

Update on COVID-19 Projections

Science Advisory and Modelling Consensus Tables

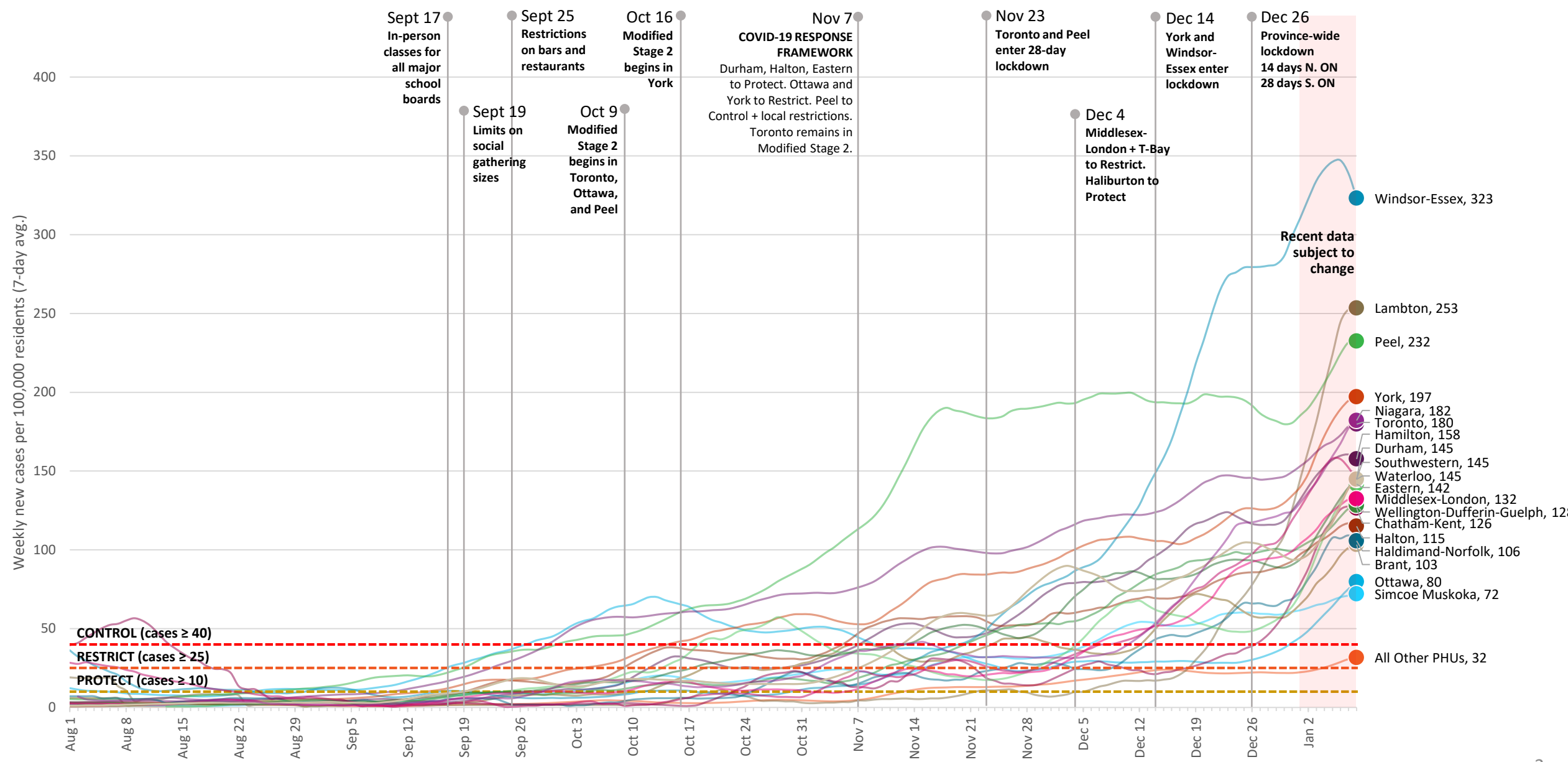
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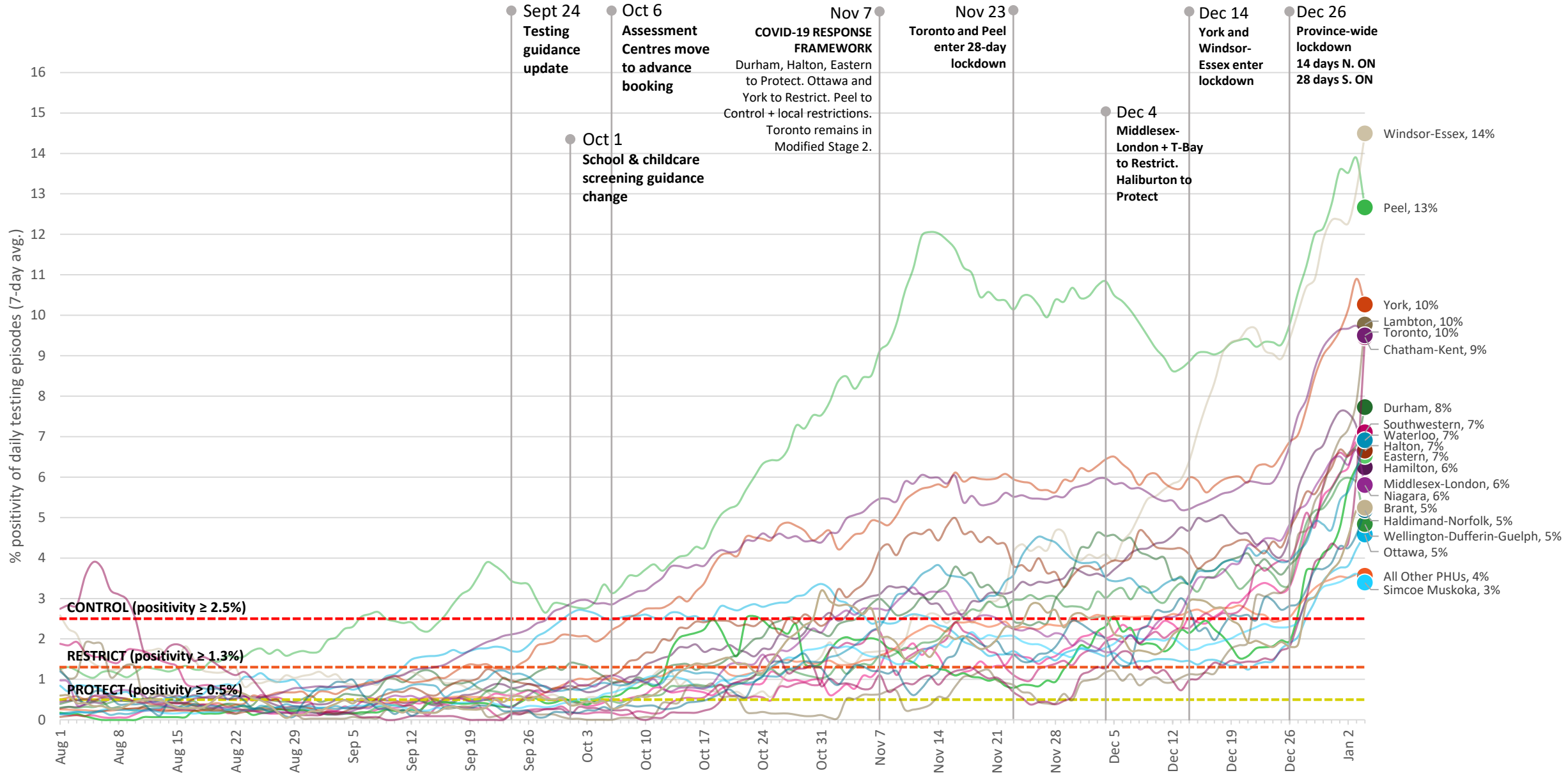
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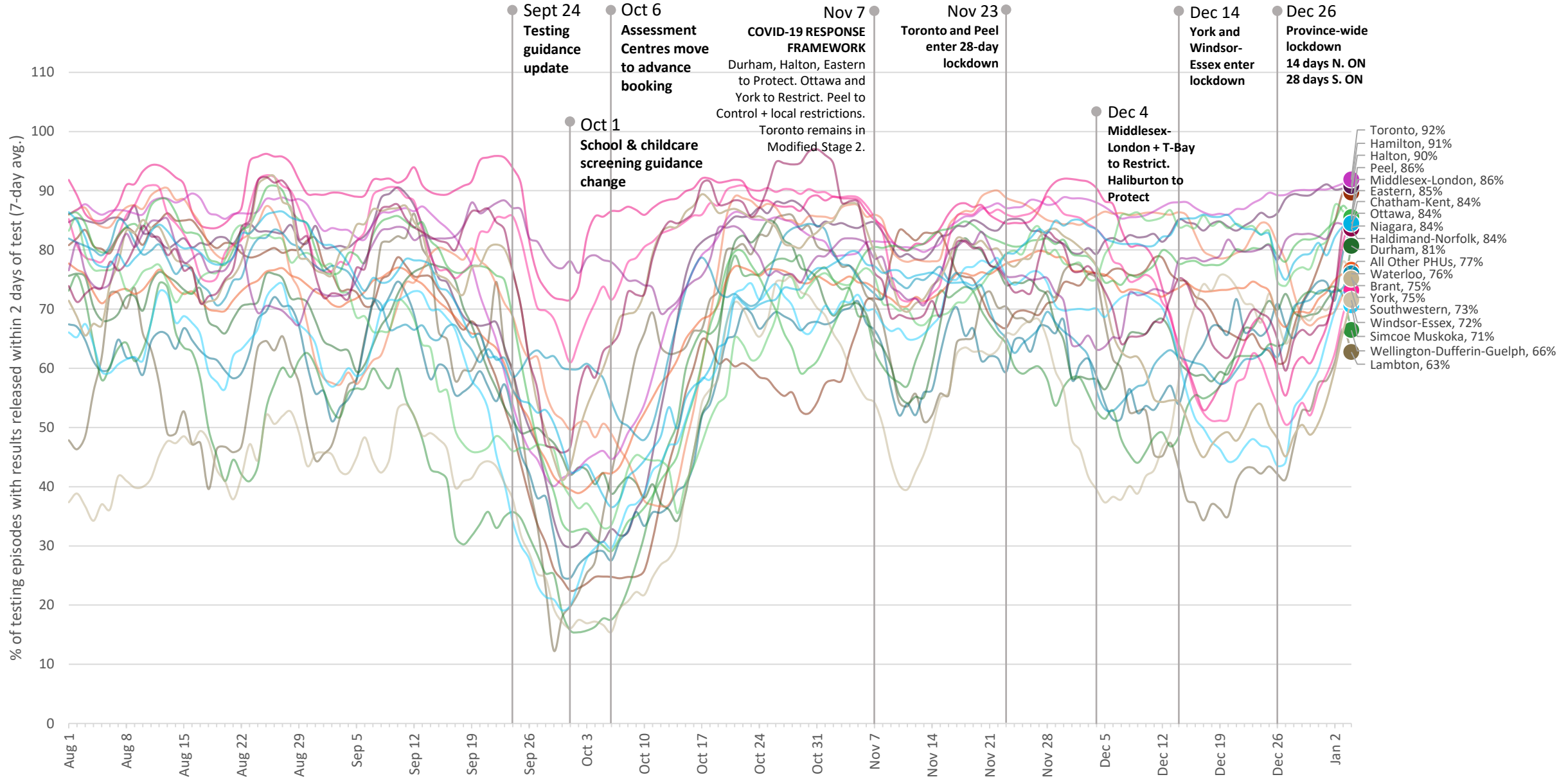
Total new cases per 100,000 residents per week across PHUs



