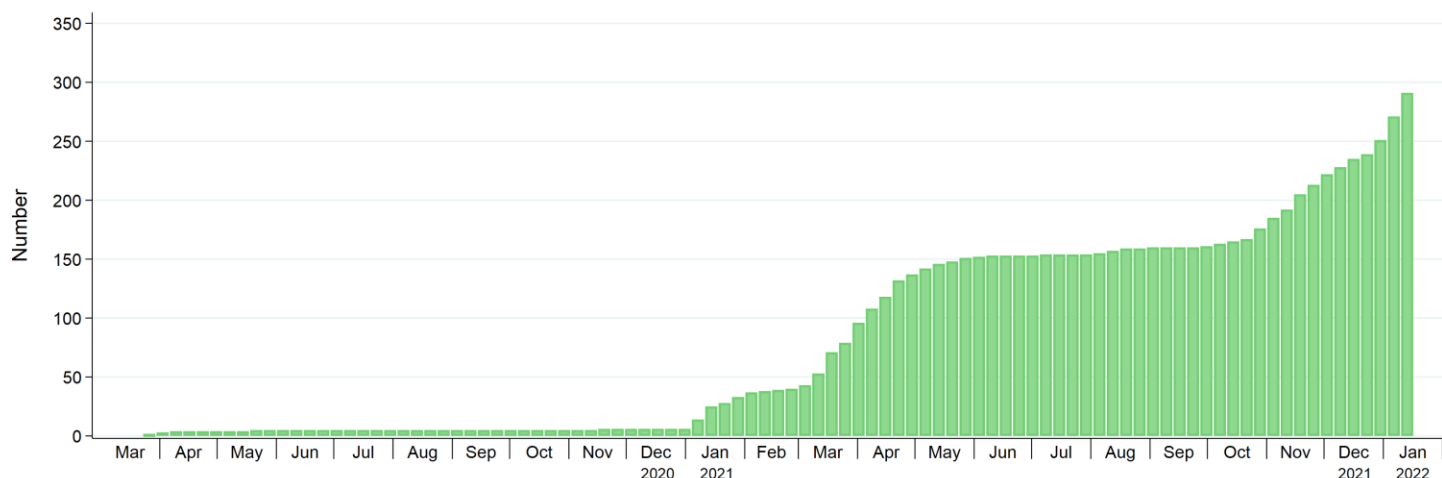
FIGURE 7. New and total COVID-19 cases in hospital, by week, Sudbury and districts



Weeks start on Monday. Cases hospitalized prior to acquiring their infection are counted only when they became an active case of COVID-19. Cases remaining in hospital following resolution of their infection are not counted once released from public health follow-up. These data exclude residents of other geographic regions receiving treatment at local hospitals unless their case is being managed by Public Health Sudbury & District. Data source: CCM

Figure 8 presents the cumulative count of new hospitalizations for COVID-19, by week.

FIGURE 8. Cumulative hospitalizations among COVID-19 cases, by week, Sudbury and districts



