

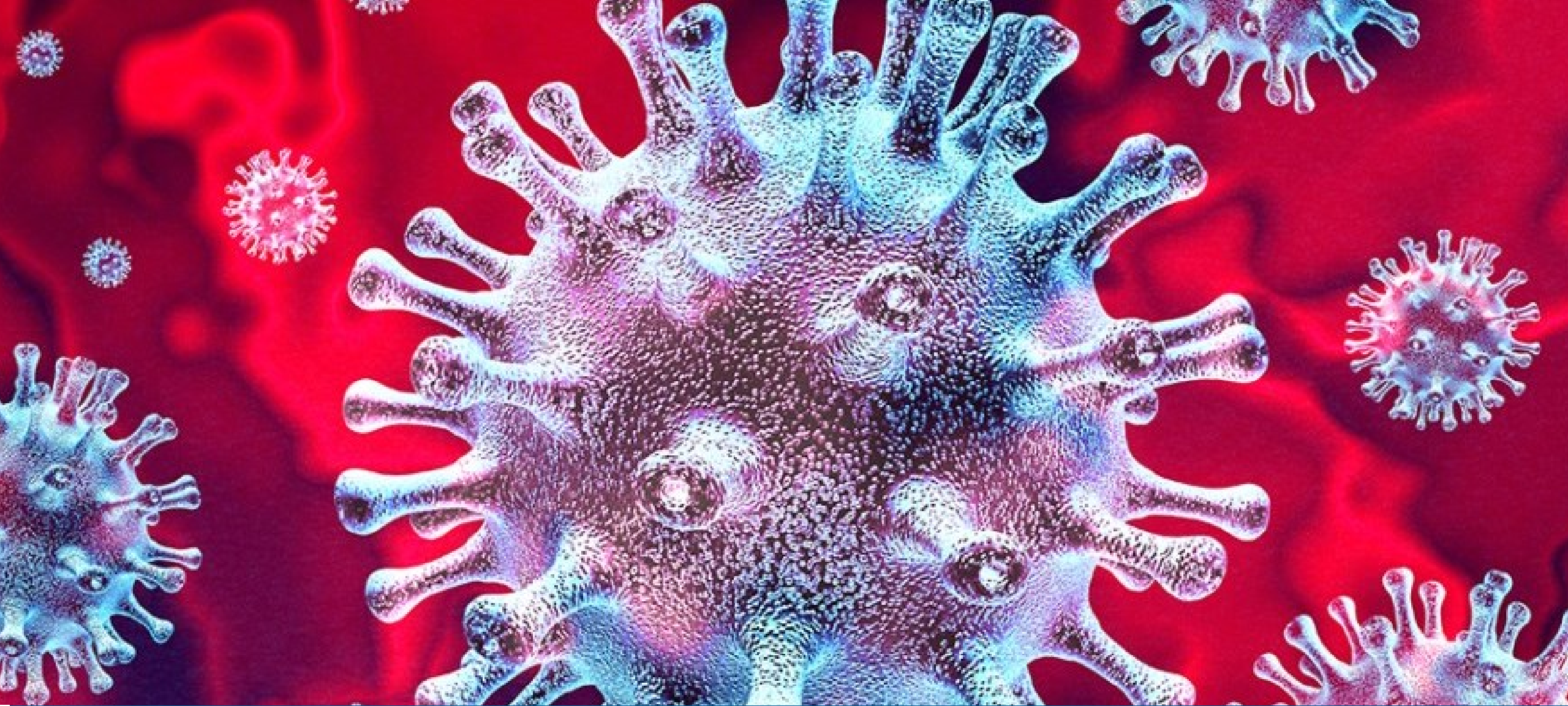


COVID-19 Update

Presentation to the
Durham Nuclear Health
Committee

Health Department

June 19, 2020



Health Department Response to COVID-19

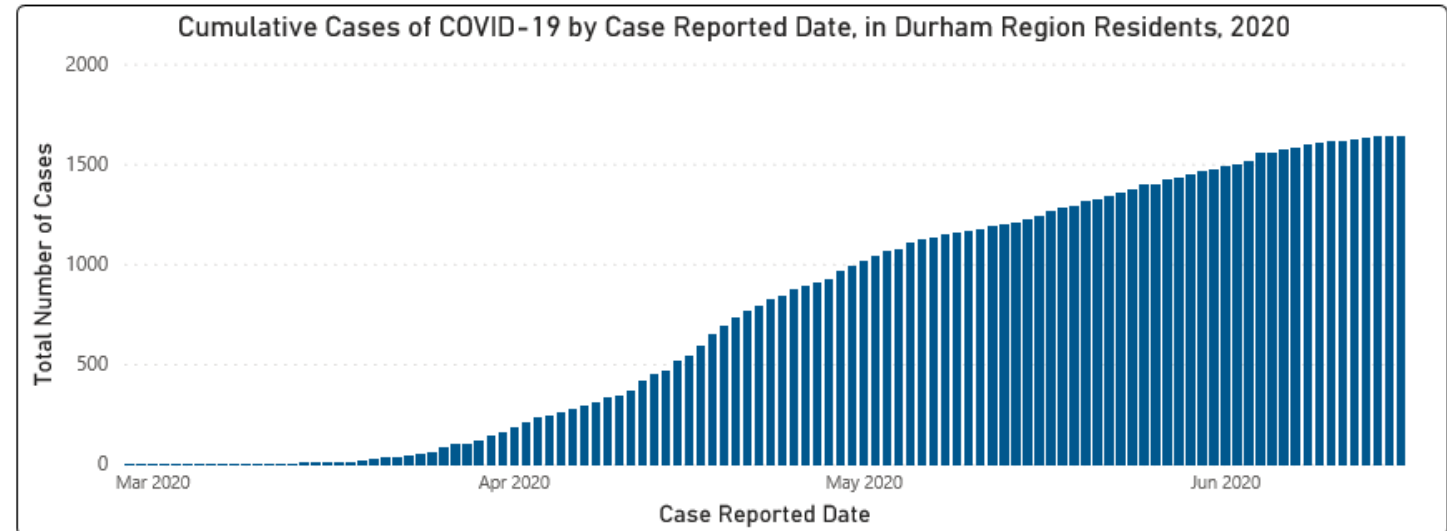
