



**City of Hamilton**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH REVISED**

**Meeting #:** 21-005  
**Date:** May 17, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with \*)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. April 19, 2021

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*5.1. Correspondence from Mel Switzer, President, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture; and Drew Spoelstra, Vice-President, Ontario Farmers' Association, respecting support for Agricultural Workers and Food Processors as a Priority Vaccination Group.

Recommendation: Be received.

- \*5.2. Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health, respecting Appreciation and Support for the Provinces' Decision to Extend the Current Stay-at-Home Order

Recommendation: Be received.

## **6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- \*6.1. Delegation Request from Kate Mulligan, Toronto Board of Health Member, respecting Reformation of Hamilton's Board of Health (for today's meeting)
- \*6.2. Terri Bedminster, Refuge Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting Reforming Board of Health and Vaccinations for Tenants in COVID-19 Hotspot Buildings (for today's meeting)

WITHDRAWN

- \*6.3. Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)
- \*6.4. David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)

## **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

## **8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.1. Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to Present (to be distributed)

## **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS / VIRTUAL DELEGATIONS**

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **11. MOTIONS**

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

## **14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**



## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 21-004**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually**

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek and J. Partridge

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillors T. Whitehead – Personal

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Nurse Family Partnership 2021 Program Funding and Service Level Update (BOH07035(j)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Ferguson/Clark)**

That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to extend the existing agreement with the Hamilton Community Foundation and accept a grant in the amount of \$39,000 to support the Nurse Family Partnership© program for 2021, and that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize and report on the use of these funds.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
ABSENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**2. 2021 Public Health Services Organizational Risk Management Plan (BOH21003) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That Appendix "A" to Report BOH21003, the 2021 Public Health Services Organizational Risk Management Action Plan, be approved by the Board of Health.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
ABSENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**3. Secondment of Child & Adolescent Services Staff to Thrive Child and Youth Trauma Services (BOH21005) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

**(Ferguson/Pauls)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to receive, utilize, and report on the use of funding from Thrive Child and Youth Trauma Services for a 0.4 FTE Psychological Associate position in the Child & Adolescent Services program;
- (b) That the Board of Health authorize an increase to the Child & Adolescent Services staff complement by a 0.4 FTE Psychological Associate for a temporary full-time position for the duration of the twenty-four month pilot project; and,



- (c) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to enter into a secondment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Thrive Child and Youth Trauma Services for a twenty-four month pilot project with a one term renewal option, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
ABSENT	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised the Board that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Pauls/Pearson)**

That the agenda for the April 19, 2021 Board of Health be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
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YES	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

**(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) March 22, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the Minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to Present (Item 9.1)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health; Paul Johnson, General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities; Dr. Sider, Public Health Physician; Michelle Baird, Director, Healthy and Safe Communities and Stephanie Hughes, Epidemiologist, Healthy and Safe Communities, addressed the Board with an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to present, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the Presentation respecting an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to present, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
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**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Jackson/Ferguson)**

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

**From:** Michelle Spoelstra  
**To:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
**Cc:** [Mel Switzer](#); [Drew Spoelstra](#)  
**Subject:** Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture -Vaccine support  
**Date:** May 13, 2021 10:19:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [HWFA-Vaccine support.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

On behalf of HWFA President, Mel Switzer and OFA Vice-President, Drew Spoelstra, I have attached a letter encouraging HPHS to follow the leadership of neighbouring health units that recognize the importance of our agricultural workers and food processors by prioritizing, communicating and offering vaccinations for this priority group.

Thank you for this consideration.

Regards,

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*Michelle Spoelstra*

Secretary/Treasurer  
Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture  
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Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture

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May 13, 2021

Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Chair of the Board of Health

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson  
Medical Officer of Health

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Dr. Richardson,

The Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (HWFA) is a local voice for more than 545 farm families – a significant source of food, fiber and fuel, as well as employment, in the City of Hamilton. Agriculture has met the challenge of providing a safe, stable, and strong food supply in the City of Hamilton, and across the province, throughout the pandemic. Farmers, farm workers and food processing workers are essential as they collectively support the entire food system, but this can only be maintained if these workers remain on the job and in good health.

HWFA strongly encourages Hamilton Public Health Services (HPS) to invest in the food security that is vital to the well-being of Hamilton residents by prioritizing farmers, farm workers and food processing workers in the local vaccine roll out. These workers, including those who live and work in congregate settings and seasonal agricultural workers, are clearly identified as Group 1 of the Province's Phase 2 Vaccination Plan.

We are encouraged to learn that some Hamilton farmers are now able to book vaccines through the opening of the provincial booking system, but there does not seem to be any prioritization of these essential workers. To date, there has been no communication from HPS to the agriculture community, leaving farmers and agri-food employers wondering what they can do to protect workers while they continue to provide food for our tables. HWFA encourages HPS to follow the leadership of neighbouring health units that recognize the importance of our agricultural workers and food processors by prioritizing, communicating and offering vaccinations for this priority group. Implementing a plan, such as dedicated vaccination clinics

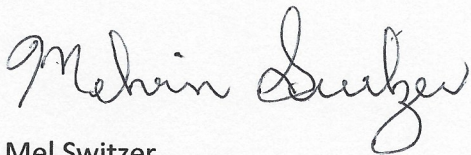


for farmers and farm workers can help this prioritization, recognizing the importance of keeping our food supply chain strong.

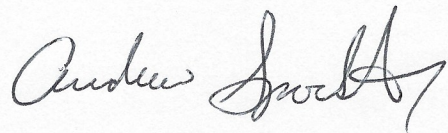
HWFA is also concerned about the impact of potential Section 22 workplace closures on our food system. Just one closed workplace in the agri-food system has a vast impact on the overall system beyond Hamilton borders. Taking vaccine clinics to the food processing sector in Hamilton would help secure our local food system.

We ask you to consider these points and elevate the priority of these essential workers in local vaccine appointments. HWFA is here to help, and we would be happy to meet with you to discuss the role we can play in prioritizing vaccines for farm and food workers, ensuring a secure local food system for Hamilton.

