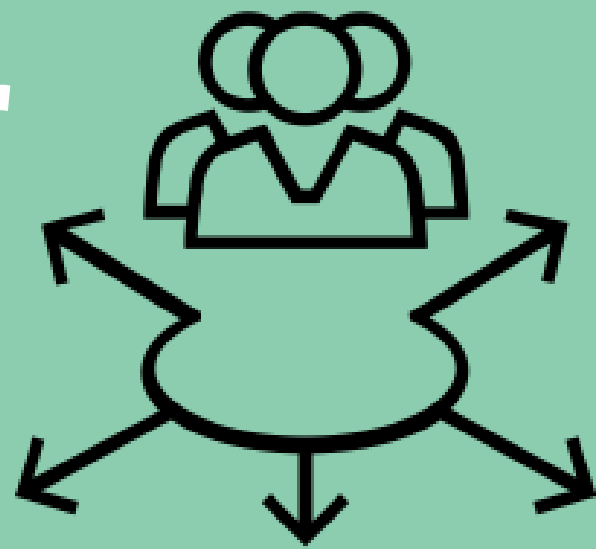


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COVID-19 News for the Non-Hospital Table in Waterloo Wellington

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information at
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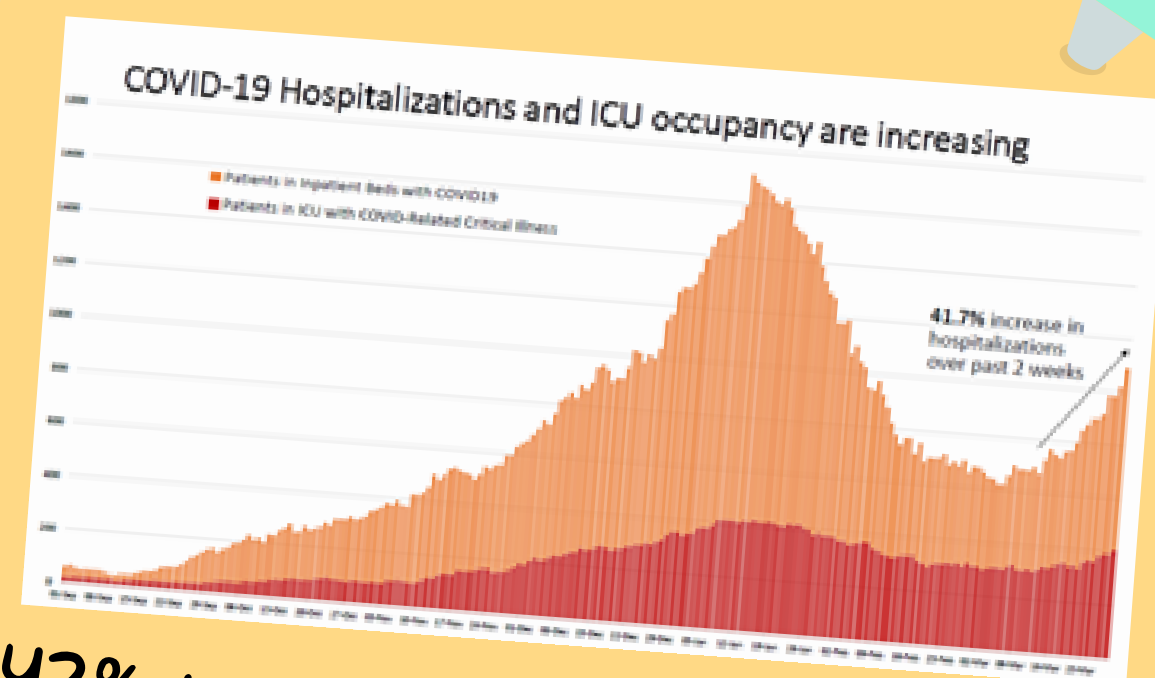


Update on COVID-19 Projections: Science Advisory and Modelling Consensus Tables - April 1, 2021 [LINK](#)