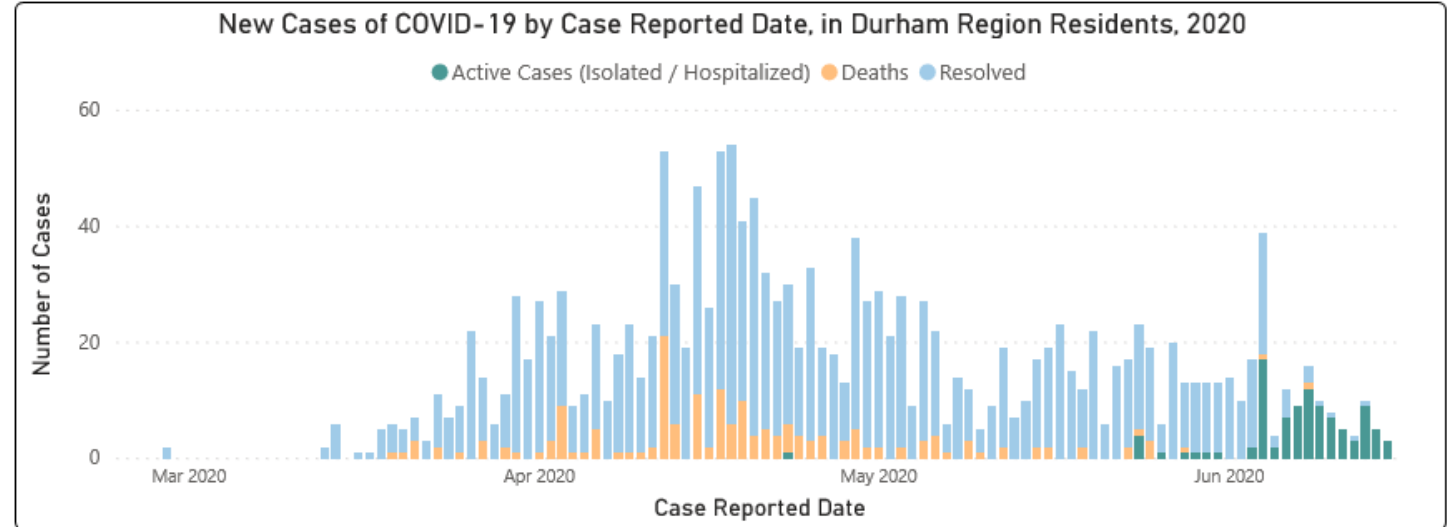


Health Response to COVID-19

	Durham (As of June 16)
Total # of cases	1,644
Total # deaths	179 (11% total cases)
Deaths in LTCHs and RHs	151 (84% total deaths)
Total # ongoing outbreaks*	2
Total outbreaks* concluded	31