Yours truly,



Mel Switzer,  
Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture,  
President



Drew Spoelstra,  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,  
Vice President

Cc:  
Donna Skelly, MPP Flamborough-Glanbrook  
Members of the Board of Health  
Hamilton City Councillors

**From:** allhealthunits  
**To:** [AllHealthUnits@lists.alphaweb.org](mailto:AllHealthUnits@lists.alphaweb.org)  
**Subject:** [allhealthunits] FW: CORRESPONDENCE: PPH Board of Health thanks for SAH Order Extension  
**Date:** May 14, 2021 11:36:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [210514 Premier Thanks SAH Extension ns.pdf](#)

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**ATTN: ONTARIO BOARDS OF HEALTH**

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**From:** Alida Gorizzan  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 11:15 AM  
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**Cc:** 'christine.elliott@pc.ola.org' <[christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)>; 'dave.smithco@pc.ola.org' <[dave.smithco@pc.ola.org](mailto:dave.smithco@pc.ola.org)>; Dave Piccini ([david.piccinico@pc.ola.org](mailto:david.piccinico@pc.ola.org)) <[david.piccinico@pc.ola.org](mailto:david.piccinico@pc.ola.org)>; 'laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org' <[laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org)>; 'AudreyP@curvelake.ca' <[AudreyP@curvelake.ca](mailto:AudreyP@curvelake.ca)>; Trisha Shearer ([hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca)) <[hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca)>; John Kennedy ([JKennedy@peterborough.ca](mailto:JKennedy@peterborough.ca)) <[JKennedy@peterborough.ca](mailto:JKennedy@peterborough.ca)>; 'clerksoffice@ptbocounty.ca' <[clerksoffice@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:clerksoffice@ptbocounty.ca)>; Rosana Salvaterra <[rsalvaterra@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:rsalvaterra@peterboroughpublichealth.ca)>; Andy Mitchell <[amitchell@selwyntownship.ca](mailto:amitchell@selwyntownship.ca)>  
**Subject:** CORRESPONDENCE: PPH Board of Health thanks for SAH Order Extension

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence, sent on behalf of the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health, regarding the above-noted matter.

Sincerely,  
Alida Gorizzan

**Alida Gorizzan**

*Executive Assistant to Dr. Rosana (Pellizzari) Salvaterra,  
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May 14, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Peterborough board of health, I would like to share our appreciation and support for your decision to extend the current Stay-at-Home Order that was set to expire on May 19 until at least June 2, 2021. Your announcement yesterday has come as good news for our communities in Peterborough, where we have seen a much slower decline in the incidence of daily COVID-19 cases than with previous provincial lock downs.

Although we understand the sacrifices that are required by our local operators and businesses, it is critical that when we do emerge from this period, we are able to sustain any gains made. We continue to make great progress with our vaccination roll-out but we will not have achieved the critical mass of fully immunized individuals by June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we must rely on a continuation of public health measures to prevent a resurgence.

With this in mind, we would like to propose three priorities for provincial leadership in order to prepare for June 2nd and a successful transition to recovery over the summer months:

First, we request that the province articulate the parameters that need to be achieved in order for the order to be lifted or modified. This includes clearly specifying goals such as daily new cases, transmission rates, test positivity rate, hospitalization and ICU capacity that will indicate when it is safe to ease the current restrictions. Sticking to the health measures will be much easier if we have specific goals to work towards.

Second, we urge that lower-risk outdoor activities be permitted. Communities are exhausted and the science supports the outdoors as a safer setting for physical activities such as play and recreation. Surely we can allow sports, exercise, and similar activities that can be done in small numbers, allow for physical distancing and other public health measures like the wearing of masks where necessary. For many of these spaces, the missing ingredient is the required supervision to ensure appropriate use. This may be a target for enhanced provincial funding to allow municipalities to step in to fill this gap.

Third, we believe that part of the encouragement for people to get vaccinated is the provision of the rationale. In other words, the descriptions of what additional activities can or loosened restrictions fully vaccinated individuals can expect. Now is the time to provide guidelines of what a fully vaccinated person can do with another fully vaccinated person – whether that may be to hug, eat together, share a visit with a parent in long-term care. We encourage the Premier to accept the invitation from ALPHa, our provincial association of boards of health, for further input and advice on how best to ensure the success of Ontario's COVID-19 response as we move into the summer months.

The battle against COVID 19 and the management of the pandemic has highlighted the value of the partnership between public health and the government in protecting the health of Ontarians. As we move forward together to finish the job and as we consider the ongoing role of Public Health in a post-pandemic environment, we look forward to continuing the close collaboration with the government and other health care partners.

Once again, thank you, Premier, for taking action and communicating it clearly with us in a timely way.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Mayor Andy Mitchell  
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Curve Lake First Nation Council  
Hiawatha First Nation Council  
Peterborough City Council  
Peterborough County Council  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Ontario Boards of Health

**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
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**Subject:** BOH - Request to speak MULLIGAN  
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Magda Green

Administrative Assistant II to the City Clerk  
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To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Friday, May 14, 2021 - 8:30am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.74.77 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Kate Mulligan  
Name of Organization: Public Member, Toronto Board of Health  
Contact Number: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Mailing Address:  
[REDACTED]  
Reason(s) for delegation request: Reforming Hamilton's board of health  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/501116>

**From:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
**To:** [Richardson, Dr. Elizabeth](#); [Johnson, Paul](#)  
**Cc:** [Fernandes, Krislyn](#); [Martinello, Lynn](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form  
**Date:** May 14, 2021 1:26:00 PM

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==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Terri Bedminster  
[REDACTED] Organization: Refuge Ohamilton Centre for Newcomer health

Contact Number:

Email Address: terri@newcomerhealth.ca

Mailing Address:

REFUGE - Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health  
183 Hughson St S, Hamilton ON L8N 2B6

Reason(s) for delegation request: Reforming the board of health  
and the need to develop a strategy to vaccinate tenants in covid  
hotspot buildings

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

**From:** [Kolar, Loren](#)  
**To:** [Richardson, Dr. Elizabeth](#); [Johnson, Paul](#)  
**Cc:** [Fernandes, Krislyn](#); [Martinello, Lynn](#)  
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Submitted on Friday, May 14, 2021 - 12:00pm Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.140 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Emily Power

Name of Organization:

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request: The urgent need for a more proactive strategy to address COVID-19 outbreaks in apartment buildings in Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/501316>