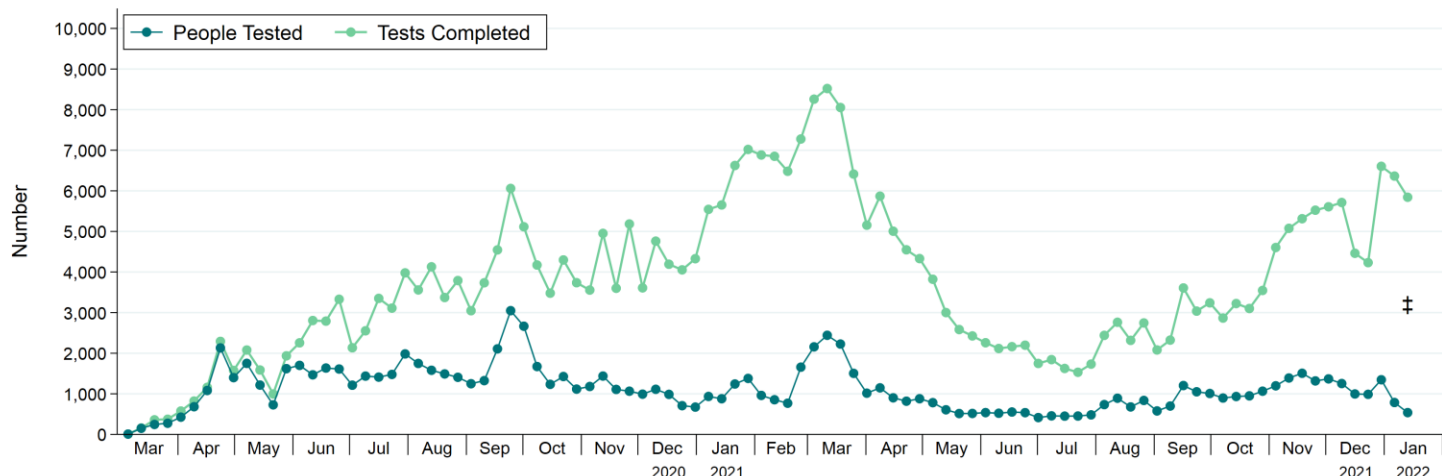
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Testing

As of January 16, 2022, there have been **368,881** tests for COVID-19 among residents of Sudbury and districts. This includes preliminary counts of tests completed in the previous 6 days. Note that an individual can be tested on multiple occasions, and that samples collected on each such occasion may undergo multiple laboratory tests, which are counted separately.

Figure 9 shows the number of tests completed each week, as well as the number of individual people tested.

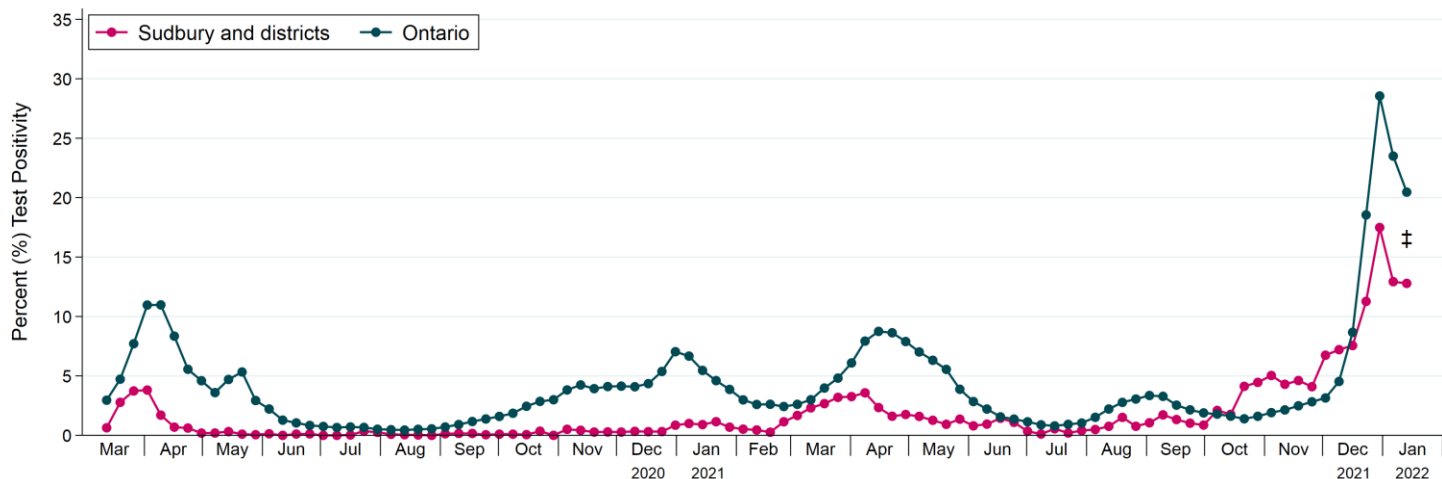
FIGURE 9. Number of tests and people tested, by week, Sudbury and districts