*In long-term care homes (LTCHs), retirement homes (RHs) and hospitals

durham.ca/novelcoronavirus





Health Response to COVID-19

The entire team in the Health Department continues to work around the clock to keep the residents of Durham safe. As of June 15:

- 77,997 phone interactions since the onset of the COVID crisis
- 19,750 nursing assessments completed to determine if further medical intervention is required
- 964 investigations re: priority populations (e.g. shelters, group homes, etc.)
- 1,880 follow-ups with LTCHs and RHs
- 27,206 calls to Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) and 15,701 patients transported to hospital

#PublicHealthProtects

Durham Region Health Department's COVID-19 response to reduce the spread of illness and protect the health and safety of area residents is a team effort. As of June 15, response activities include:



964 investigations / inquiries regarding priority population settings



19,750 nursing assessments to determine if further medical intervention is required



8,000 testing kits prepared by administrative support staff



26 outbreaks managed by public health inspectors in long-term care homes and retirement homes



77,997 COVID-19 phone interactions with residents and community partners



395,478 clicks on the link to the Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker from durham.ca/novelcoronavirus



4,735 COVID-19 cases & contacts managed by public health nurses



4,641 nasal swabs obtained by paramedics from area residents, emergency childcare centre staff, clients and staff of long-term care, retirement homes, shelters and other congregate settings

51 investigations by public health inspectors for confirmed positive cases not contacting Durham Health Connection Line for follow-up

33 investigations conducted by public health inspectors for people failing to self-isolate under the Section 22 Class Order

2,643 investigations initiated in facilities and **5,524** follow-ups with facilities completed by public health inspectors



Durham Health Connection Line | 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/novelcoronavirus

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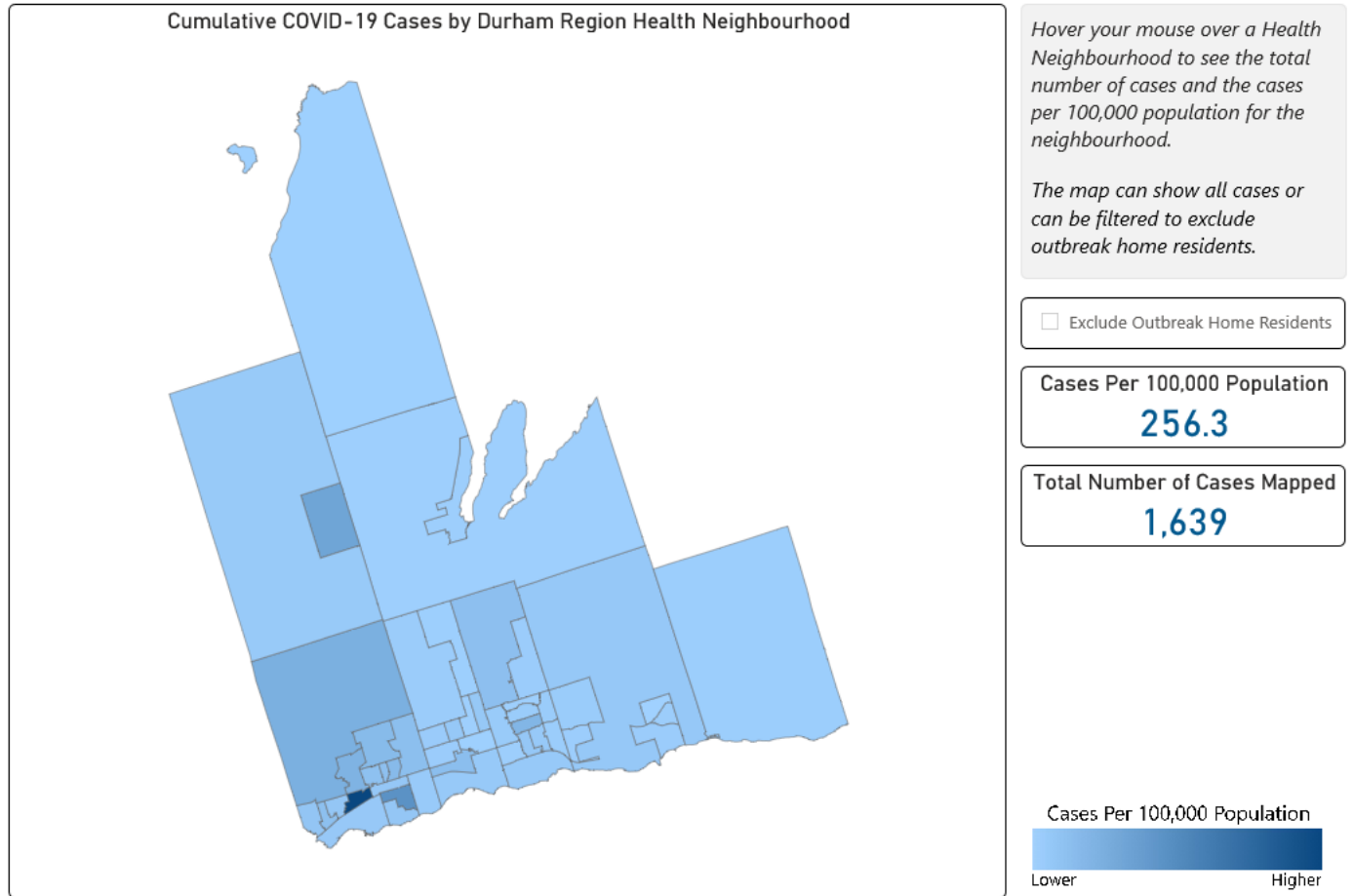
- Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario has noted that the data suggest that Ontario is moving past the peak of COVID-19 infection
- In Durham, the data support movement past the peak and there is an overall decrease of new cases reported in the community
- Data show that community spread is still occurring
- The number of outbreaks in LTCHs and RHs are decreasing and many have concluded. Staff continues to provide support to institutions with ongoing outbreaks