COVID-19 testing % positivity across PHUs



Percent of COVID test results returned within 2 days across PHUs



Weekly % positivity by age group

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|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Month ▲ | Aug2020 | | | | | Sep2020 | | | | Oct2020 | | | | | Nov2020 | | | | Dec2020 | | | | Jan2021 |
| Week No ▲ | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 |
| Age Group ▼ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75+ | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 65to74 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 5.3 |
| 55to64 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5.2 |
| 45to54 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 6.4 |
| 35to44 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| 25to34 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 7.9 |
| 18to24 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 9.1 |
| 14to17 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 14.4 |
| 9to13 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 9.5 | 19.2 |
| 4to8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 14.2 |
| 0to3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 8.7 |
| Total | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.9 |

Data Source: Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS), MOH – extracted from SAS VA Jan 10

Note: Includes all data submitted to OLIS up to January 7th 2021. The last six days are considered interim data (week 52) and subject to change

Weekly % positivity = total number of positive tests within the week (based on reported date)/COVID tests within the week

Cases and cumulative mortality LTC increasing (198 resident and 2 staff deaths since January 1st)

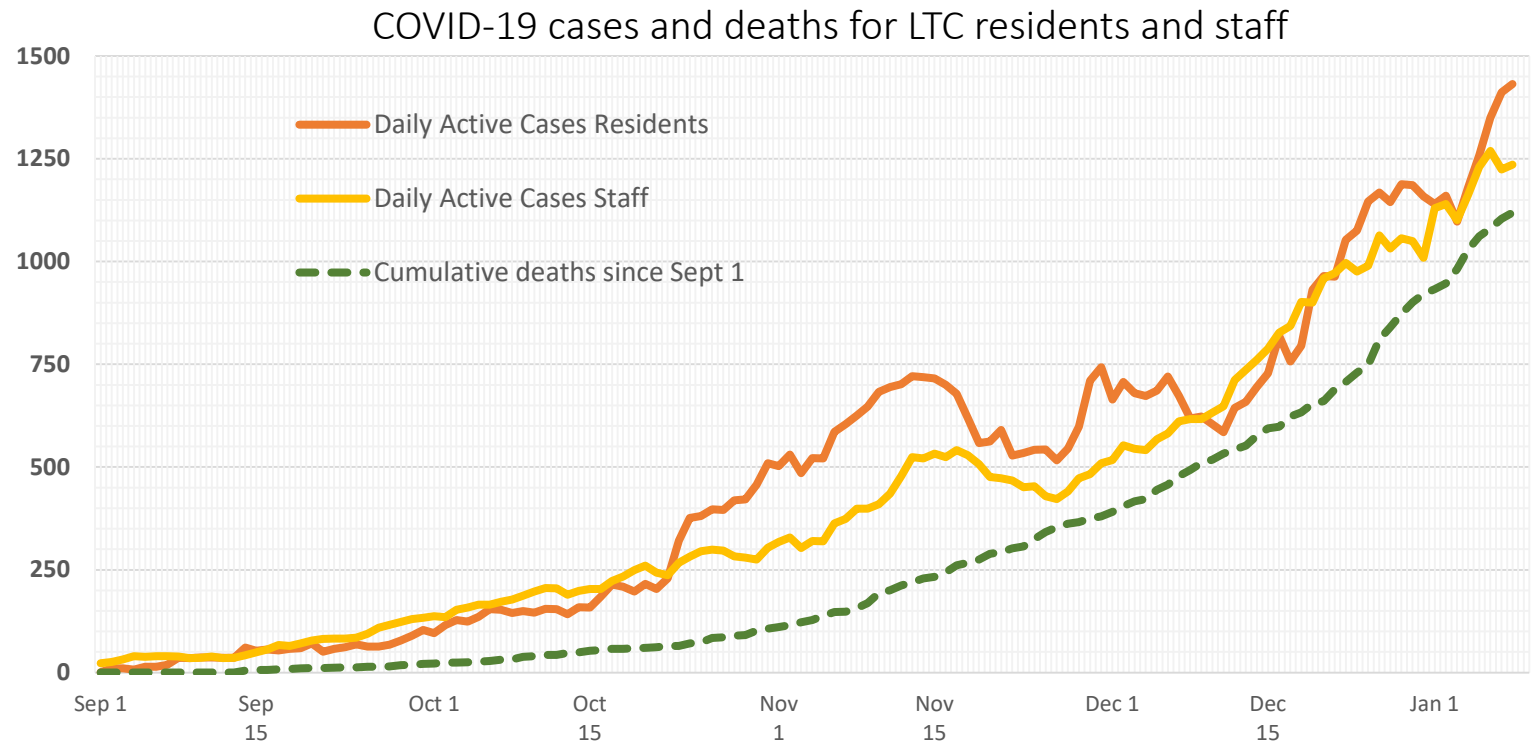
Current status

252 LTC homes have COVID-19 outbreaks (40% of all homes) with 105 outbreaks involving resident cases

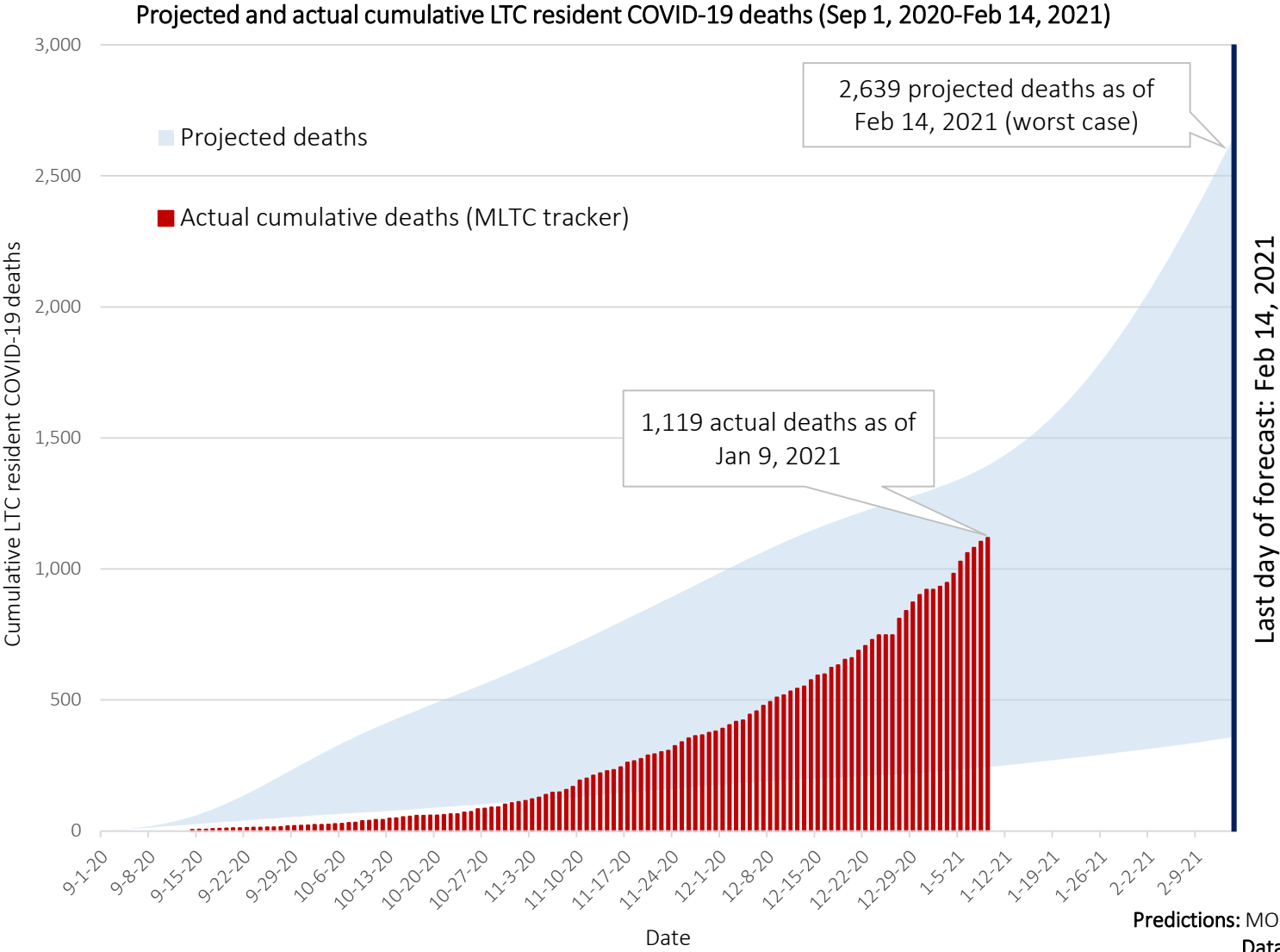
Outbreaks are occurring across almost all public health units, with 91 outbreaks (37%) occurring in priority vaccination areas of Toronto, Peel, York and Windsor-Essex

Since January 1st, 198 LTC residents have died of COVID-19 and 2 staff deaths have been reported

Forecasts suggest there will be more LTC residents deaths in wave 2 than in wave 1 (1,815 total deaths)



Projections: second wave cumulative LTC resident COVID-19 deaths >2,600 by Feb 14 in worst case scenario

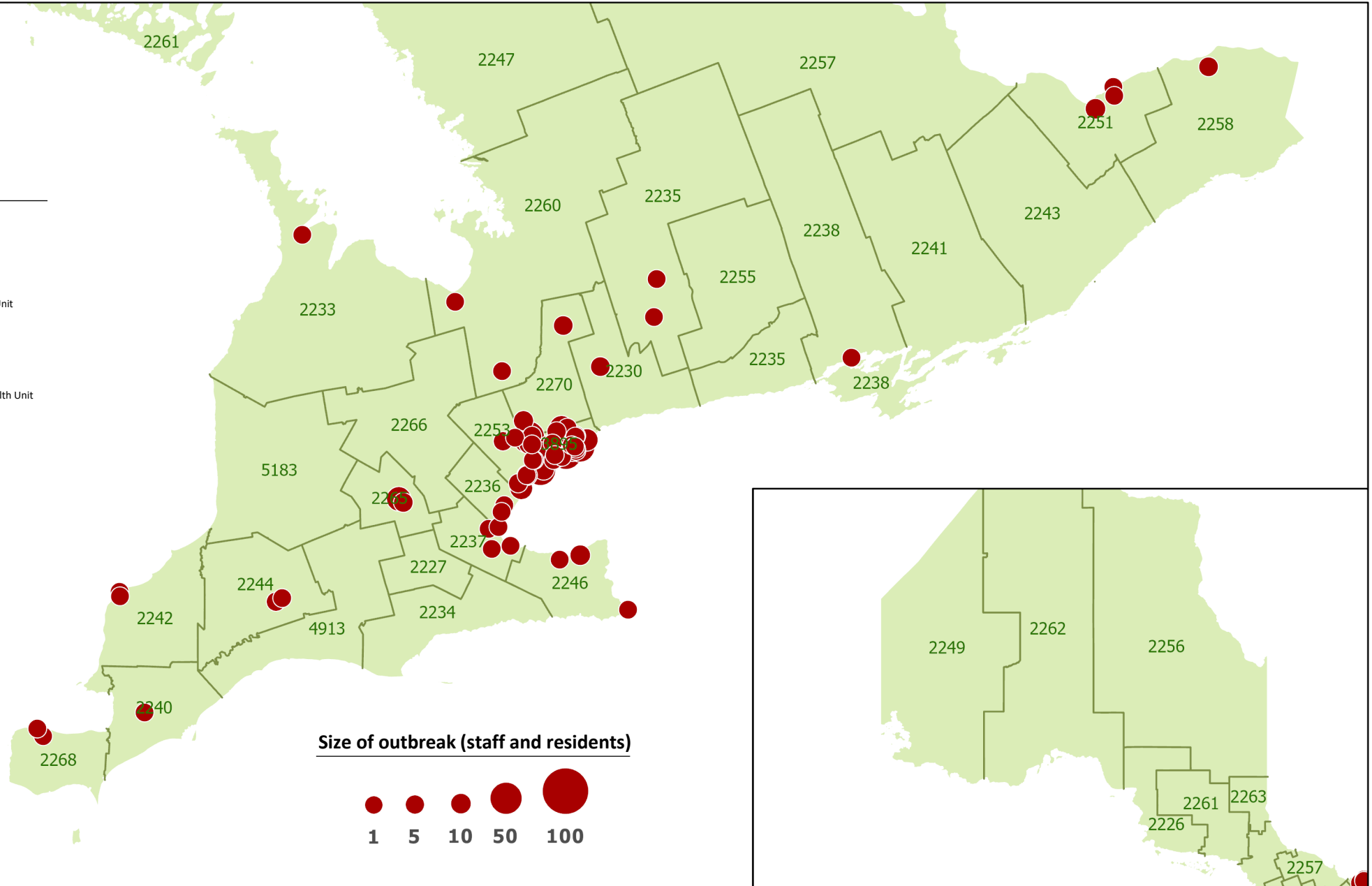


Long-term Care Outbreaks

July 1, 2020

Public Health Unit

- 2226 Algoma Public Health Unit
- 2227 Brant County Health Unit
- 2230 Durham Region Health Department
- 2233 Grey Bruce Health Unit
- 2234 Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
- 2235 Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
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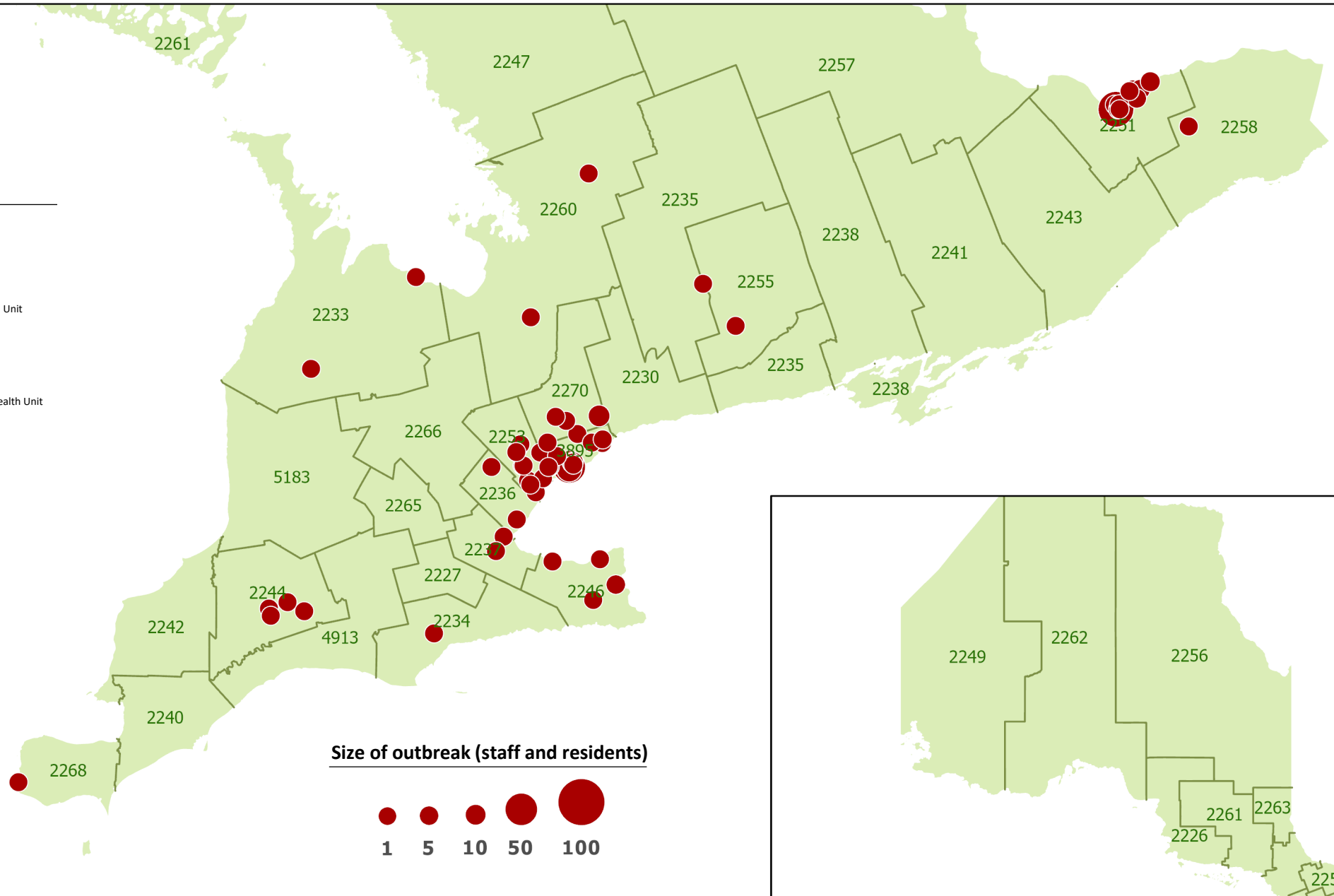