# **Hamilton tenants are dying. We must act.**

Presentation to City of Hamilton Board of Health  
Monday, May 17, 2021

Emily Power

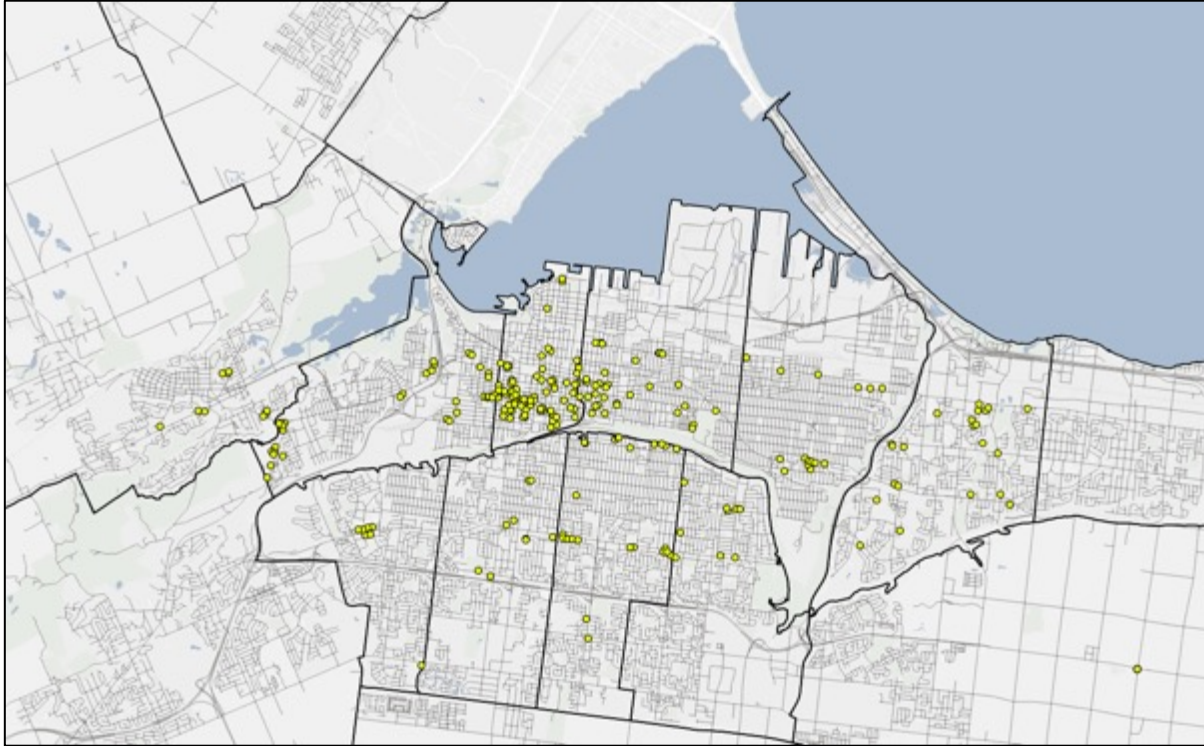


# How many Hamiltonians live in large apartment buildings?

Ward	Area	Percent of Population Renting	Percent of Population Living in 5+ Storey Apartment Building	Estimated Number of People Living 5+ Storey Apartment Building
1	Chedoke-Cootes	51.6%	28.7%	8,567
2	Downtown	76.4%	59.4%	19,958
3	Hamilton Centre	52.9%	11.2%	4,615
4	East Hamilton	30.3%	8.8%	3,396
5	Redhill	49.4%	38.2%	15,989
6	East Mountain	28.6%	10.7%	4,136
7	Central Mountain	32.3%	13.9%	6,597
8	West-Central Mountain	27.2%	8.3%	2,862
9	Upper Stoney Creek	11.9%	0.1%	29
10	Lower Stoney Creek	10.4%	4.3%	1,600
11	Glanbrook	6.0%	0.0%	0
12	Ancaster	7.3%	0.1%	43
13	Dundas	19.4%	11.1%	3,926
14	West Mountain	23.0%	8.0%	2,738
15	Flamborough-Waterdown	11.8%	3.9%	1,079
	City of Hamilton	32.4%	15.9%	85,370

Source: City of Hamilton Ward Profiles, with data from custom tabulations of Statistics Canada's 2016 Census.

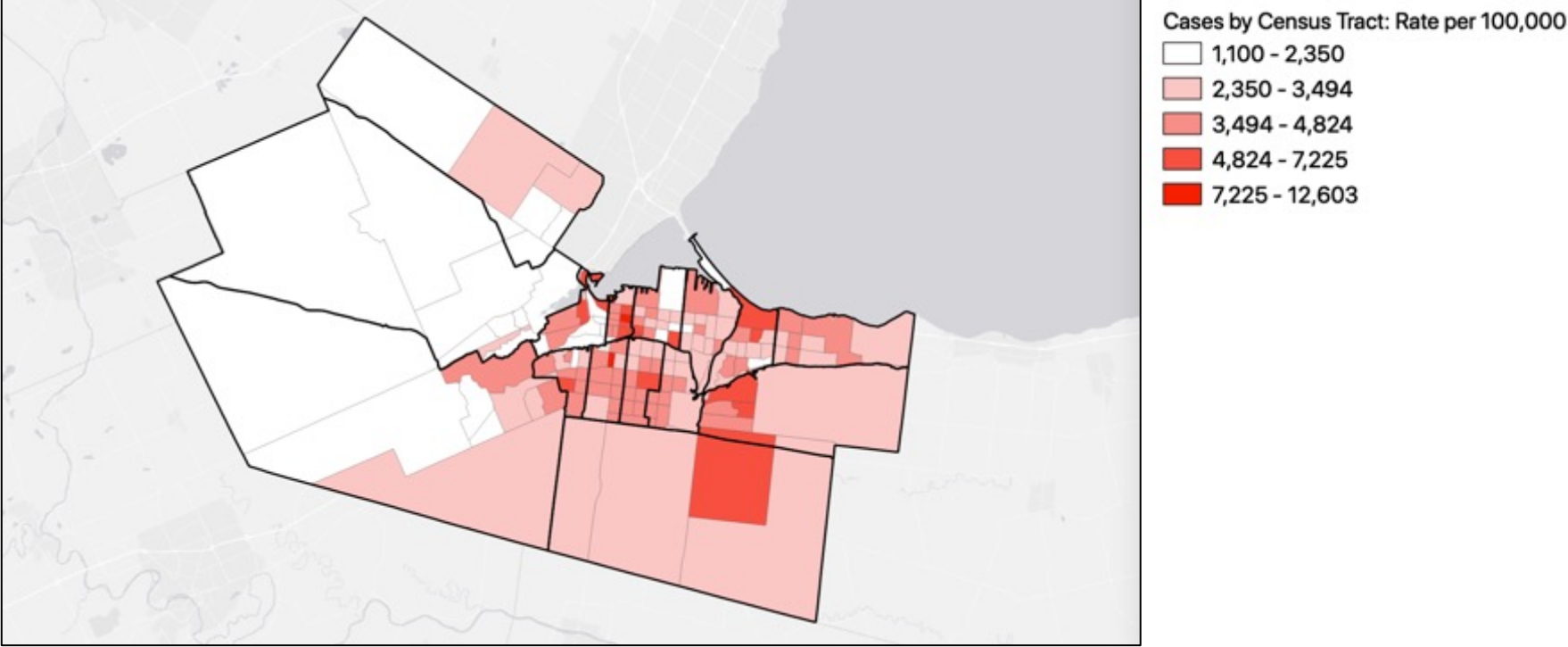
# Where are apartment buildings concentrated?