Enhancements to the Data Tracker

- Detailed information on institutional outbreaks
- Trend data by reported date and onset date
- Cases reported by exposure source as determined through contact tracing
- Map of cases by Health Neighbourhood

Map of Cases by Health Neighbourhood

This map shows cases according to the health neighbourhood where the case lives, which does not necessarily reflect where they acquired COVID-19. In some instances, exposure to the disease occurred outside of Durham Region. COVID-19 is circulating in all areas of our community. Physical distancing, wearing a face covering (non-medical mask) and hand washing are needed to reduce your risk of getting the disease, wherever you are.



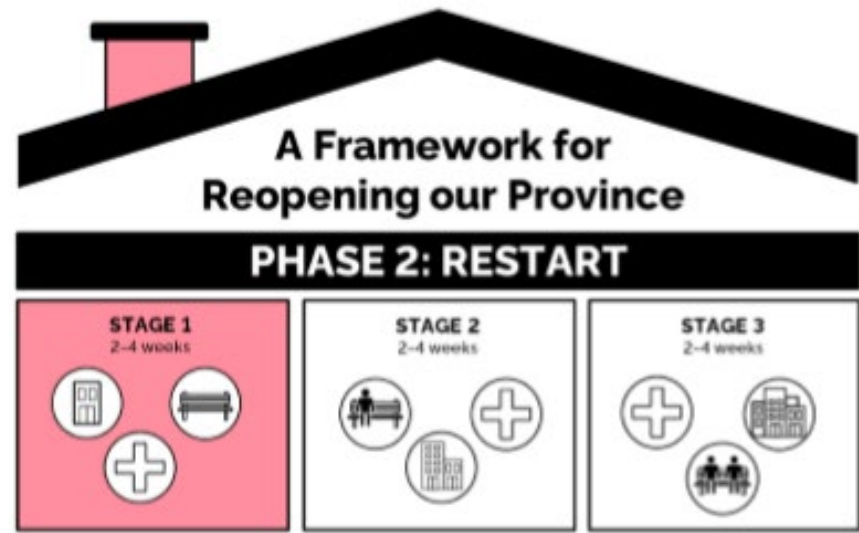
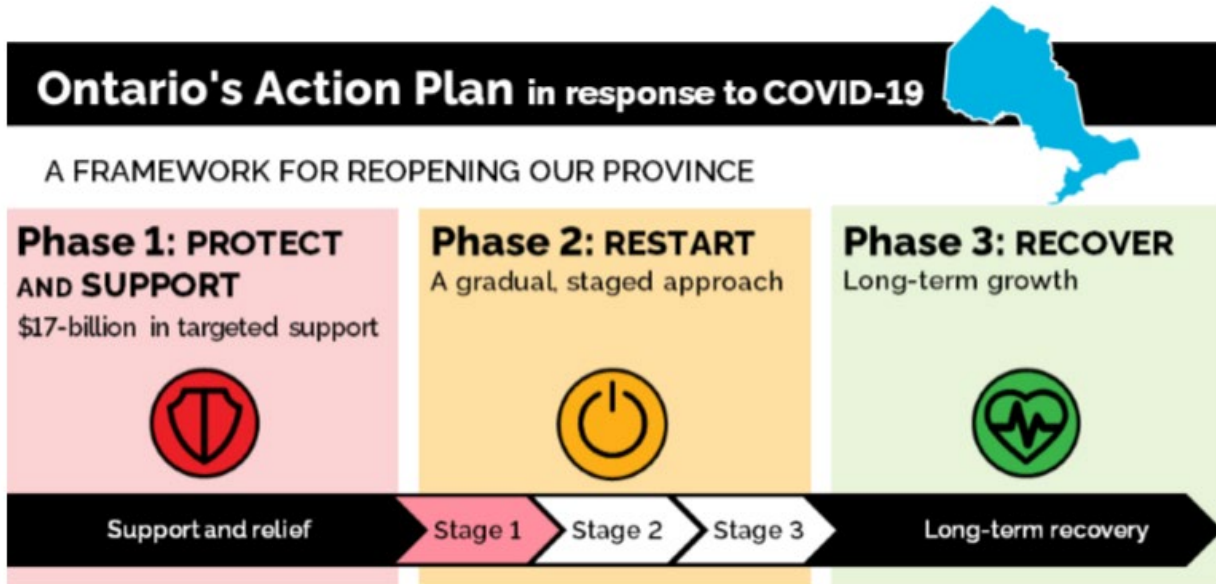
Enhanced Surveillance Testing