‡ Preliminary data. Weeks start on Monday. An individual may be tested on multiple occasions, and the samples collected may undergo multiple tests, each counted separately. Data source: CCM

Figure 10, below, shows the percent test positivity in both Sudbury and districts and in Ontario overall. This is the percentage of all laboratory tests completed that are positive for COVID-19. A high rate of test positivity (for example, 5% or above) can mean rates of transmission are high, rates of testing are too low, or both. Either way, it indicates that there are likely more people in the community who are positive for COVID-19 but haven't been tested yet.

FIGURE 10. Percent positivity of COVID-19 tests, by week and geographic region



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Outbreaks in Hospitals, Long-term Care and Retirement Homes

An outbreak in a hospital will be declared if there are two or more cases of COVID-19 in a 14-day period that have some link with each other, and with evidence that infection occurred at the hospital. In long-term care or retirement homes, an outbreak may be declared with a single case among staff or residents. Public Health assesses each unique situation in determining if an outbreak should be declared, including, for example, occupation, exposures in the home, symptoms of the case, specific risk factors, and local epidemiology.

- In total there have been **53** COVID-19 outbreaks in local hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement homes.
- Of the declared outbreaks, **13** are currently active, and **40** have been declared over.

The table below provides a summary of outbreaks that have been active within the past 7 days.

TABLE 3. Summary of recent outbreaks in hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes, Sudbury and districts

Name of Facility	Facility Type	Status	Date Active	Date Declared Over
St Joseph's Villa	Long-term Care	Active	December 23	-
Pioneer Manor	Long-term Care	Active	December 27	-
Health Sciences North, 4th Floor South	Hospital	Active	January 3	-
The Westmount Retirement Home	Retirement Home	Active	January 3	-
Extendicare York	Long-term Care	Active	January 4	-
The Elizabeth Centre	Long-term Care	Active	January 4	-
Extendicare Falconbridge	Long-term Care	Active	January 10	-
Finlandia Hoivakoti Nursing Home	Long-term Care	Active	January 6	-
St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre	Hospital	Active	January 7	-
Health Sciences North, 6 Floor North	Hospital	Active	January 8	-
Maison McCulloch Hospice	Hospice	Over	January 10	January 18
St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Clarion Site, 3rd floor	Hospital	Active	January 14	-
Golden Years Retirement Home	Retirement Home	Active	January 12	-
Health Sciences North, 5th Floor South	Hospital	Active	January 14	-

Data Source: CCM

Outbreaks in Schools and Licensed Daycares

An outbreak in a school or daycare will be declared if there are two or more cases of COVID-19 in a 14-day period that have some link with each other, and with evidence that infection occurred at the school.

- In total there have been **66** COVID-19 outbreaks in area schools and licensed daycares.
- All outbreaks have now been declared over.

The table below provides a summary of outbreaks that have been active within the past 7 days.

TABLE 4. Summary of recent outbreaks in schools and licensed daycares, Sudbury and districts

There have been no active outbreaks in the past 7 days.

Data Source: CCM

Outbreaks in Other Community Settings

An outbreak in a community setting may be declared if there are two or more cases of COVID-19 in a 14-day period that have some link with each other, and with evidence that infection occurred in that setting.

- In total there have been **89** COVID-19 outbreaks in community settings.
- Of the declared outbreaks, **11** are currently active, and **78** have been declared over.

The table below provides a summary of outbreaks that have been active within the past 7 days.