Locations of apartment buildings owned by private landlords and social housing landlords. Addresses compiled from landlord websites and City of Hamilton social housing directory. **254 buildings identified**, though likely missing some addresses.

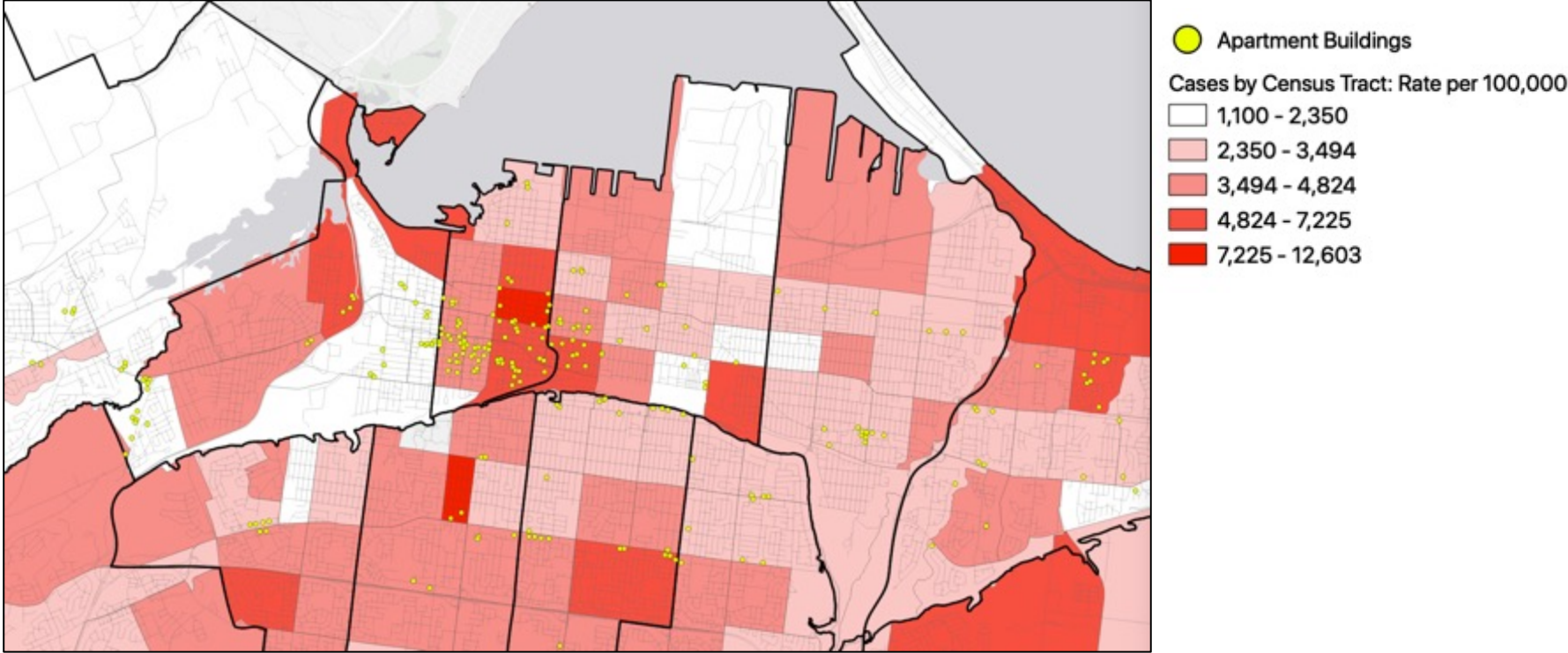
**14,810 Hamilton households report living in housing in need of major repairs**  
(Statistics Canada 2016 Census)

# Where are COVID-19 cases concentrated?



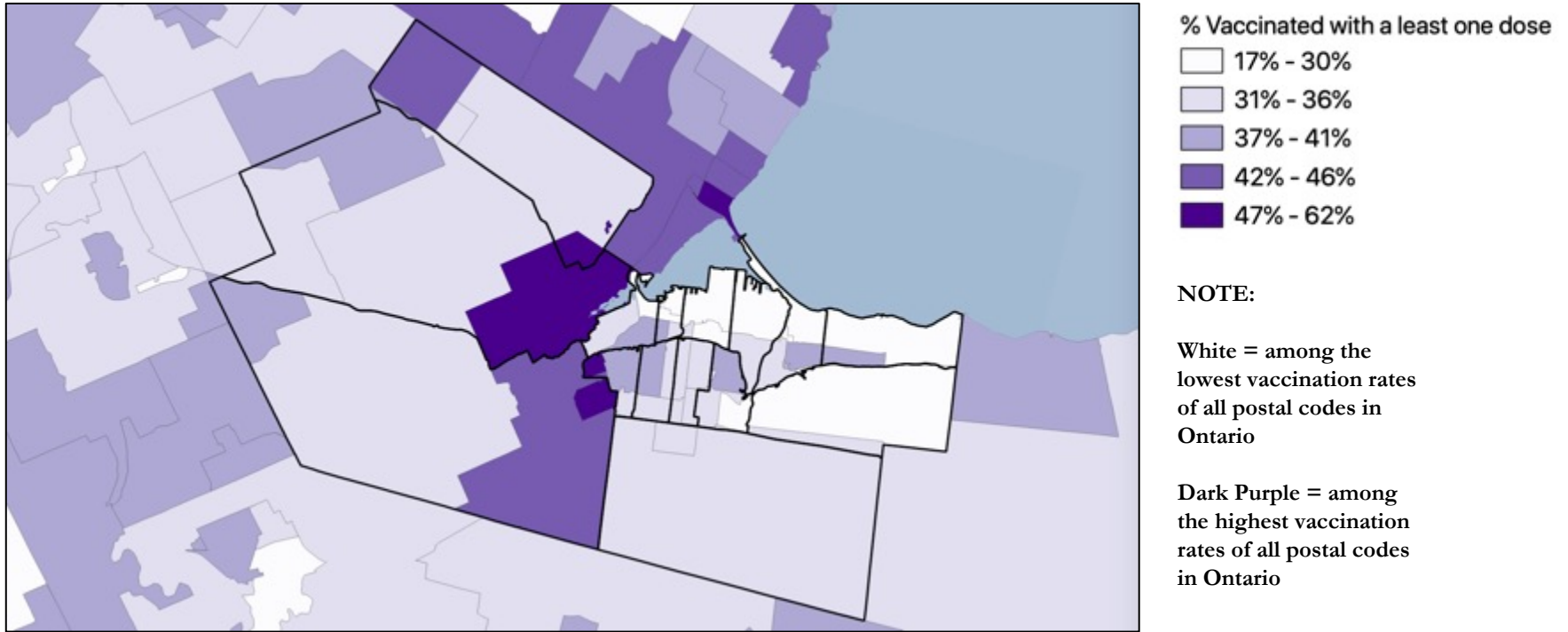
City of Hamilton Public Health (May 16, 2021): COVID-19 Incidence Rate per 100,000 by Census Tract.