Key Findings

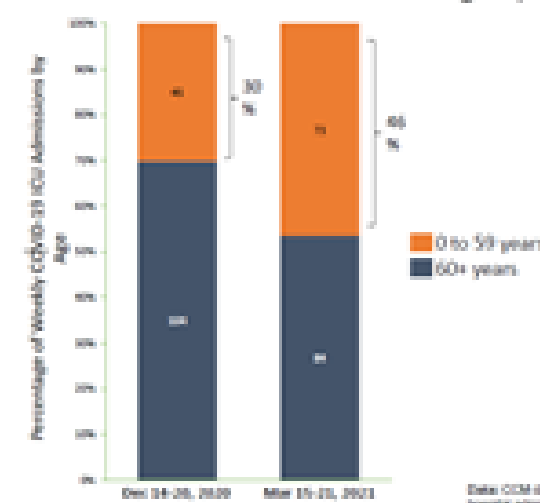
- The third wave is here and being **driven by variants of concern**.
- **Younger Ontarians are ending up in hospital.**
- Risk of ICU admission is **2 x higher** and risk of death is **1.5 x higher** for the B.1.1.7 variant.
- COVID-19 **threatens health system ability to deal with regular ICU** admissions and the ability to care for all patients.
- Vaccination is **not reaching the highest risk communities**, delaying its impact as an effective strategy.
- School disruptions have a significant and highly inequitable **impact** on students, parents and society. Further disruptions should be minimized.
- Stay-at-home orders will control the surge, protect access to care, and increase the chance of the summer Ontarians want.

Almost 250,000 - cumulative
pandemic-related surgical backlog

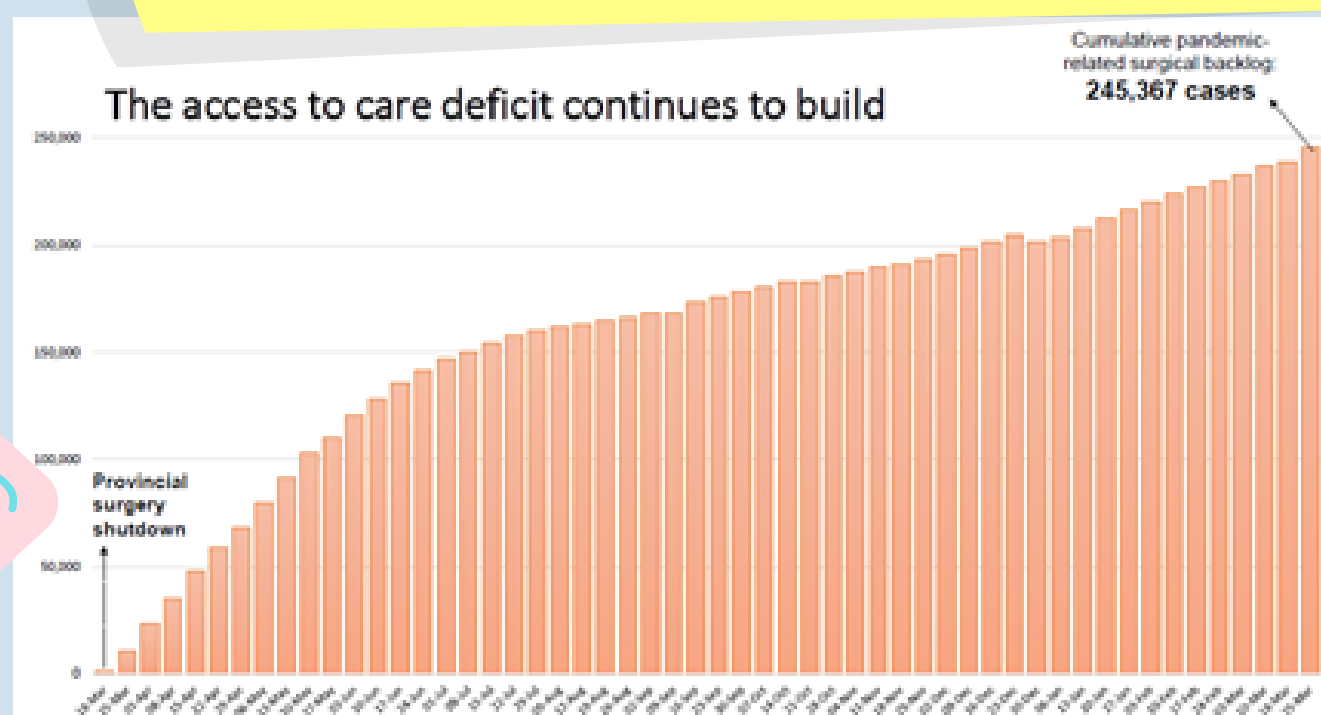


42% increase in hospitalizations
over past 2 weeks

COVID-19 patients admitted to ICU continue to get younger



Admissions to ICU keep getting
younger (less than 60)