TABLE 5. Summary of recent outbreaks in community settings, Sudbury and districts

Location	Type of Setting	Status	Date Active	Date Declared Over
Sudbury Development Services, Ester House	Congregate Living	Active	January 5	-
Sudbury Developmental Services, Cedar House	Congregate Living	Active	January 7	-
Sudbury Jail, 5 Bravo Unit	Correctional Facility	Active	January 15	-
L'Arche Sudbury, Bethany House	Congregate Living	Active	January 6	-
Monarch Recovery Services, Men's Recovery Home	Congregate Living	Active	January 7	-
Trillium Residential Services, Coniston	Congregate Living	Active	January 7	-
Sudbury Developmental Services, Oak House	Congregate Living	Active	January 10	-
Sudbury Developmental Services, Westmount Group Home	Congregate Living	Active	January 11	-
Christian Horizons, House 5	Congregate Living	Active	January 11	-
Independence Centre and Network (ICAN) Reintegration Unit	Transitional House	Active	January 13	-
Cecil Facer Youth Center	Correctional Facility	Active	January 14	-

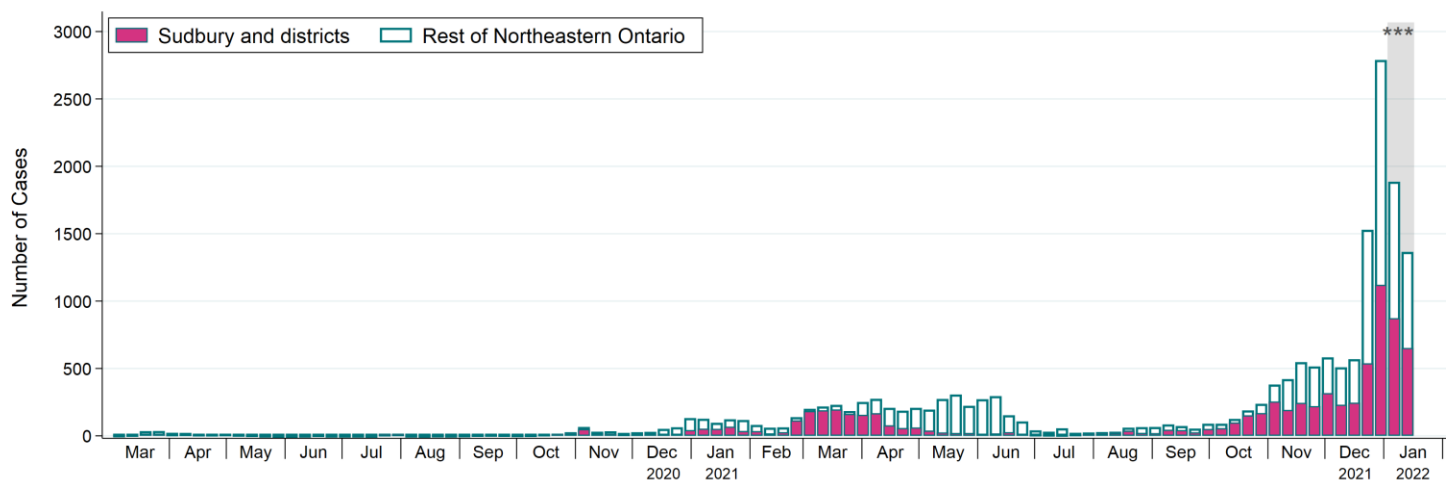
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Regional Context