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October 1, 2020

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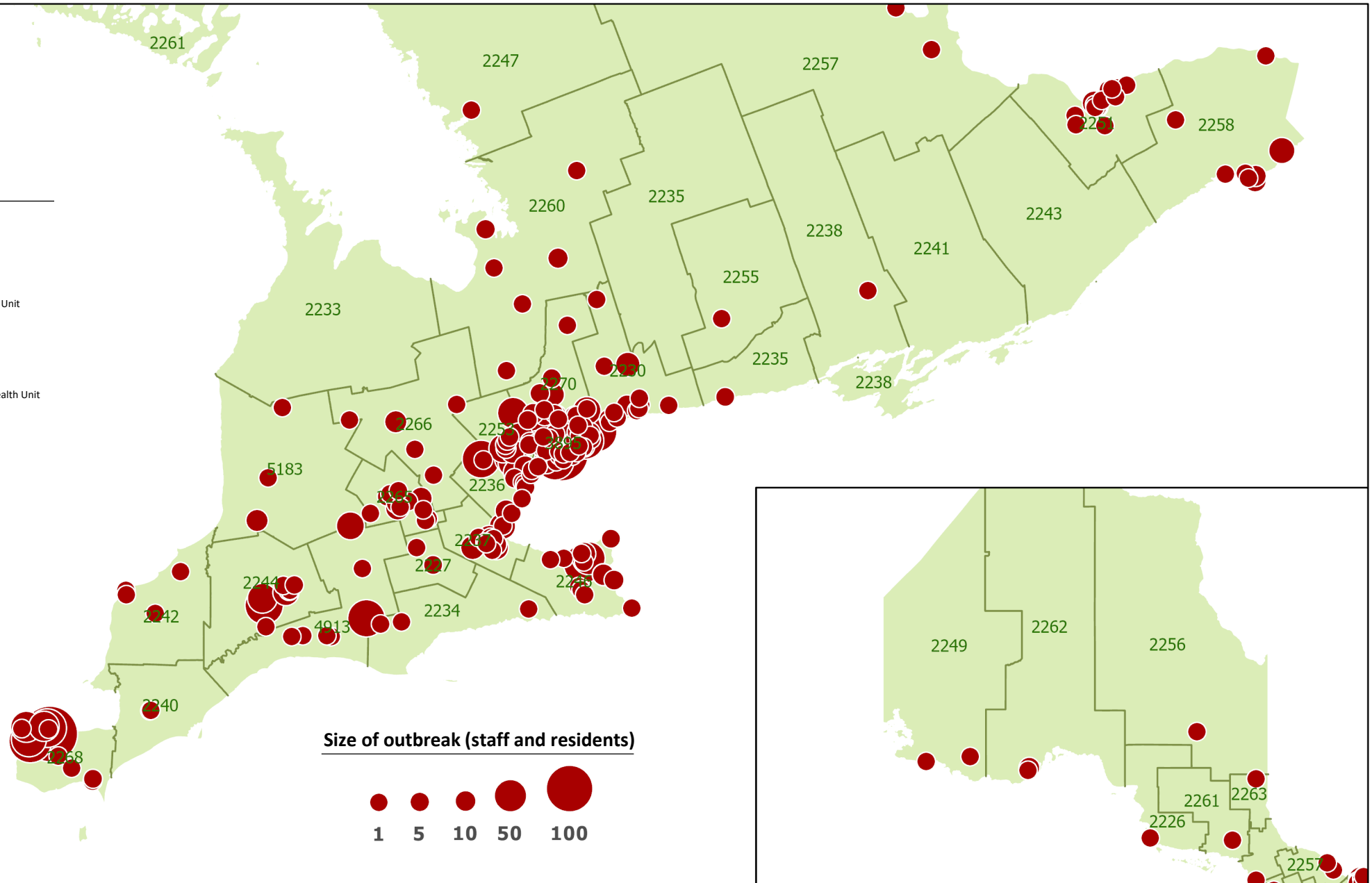


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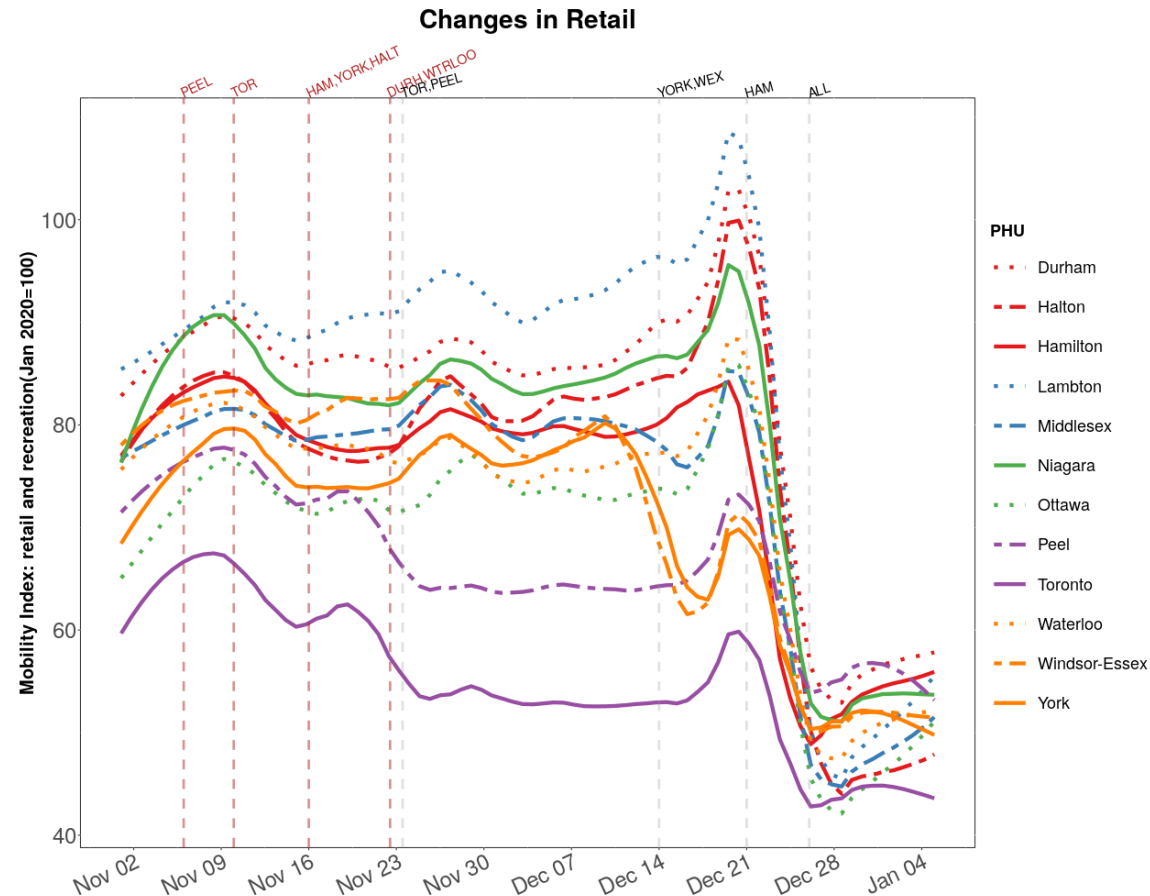
January 7, 2021