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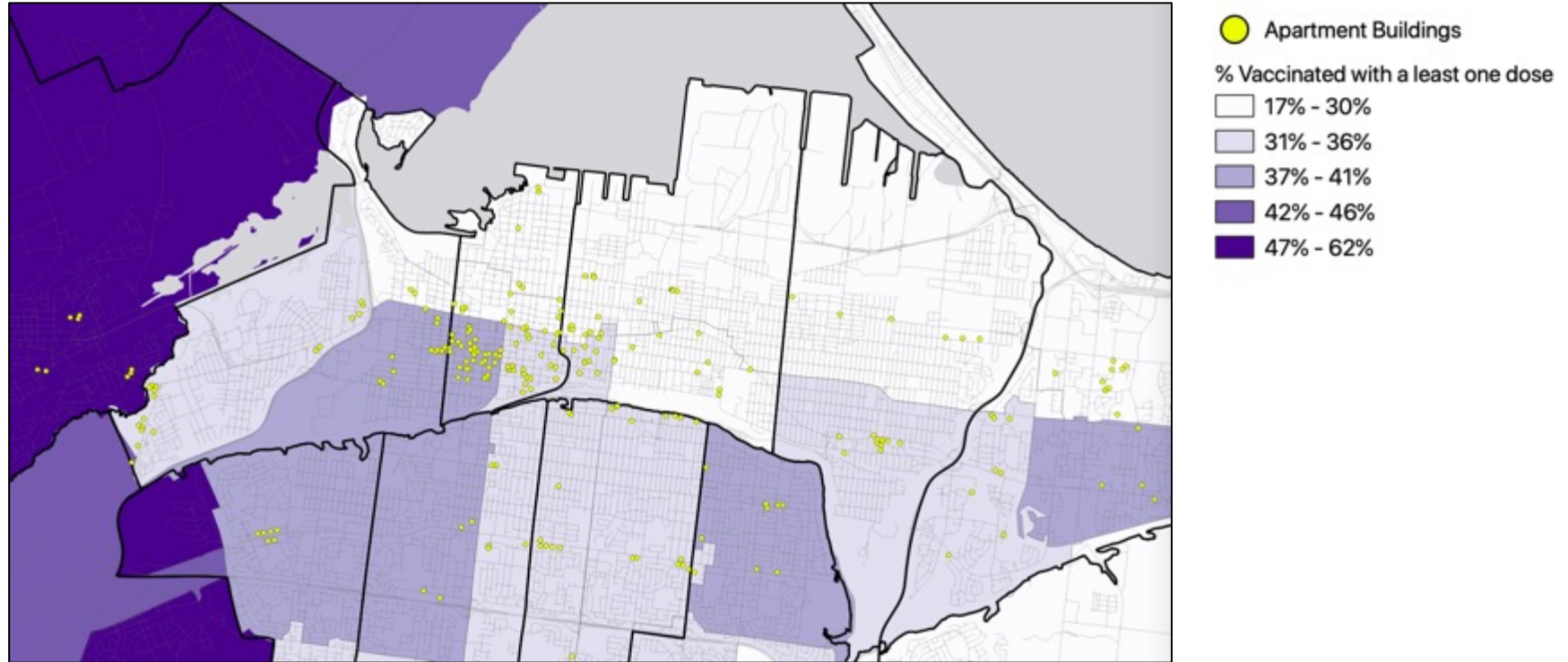
# Who is getting vaccinated? Who is getting left out?



Shows percentage of Hamiltonians by postal code vaccinated with a least one dose (all ages) as of May 10, 2021, the most recent data available.  
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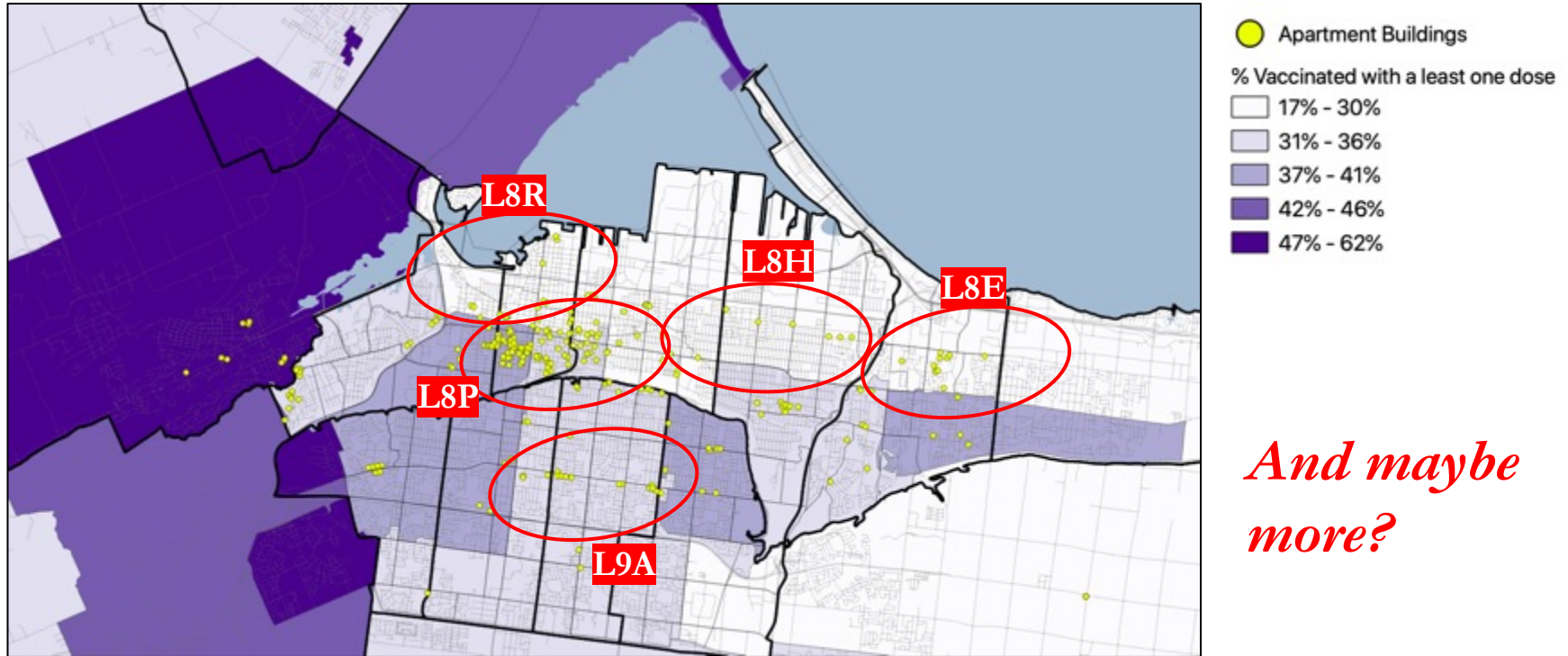