VACCINE NEWS & RESOURCES



ROW:

- **Building Trust in the COVID-19 vaccine in priority communities. [LINK](#)**
- **AstraZeneca vaccine available at some primary care offices. [LINK](#)**
- **Two new vaccination clinics open to residents of Waterloo Region. [LINK](#)**

WDG Public Health:



- ***New* Phase 2 eligible groups can now pre-register. [LINK](#)**
- **Local vaccination planning and updates. [LINK](#)**



Health System News

- **Watch This:** How do I stand up to people who are against the vaccine?
- **Read This:** Vaccines Work



- ***Doctors perform first double lung transplant on COVID-19 patient in Canada. [LINK](#)***
- ***These 'hot spots' getting vaccine priority are less hard-hit by COVID-19 than Ontario average. [LINK](#)***
- ***Ontario orders hospitals to halt non-emergency surgeries as COVID-19 patients fill ICUs. [LINK](#)***
- ***Ontario moving to Phase Two of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan. [LINK](#)***

- ***Want to hit up the playground during April break? Dr. Wang says you can, but be careful. [LINK](#)***
- ***Students should be prepared for possible switch to online learning after April break: Dr. Wang. [LINK](#)***
- ***People in 'hot spot' neighbourhoods in Waterloo region, Guelph can pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine. [LINK](#)***
- ***Media release: WDG Public Health issues Section 22 Order to regional school boards. [LINK](#)***
- ***ROW Public Notice: Class order issued to employers of migrant workers. [LINK](#)***

- ***Why comparing COVID-19 hospitalization numbers between provinces isn't apple to apples. [LINK](#)***

- ***AUDIO: Dr. Peter Lin explains the science behind why why COVID variants are putting young people in the ICU.***

- ***Predicting the next pandemic: New online tool ranks viruses' potential to infect humans. [LINK](#)***
- ***Children and COVID-19 vaccines: What you need to know. [LINK](#)***

Happiness column: Why you may feel nervous about a return to normal.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WW

Hear Stories from Our Community

- **WATCH** ROW's very own RPN Tanisha Mills talk about vaccine safety & how racialized communities are affected by COVID-19.
- **WATCH:** Faduma Musse, President of the Somali Canadian Association of Waterloo Region, discuss why she got vaccinated as a mother, teacher & community leader

VIDEO: Guelph man making neighbourhood laugh one Dad joke at a time



WW Older Adult Strategy:

In case you missed it: What every older adult and caregiver needs to know about COVID-19 vaccination.



Recording

- These primary care providers are offering AstraZeneca vaccines to people over 55.

LINK

- Guelph CHC COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Indigenous Community Members April 14th. LINK

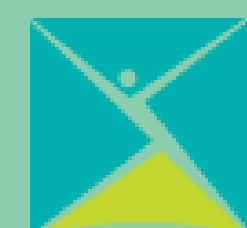
Primary Care Town Hall: Vaccination Series

April 14 7:30-8:30 pm via Zoom Register [HERE](#)

- Targets primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, and community-based specialists in Cambridge North Dumfries.
- Will provide real-time updates on vaccine distribution in the ROW, including implications and opportunities for Primary Care.

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CMHA WW Events



Canadian Mental Health Association
Mental health for all

- Apr. 16 12-1:00pm Maintaining Good Mental Health: Self Care
- Apr. 20 6:30-7:30pm Family Ed. Series: Stress Management
- Apr. 22 1-2:00pm Understanding Mental Health
- Apr. 26 10-11:00am Challenging Negative Thinking
- Apr. 26 1-2:00pm The Power of Mindfulness & Gratitude



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