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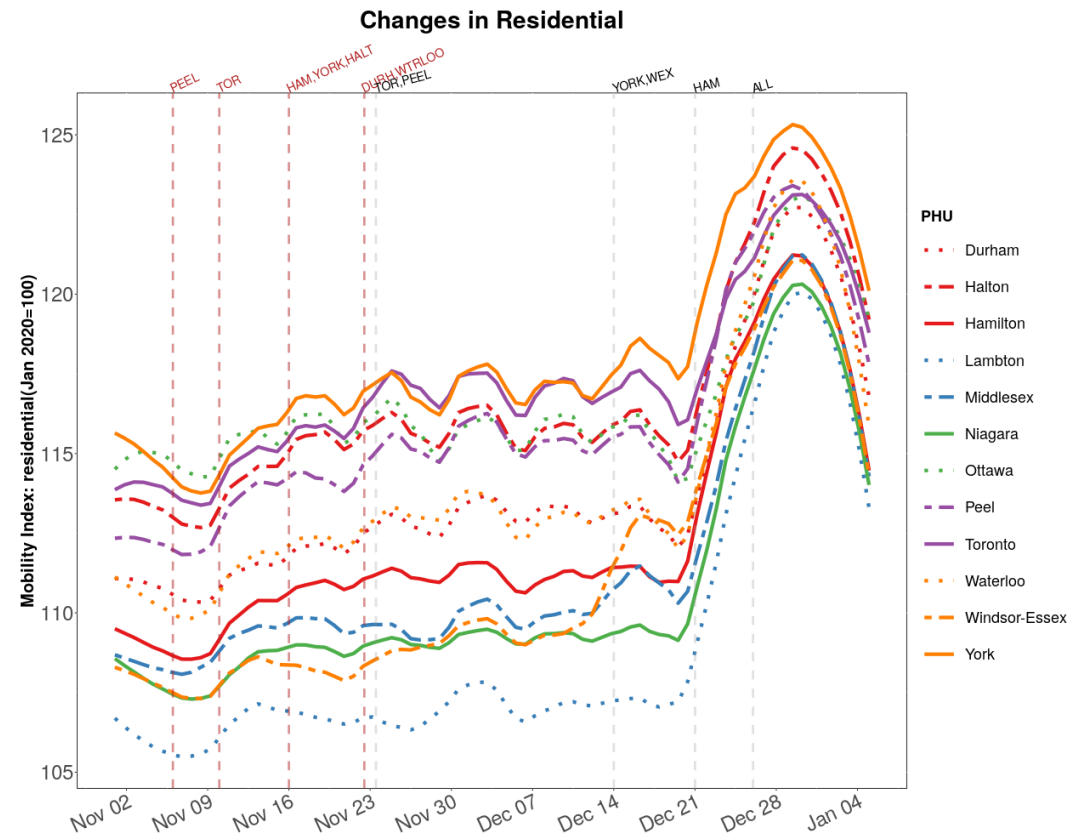
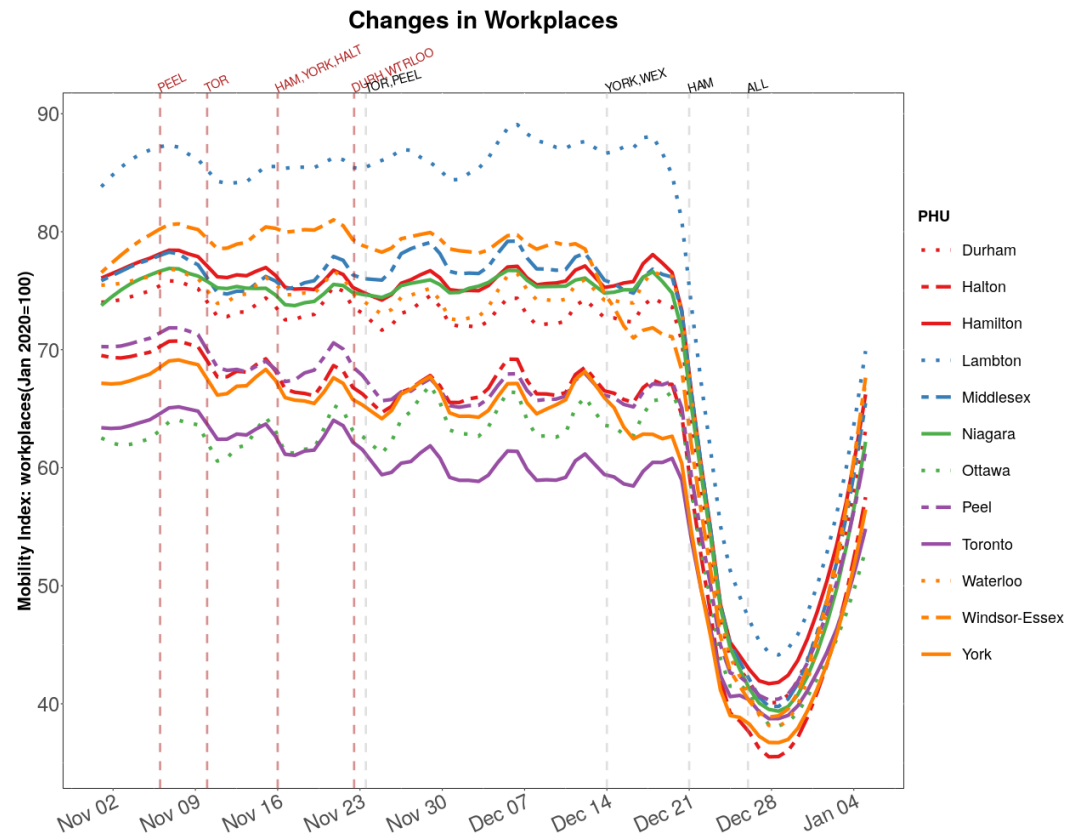


Despite some reduced mobility from “Grey Zone” restrictions, there was a pre-holiday spike



% change relative to January 2020

“Grey Zone” restrictions did not affect the proportion of people working from home; holiday decreases are not likely to persist



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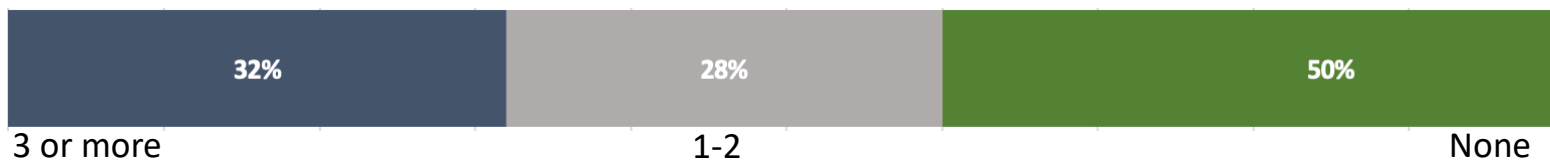
Analysis: UofT, St. Michael's Hospital, ICES
Data: Google

With current restrictions, almost 2/3 of the population are acting in a way that will decrease COVID-19 spread

- Are people in your neighbourhood physically distancing?



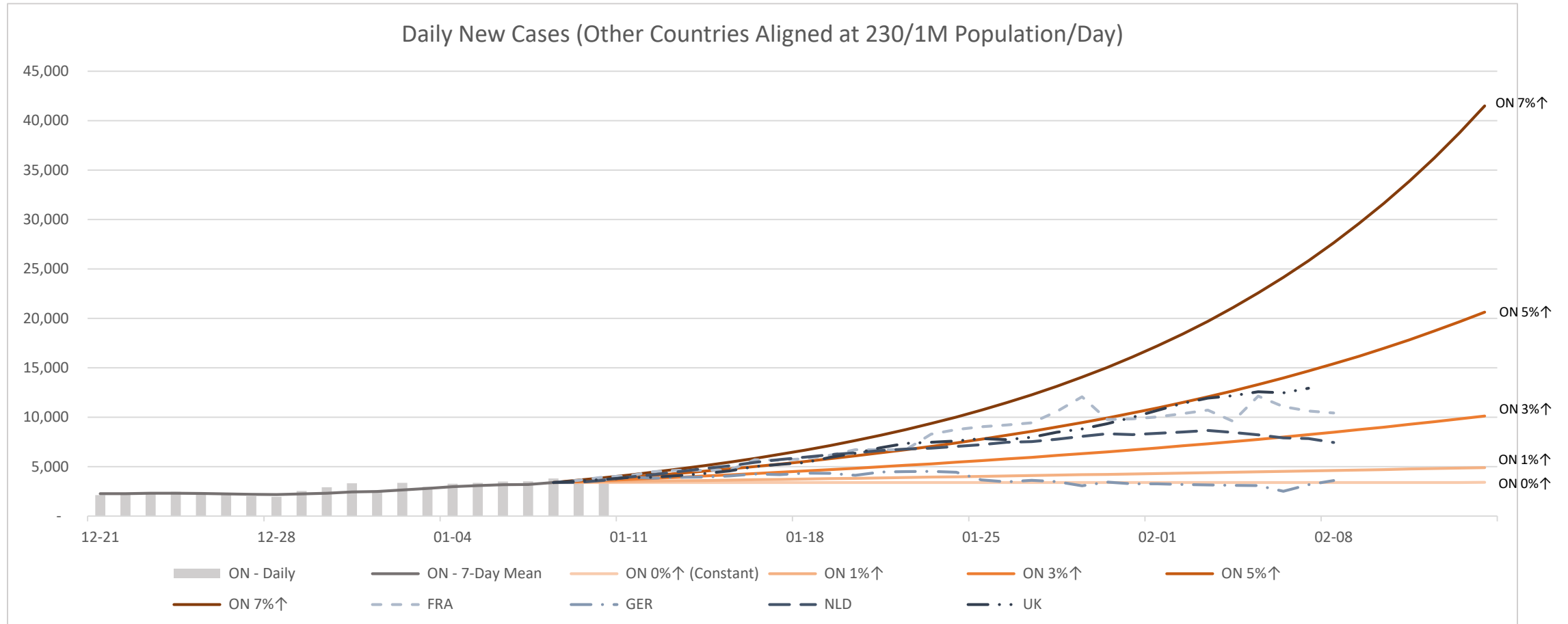
- In the last 4 weeks, how many people outside your household visited your house (meal, celebration, stay over)?