- In accordance to provincial direction, Health Department staff and local partners mobilized resources to test all staff and residents in LTCHs and staff in emergency childcare centres by May 15
- With the assistance of RDPS, who obtained nasal swabs where needed, the target was achieved
- RDPS is now obtaining nasal swabs on a voluntary basis at RHs and other congregate living settings (e.g., group homes, shelters, migrant farm workers housing, etc.)
 - There is no current provincial direction for testing in these settings; testing will support local surveillance
- As of June 15, RDPS has collected 4,641 swabs

Case & Contact Management

- Case and contact management continue to be a main focus of COVID-19 response activities
- Ministry of Health (MOH) goal - 90% of newly identified cases to be contacted by their public health unit within 24 hours from when the public health unit was notified of the case
- This is a key indicator that has been informing the gradual reopening of the economy
- Ongoing updates are provided to the Province to report on contact tracing
- The Health Department has consistently achieved 100% of newly identified cases contacted within 24 hours
- Last week the Health Department successfully reached 96% of contacts within 24 hours and 100% of contacts within 48 hours

Provincial Framework for Reopening





Stage 2 – Durham Region

- The Province announced that Durham Region is allowed to move to Stage 2 on June 19 at 12:01 am
- Stage 2 allows for the reopening of many businesses and workplaces including personal services settings, recreational water facilities, restaurants & bars, shopping malls, etc.
- A complete list is available at www.ontario.ca
- Dates and approaches to reopening may vary based on each community's local needs and the ability of each business or service to meet workplace safety guidelines and public health advice

Reopening of Businesses

- A new online Community Reopening Toolkit with downloadable signage and flyers to provide businesses and the community with information on the safe reopening of services was launched on May 29
- The toolkit includes links to resources from a variety of industry agencies and numerous guidance documents for sector-specific businesses and services
- The toolkit is continuously updated as new openings and phases are announced

Reopening of Businesses



As Ontario begins to reopen the economy, we encourage all Durham Region residents and businesses to review the information in this Community Reopening Toolkit.

This information has been compiled by Durham Region Health Department. It is intended to provide guidance to residents and businesses to prepare for safe reopening of our community, subject to direction from the Province of Ontario, and should not be construed as legal advice or to replace specific instructions that may be issued by Durham Region Health Department or the Province.

Visit our [COVID-19 Update page](#) for additional resident and health-related information.



The Durham Economic Task Force is here to help you navigate this crisis and working together to provide resources, tools and business support programs for businesses.

[COVID-19 response for businesses](#)

durham.ca/reopeningtoolkit

Reopening of Businesses

Sector specific guidance

Agriculture	+	Manufacturing	+
Arts, culture, festivals and events	+	Office	+
Child care	+	Parks and recreation	+
Conservation	+	Personals service settings (PSS)	+
Construction	+	Restaurant and food services	+
Food processing sector	+	Retail	+
Food retail	+	Social services	+
General	+	Tourism and hospitality	+
Golf	+	Transit	+
Health care	+	Transportation	+
Health care professionals	+	Veterinary and animal services	+



Health Department Resources

- [Durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](https://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus)
- [Durham.ca/covidcases](https://durham.ca/covidcases)
Data tracker
- [Durham.ca/HCP](https://durham.ca/HCP)
Health care provider resources