Case Counts by Week

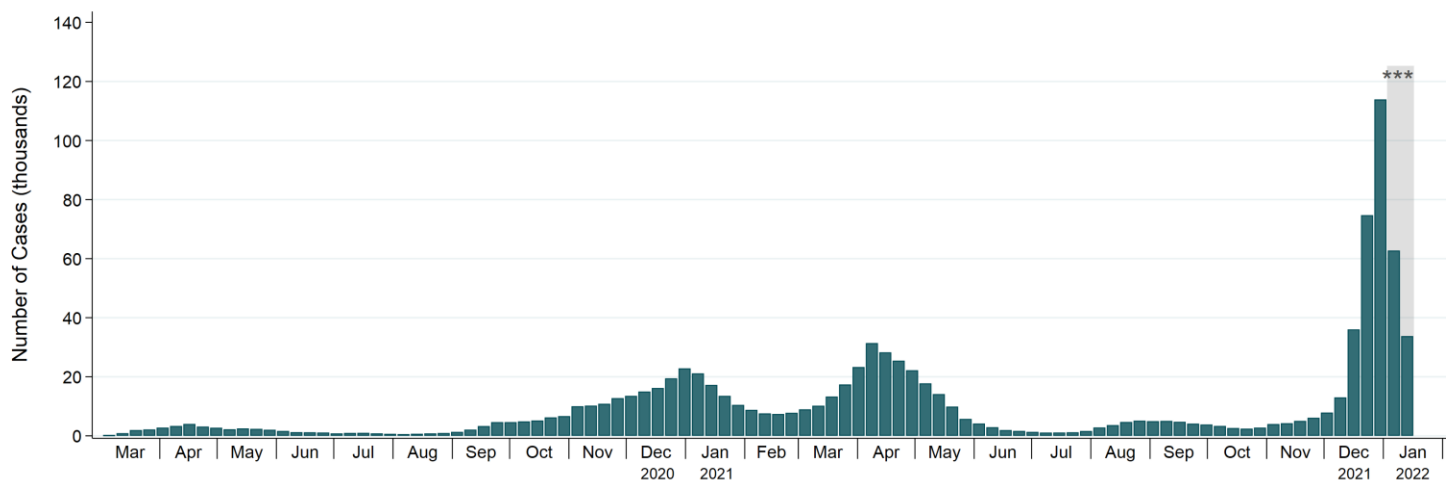
Figure 11, below, shows the number of new COVID-19 cases by week in both Sudbury and districts and Northeastern Ontario. Figure 12 shows the weekly count in Ontario overall. Note that the vertical axis in the Ontario graph is very different, since provincial case counts are much higher than local counts.

FIGURE 11. Confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Sudbury and districts and Northeastern Ontario



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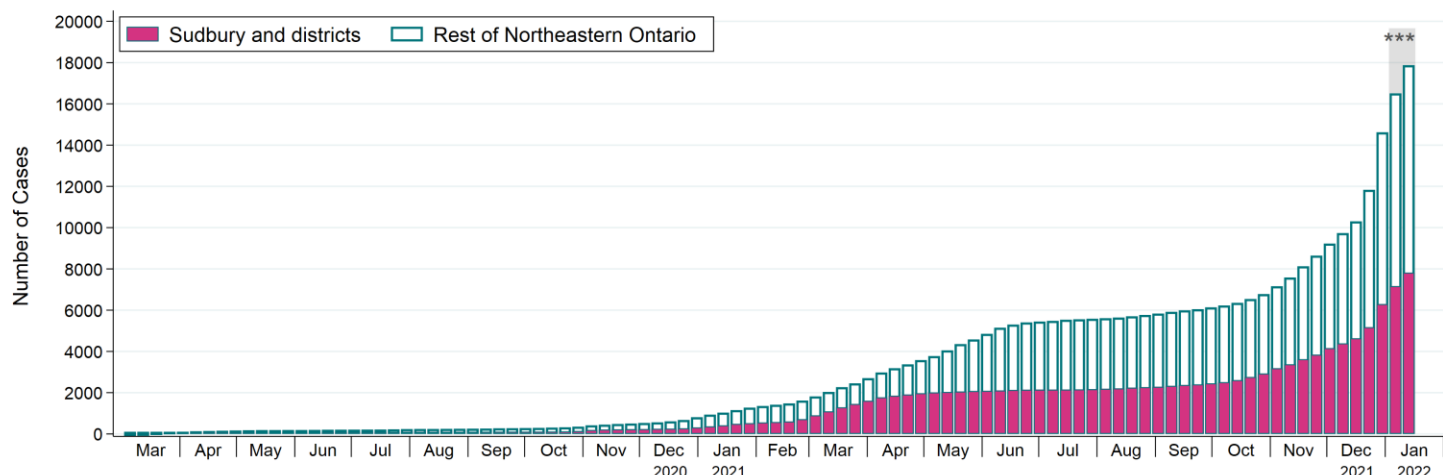
FIGURE 12. Confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Ontario