- And if so, did you observe restrictions?



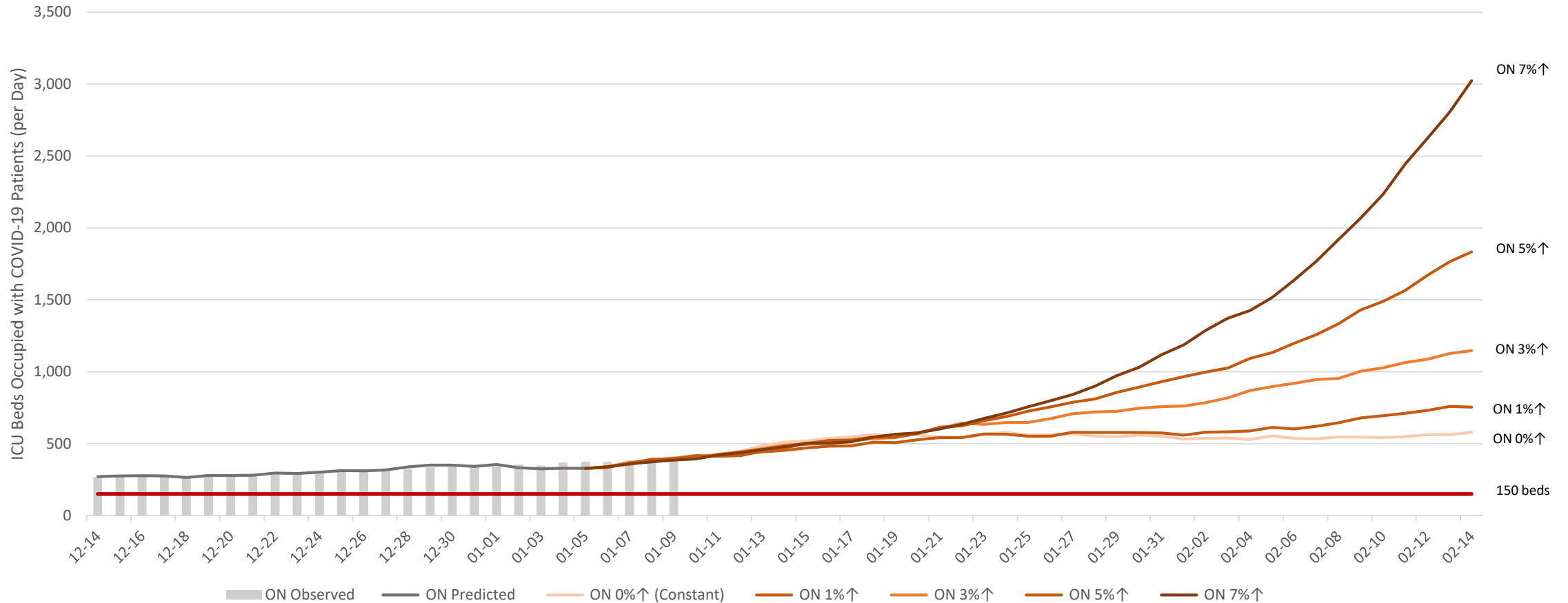
As happened in other jurisdictions, case growth continues under current levels of restrictions



Note: Ontario reached 23/100,000 cases between 1.5 and 3 months after these countries

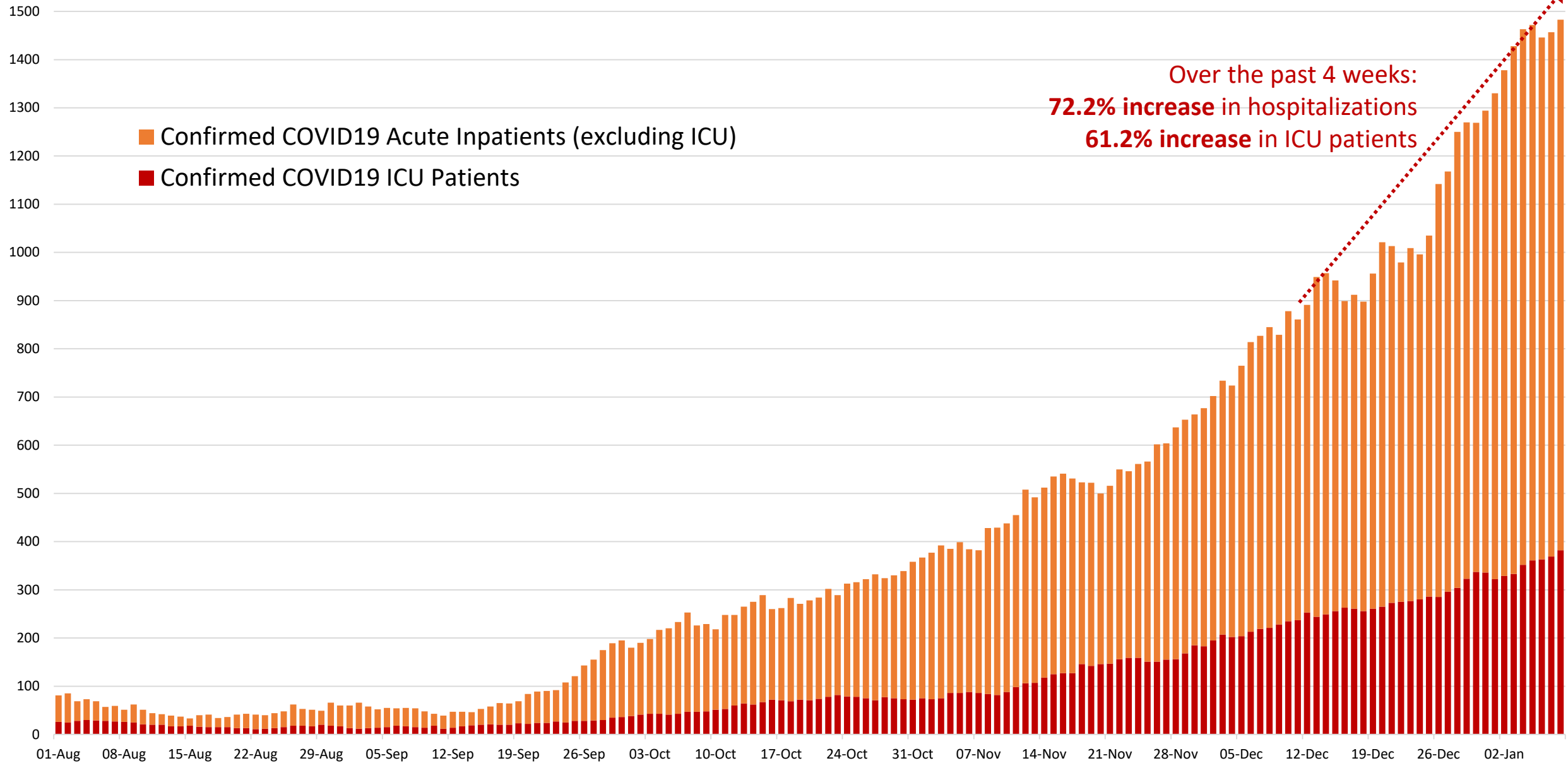
Predictions informed by modeling from McMasterU, Fields Institute, COVID-19 ModCollab, PHO; recent growth in new daily cases; reported cases in peer jurisdictions
 Data (Observed Cases): covid-19.ontario.ca; <https://ourworldindata.org>

Projections: COVID-19 ICU occupancy around 500 beds in mid-January, potentially over 1,000 beds in February in more severe, but realistic scenarios