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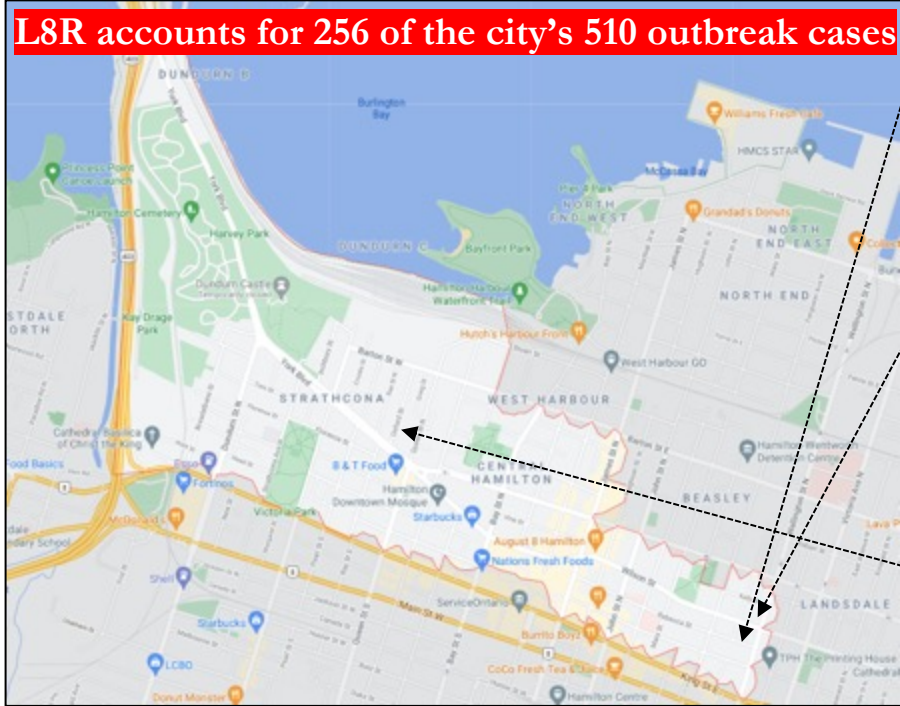
# Where are future apartment outbreaks likely to occur?



*And maybe more?*

Shows percentage of Hamiltonians by postal code vaccinated with a least one dose (all ages) as of May 10, 2021, the most recent data available. Data from Ontario's Institute for Clinical Evaluative Science's COVID-19 Dashboard.

# Example: Postal code L8R



Google Maps, 2021.



**235 Rebecca Street (164 units)**  
Medallion Corporation  
Outbreak declared May 3, 2021  
107 tenant cases (as of May 16, 2021)  
65% of households infected to date  
1 death



**125 Wellington Street North (360 units)**  
Equiton Real Estate Investment Trust  
Outbreak declared May 10, 2021  
36 tenant cases (as of May 16, 2021)  
10% of households infected to date  
No deaths yet



**151 Queen Street North (250 units)**  
Victoria Park Community Homes  
Outbreak declared May 10, 2021  
68 tenant cases (as of May 16, 2021)  
27% of households infected to date  
No deaths yet

City of Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 Outbreak Data, May 16, 2021.



# What barriers do tenants currently face when accessing vaccines?

## *For tenants in general:*

- May not be eligible yet (depending on postal code, age, type of job)
- Confusing booking process
- Working long shifts; do not have time to wait on hold for hours to get appointment; can't afford phone minutes
- Clinic locations may not be accessible for those who depend on transit
- Language barriers

## *For tenants in buildings with active outbreaks:*

- Serious fear of leaving unit and passing through common areas of building (hallway, elevator, stairwell) to travel to get vaccine; breathing air + interacting with other people, both neighbours in building and wider Hamilton community en route to clinic and back
- Especially true for seniors, people with autoimmune diseases or other pre-existing health conditions, people with disabilities, parents of infants and young children, etc.

# What actions can be taken *now* to save tenants' lives?

- Be adaptable and responsive to the need.** Change the vaccination strategy to bring the vaccine to the working-class people who have been left behind and who need it most.
- Allocate money from the **\$45 million in emergency pandemic funding** from the province.
- Work with Primary Care Team to **deliver vaccines to apartment buildings** through pop-up on-site clinics and door-to-door, **as a proactive measure to save lives**. Doctors and pharmacists are willing and able to do this, and have experience doing it in the shelter system and at long-term care homes.
- Track case counts at apartment building addresses** to anticipate outbreaks. **Notify tenants early on.** Similar work has been done by St. Joseph's Hospital staff to track cases in shelters and other outbreak settings. St. Joseph's partners have offered to do the same for apartment buildings.
- Work with tenants** to identify poor building conditions that might contribute to COVID transmission, rather than blaming tenant behaviour by default.



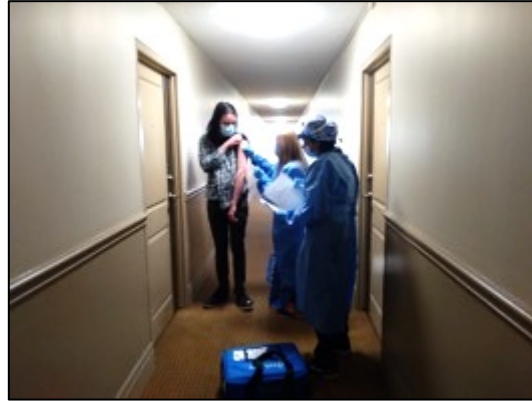
**Pop-up clinics and door-to-door vaccination used in several Toronto neighbourhoods in April, 2021.**

**For example:  
3,140 vaccinations given in Jane & Finch neighbourhood in one weekend.**



Clockwise: #1, 3, 4: Yader Guzman, April 19, 2021, *The Local*. #2: Cole Burston, April 26, 2021, *The Guardian*.