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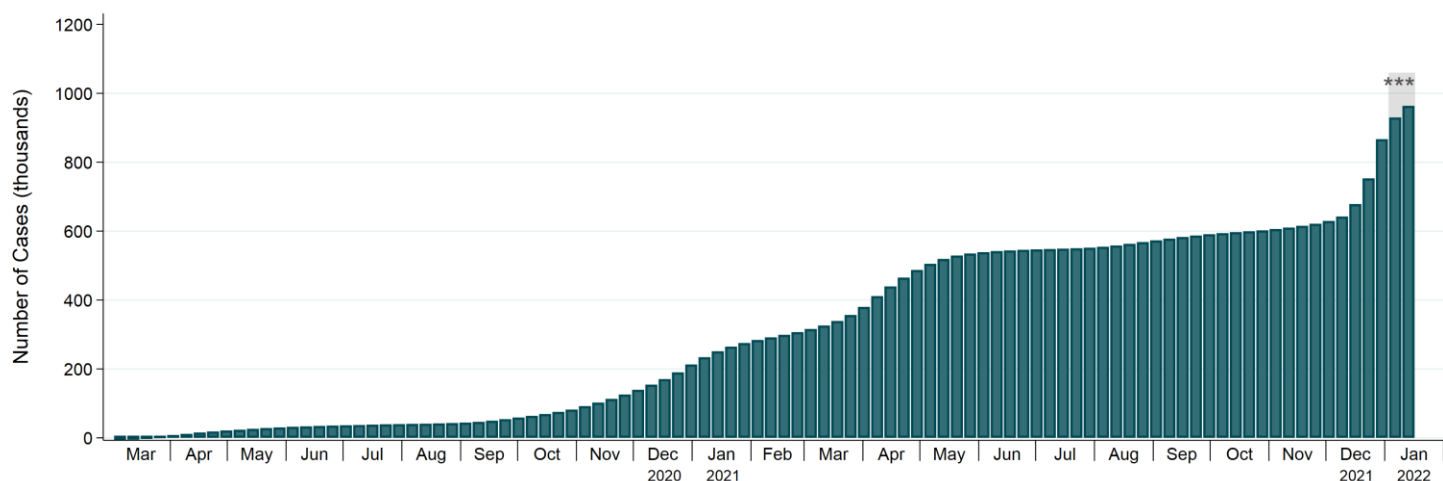
Figures 13 and 14 present a comparison of cumulative weekly case counts by region. Again, note the difference in the vertical axis for the Ontario graph.

FIGURE 13. Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Sudbury and districts and Northeastern Ontario



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FIGURE 14. Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases, by week, Ontario