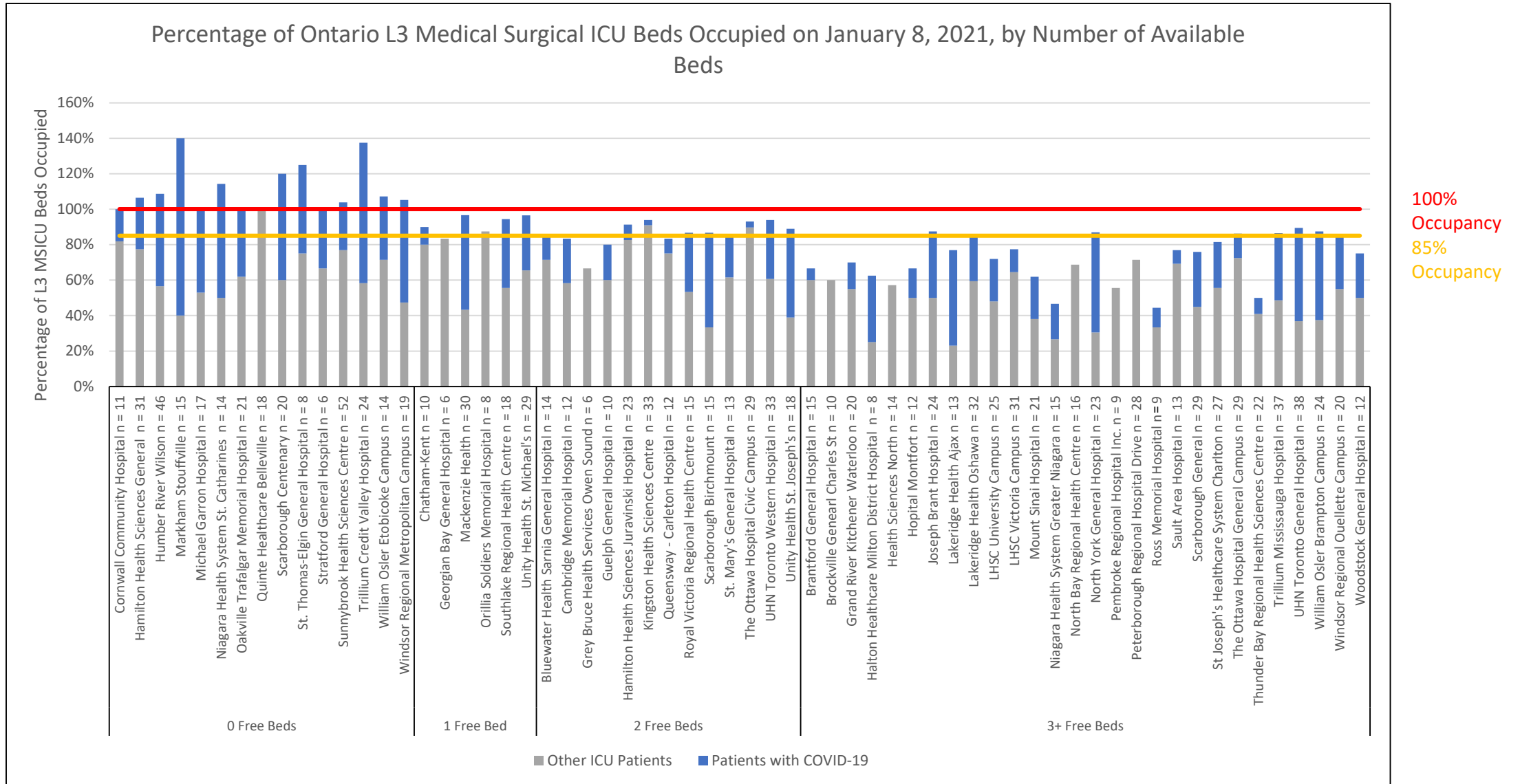


At 9% growth rate (not shown): >2,000 occupancy Feb 5

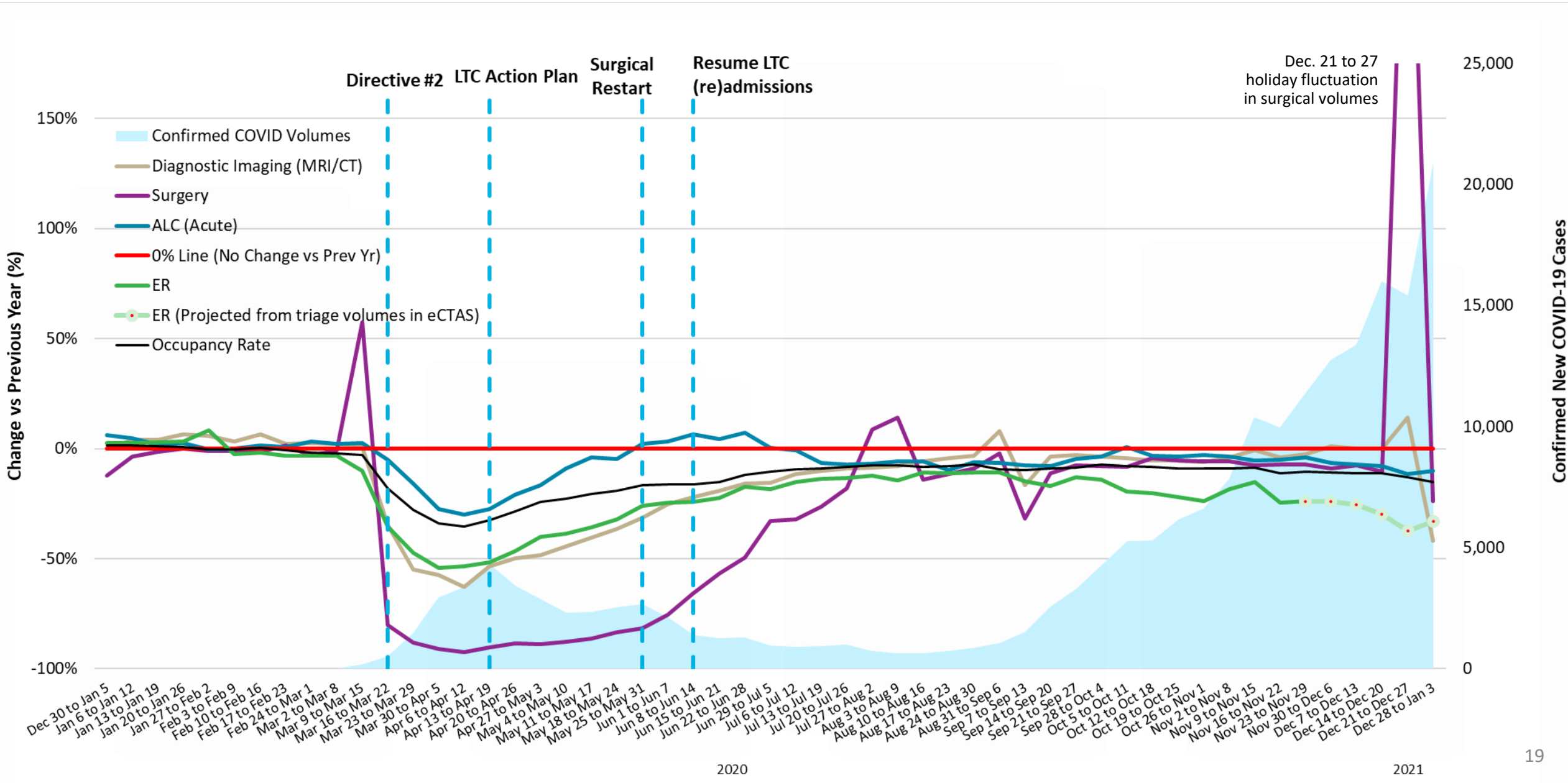
COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU admissions continue to climb



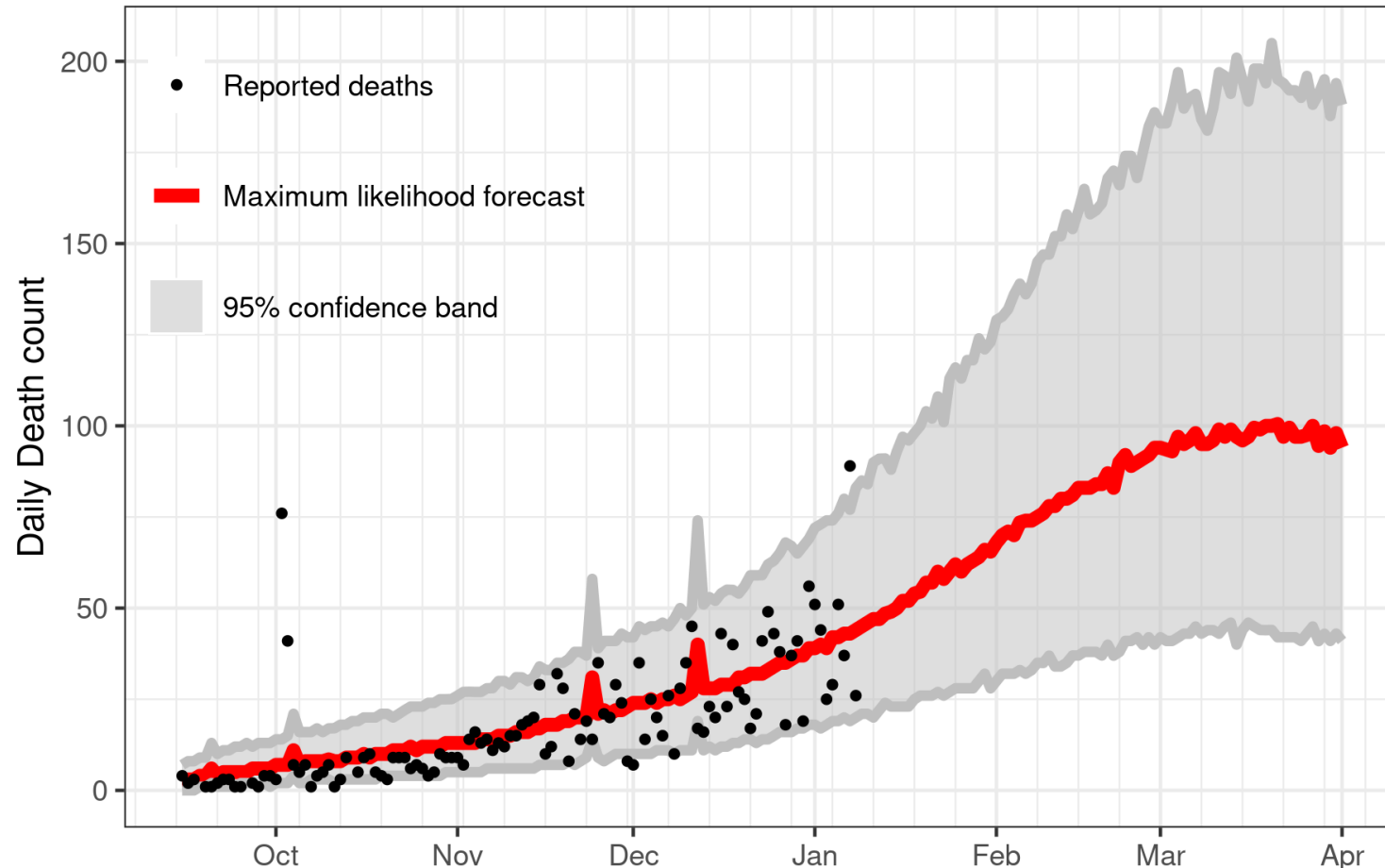
One quarter of hospitals have no ICU beds free, another quarter have only 1 or 2 beds free