**We can do it in Hamilton, too. *We already have.***



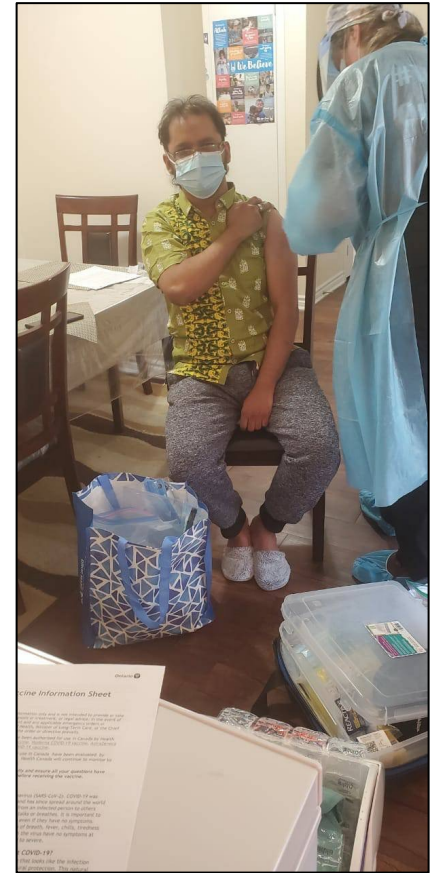
**Door-to-door on-site  
vaccination clinic at Rebecca  
Towers on Sunday, May 16, 2021  
was a great success.**

**28 tenants got their shots.**

Pictures by author, used with permission of tenants.

“Today was a great and exciting day for me and my family living at Rebecca Towers. Despite having an outbreak in our building and my family contracted covid we can still see some lights around the corner. Raising demands finally brought Hamilton Public Health to provide vaccine at our door step. Me, my wife, and my mom all got our first shot. We are feeling safer now as we try to give good care to our newborn daughter. I especially thank the doctor and their team who did a tremendous job to fulfill our immunization demand and also Rebecca Towers Tenant Committee who has stood together to unite all tenants for their health safety and well being.”

*Arefin*





# Appendix: Why is L8R not a host spot already? Come on!!!

Postal Code	L8R	L9K	L8L	L8N	L8W	L9C
<b>Neighbourhoods Included</b>	South Beasley, Central, Strathcona	Ancaster Meadowlands	North Beasley, North End, Landsdale, Gibson, Stipley, Crown Point West, Keith	Corktown, Stinson	Southeast Mountain	West Mountain
<b>Designated by</b>	----	City	City	City	Province	Province
<b>COVID-19 cases, per 100</b>	3.76	2.71	2.86	3.49	3.45	3.18
<b>Hospitalizations &amp; deaths, per 1,000</b>	3.24	1.55	2.44	2.89	2.07	1.62
<b>Test positivity rate</b>	22.34%	9.48%	5.41%	8.38%	8.18%	6.16%
<b>Vaccination rate</b>	27.65%	47.42%	29.32%	34.30%	36.16%	41.61%
<b>Average household income</b>	\$50,708	\$138,335	\$55,010	\$51,129	\$95,056	\$87,539
<b>Percent of population below poverty line</b>	35%	10%	31%	36%	14%	14%
<b>Percent of population living in large apartment building</b>	48%	0%	10%	48%	1%	9%

COVID-19 postal code data from Ontario's Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences at the time L9K, L8L, L8N, L8W, & L9C were designated hot spots (April 3, 2021) vs. most recent data for L8R (May 8, 2021). Most recent vaccination rate given for all postal codes (May 10, 2021). Demographic data from Statistics Canada's 2016 Census.

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Submitted on Friday, May 14, 2021 - 11:31am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.118 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: David Elfstrom  
Name of Organization:  
Contact Number: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Mailing Address:

[REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request: David Elfstrom is a professional engineer who completed an investigation of an apartment building with a COVID-19 outbreak for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in March of 2021. That outbreak ended with 45 cases and three deaths. Currently there are three apartment buildings in the City of Hamilton with an active outbreak, totaling 196 cases and one death to-date. Mr. Elfstrom wishes to share his subject matter expertise with the Board of Health and suggest time-sensitive actions that can be undertaken by the Medical Officer of Health in coordination with other city departments to stop spread of COVID-19 within apartment buildings in the City of Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/501286>