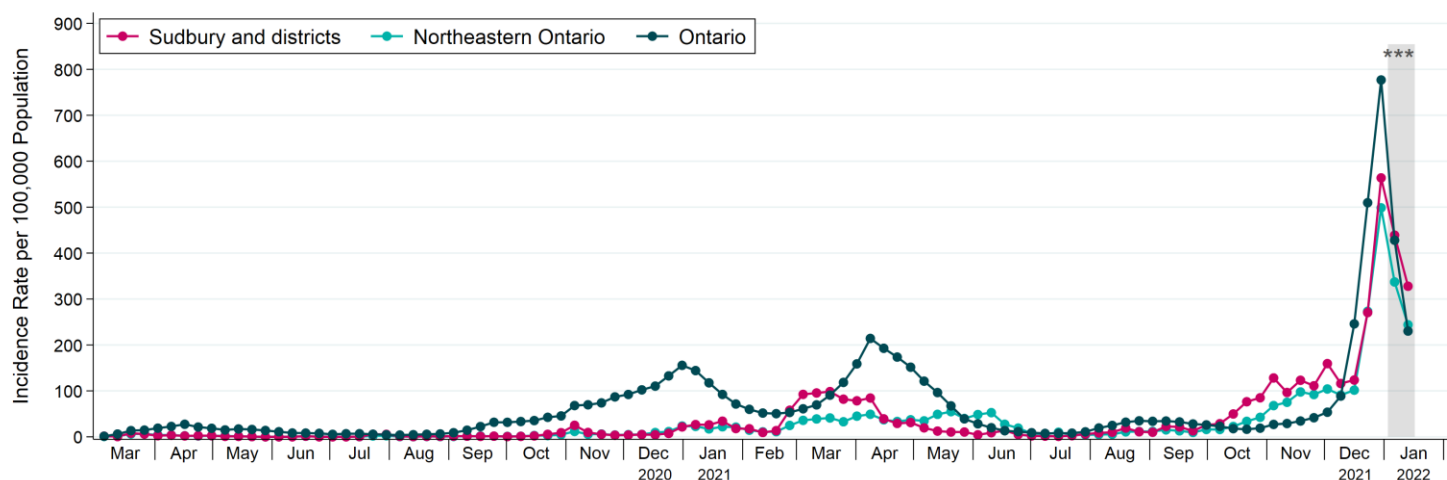


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Incidence Rates by Week

Figure 15, below, presents weekly COVID-19 incidence rates by geographic region. These rates are the number of new cases of COVID-19 each week per 100,000 people in the population.

FIGURE 15. Incidence rate of COVID-19 per 100,000 population, by week and geographic region



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Regional Case and Testing Summary

Tables 6 and 7 (next page) present an overall summary of COVID-19 cases and testing by geographic region including Canada, Ontario, Northern Ontario, Northeastern Ontario and Sudbury and districts.

TABLE 6. Regional COVID-19 case summary

Geographic Area	Cases	Cumulative incidence per 100,000*	Active Cases	Prevalence per 100,000**	Resolved Cases	Resolved Rate	Deceased	Case Fatality Rate	Data Availability†
Canada	2,801,451	7,452.8	331,376	881.6	2,470,075	88.2%	31,679	1.1%	January 17
Ontario	963,693	6,573.5	91,473	624.0	872,220	90.5%	10,666	1.1%	January 17
Northern Ontario	25,851	3,243.9	3,475	436.1	22,376	86.6%	209	0.8%	January 14
Northeastern Ontario	17,708	3,165.5	2,808	502.0	14,900	84.1%	124	0.7%	January 14
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	7,983	4,014.5	948	476.7	7,035	88.1%	59	0.7%	January 17

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† This report is based on the most currently available information at date and time of production.

Data source: Statistics Canada, Government of Canada COVID-19 Update, Ontario MOH COVID-19 Update, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, Northwestern Health Unit, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Algoma Public Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine Health Unit, Timiskaming Health Unit.

TABLE 7. Regional COVID-19 testing summary

Geographic Area	Tests Completed	Tests per 100,000	% Tests that were Positive*	People Tested	People Tested per 100,000	% People Tested who were Positive**	Data Availability†
Canada	55,234,662	146,942	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	January 15
Ontario	19,803,202	135,081	4.9%	7,054,053	48,117	13.7%	January 16
Northern Ontario	1,302,065	163,389	2.0%	399,438	50,123	6.5%	January 16
Northeastern Ontario	914,923	163,552	2.0%	277,059	49,527	6.4%	January 16
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	368,881	185,505	2.3%	110,707	55,673	7.2%	January 16

* This is calculated using the following formula: Total Positive Tests / Total Tests x 100%. Note: an individual person may be tested on multiple different occasions. Samples collected on each such occasion may undergo multiple tests, and thus may yield multiple positive tests. The number of positive tests will therefore exceed the number of confirmed cases within an area.

** This is calculated using the following formula: Total Confirmed Cases / Total People Tested x 100%

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Data source: Statistics Canada, Government of Canada COVID-19 Update; COVID-19 Testing Report (SAS Visual Analytics), Ontario Ministry of Health, January 18, 2022