Access to care continues to decline below 2019 levels



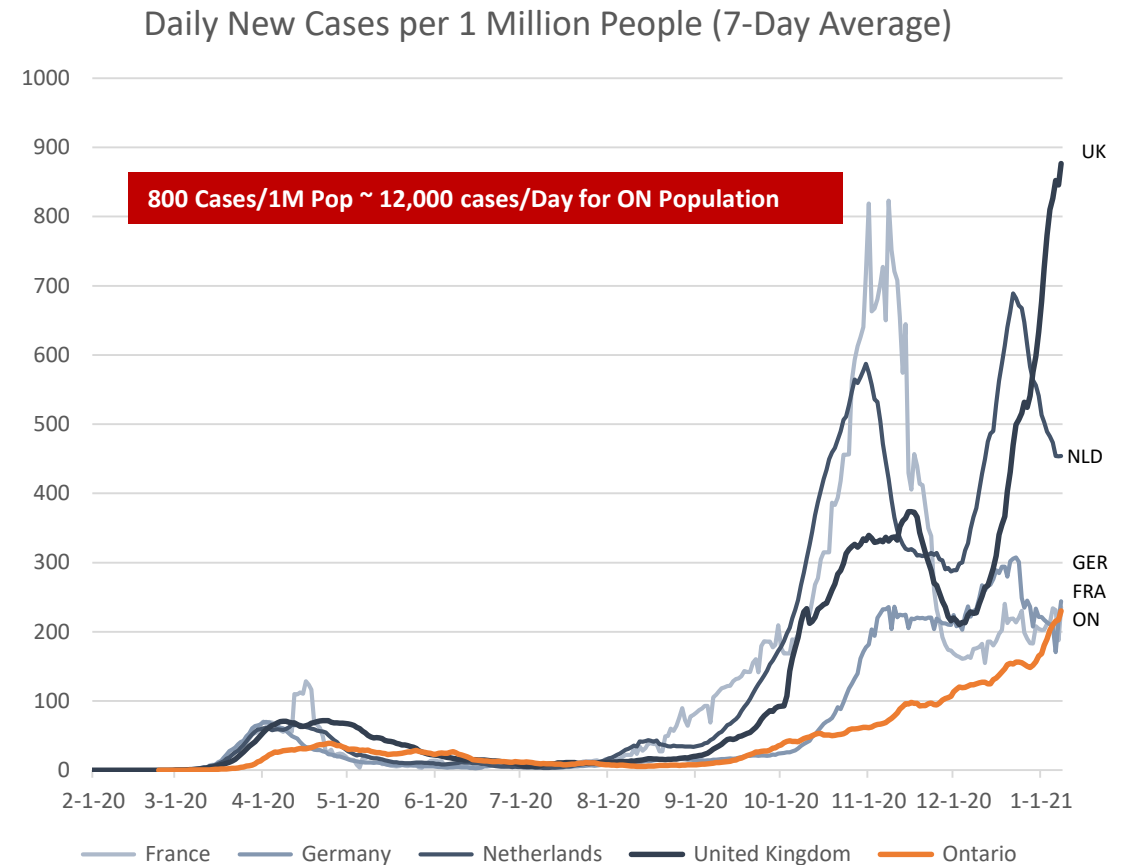
Daily mortality is increasing under current restrictions, doubling from 50 to 100 deaths per day between now and end of February



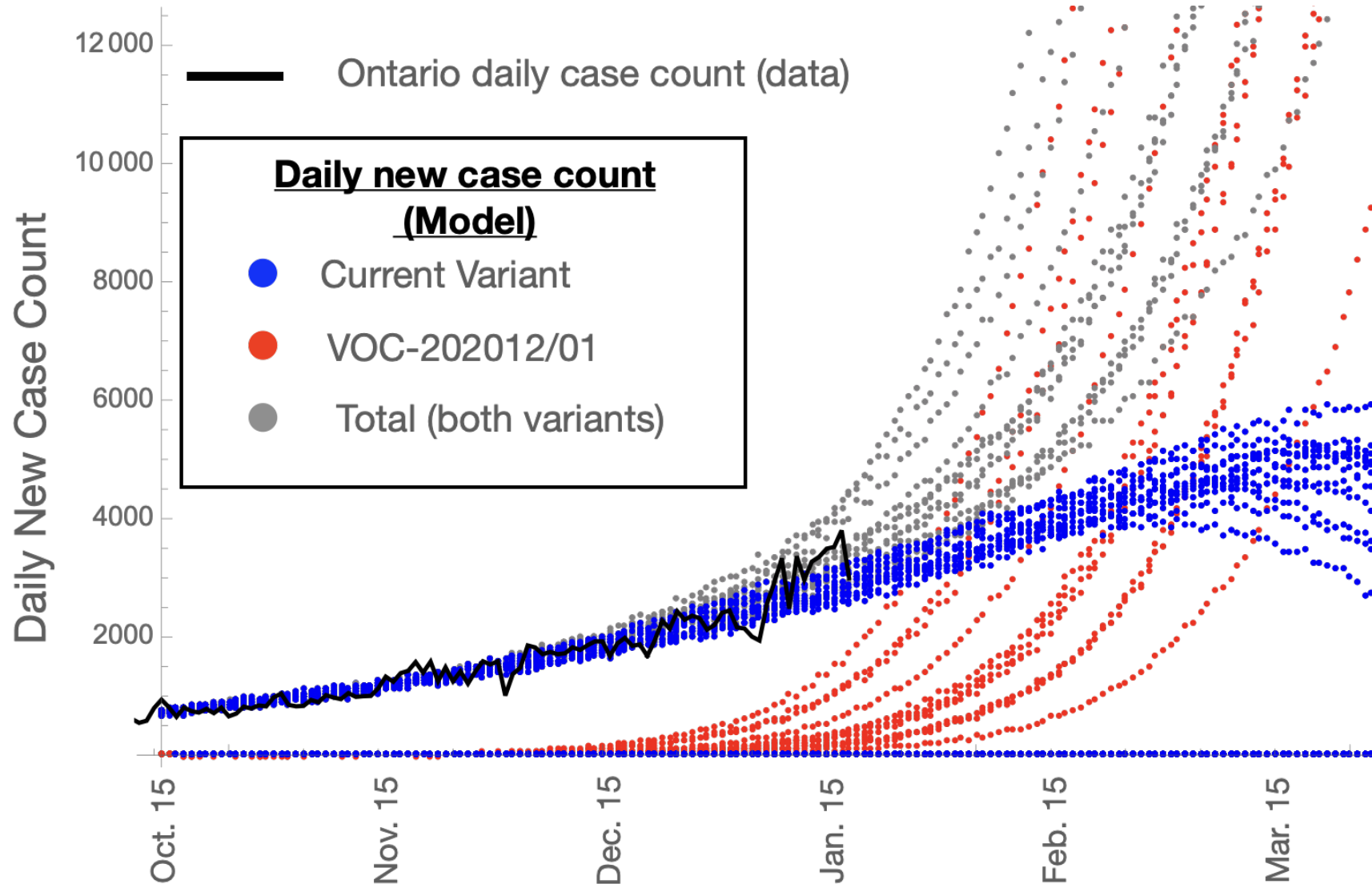
Assumption: continue current restrictions.

The Novel SARS-CoV-2 variant: B.1.1.7 appears to be much more easily transmitted

- Novel SARS-CoV-2 variant, B.1.1.7, emerged in southeast England in November
- Transmissibility: 56% ↑ (95% credible interval 50-74%)
- No increase in disease severity, vaccines likely still effective



If the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7 spreads in the community, doubling time for cases could drop to 10 days in March



Assumptions: 1 case infected with B.1.1.7. from the UK entering Ontario mid-Oct, transmissibility of variant 56% ↑ than other circulating variants (based on UK data), continue current restrictions.

Key components of hard lockdowns in peer jurisdictions

| | Victoria, Australia | France (Fall) | UK* | Germany* | Netherlands* |
|---|---------------------|---------------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Strict stay-at-home order / movement restrictions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Non-essential retail closed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bars, restaurants , gyms etc. closed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Most workplaces closed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Schools closed | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mandatory masking outdoors | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Testing blitz in high risk areas | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Curfew | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Enforcement | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

✓ = fully imposed, ✓ = partially imposed, ✗ = not imposed, *Currently in lockdown

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