# Public Health Services COVID-19 Situation Report & Organizational Update

Board of Health

May 17, 2021

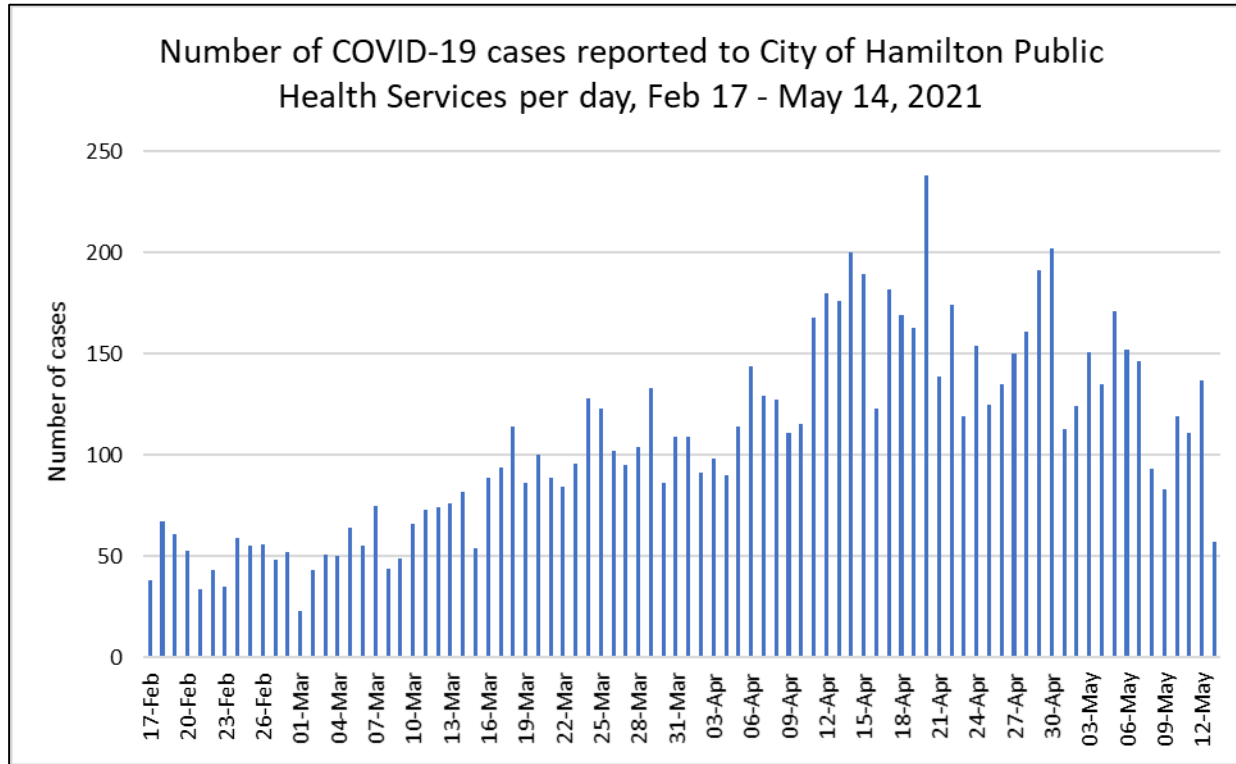
# Overview

1. Overall Status Update
2. COVID-19 Situation Report
3. Performance Metrics
4. COVID-19 Vaccine Update

# Overall Status

- COVID-19 case activity in Hamilton is trending downwards from the peak of wave 3
- Scarsin forecasting predicts that case levels in Hamilton will continue to be over 40 per 100,000 / week which is above the Red / Control Zone at the end of June
- As of May 14, 2021 there were over 232,000 doses administered and 45.1% of eligible population vaccinated
- New landscape of vaccine rollout – ample supply and expanding eligibility
- Continuing to follow public health measures is vital, even for those who have been vaccinated – need to continue to assume the virus is everywhere

# Situation Report – Cases



## Key Messages

- COVID-19 case activity is now trending downwards from the peak of wave 3
- As of May 14, 2021, the average number of cases reported per day to Hamilton Public Health is 120

# Situation Report – Phases of COVID-19 in Hamilton

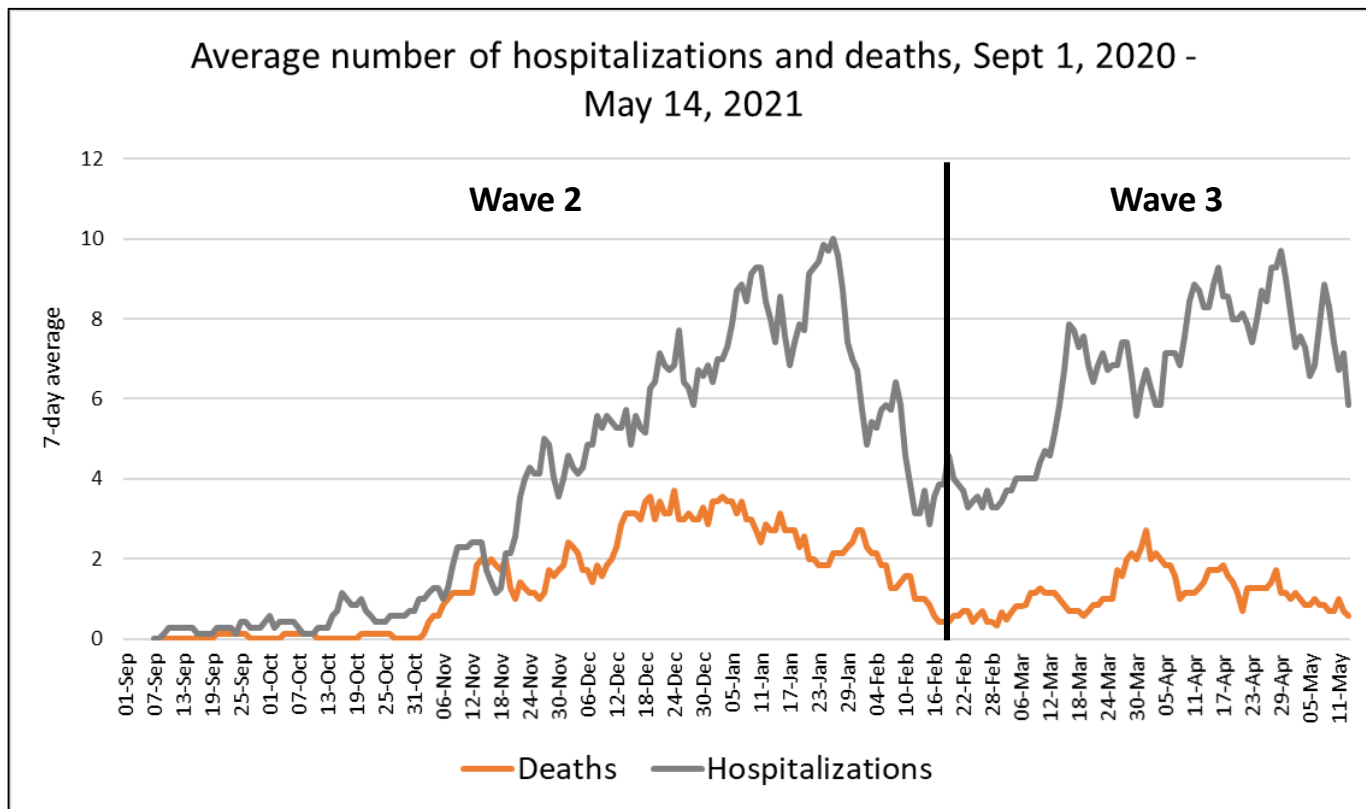
## **WAVE 3: Pre-Peak** Feb 17 – Apr 10, 2021

- 4,240 cases reported
- 131 outbreaks
- 303 hospitalizations and 59 deaths
- 59,120 tests completed at Hamilton Assessment Centres
- Case counts following wave 2 had not yet fallen back to baseline, when activity rose once again and wave 3 commenced
- In the pre-peak phase of wave 3, infections were most commonly due to direct contact with other known cases of COVID-19 and undetermined sources

## **WAVE 3: Peak** Apr 11 – May 14, 2021

- 4,930 cases reported
- 108 outbreaks
- 258 hospitalizations and 38 deaths
- 40,690 tests completed at Hamilton Assessment Centres
- At the peak of wave 3, there has been an increase in cases associated with COVID-19 outbreak activity.
- The majority of cases reported to Hamilton Public Health Services are now variant cases, notably B.1.1.7
  - The first B.1.617 variant case has now been reported
- There have been more cases reported thus far in wave 3 (pre-peak + peak) than all of wave 2

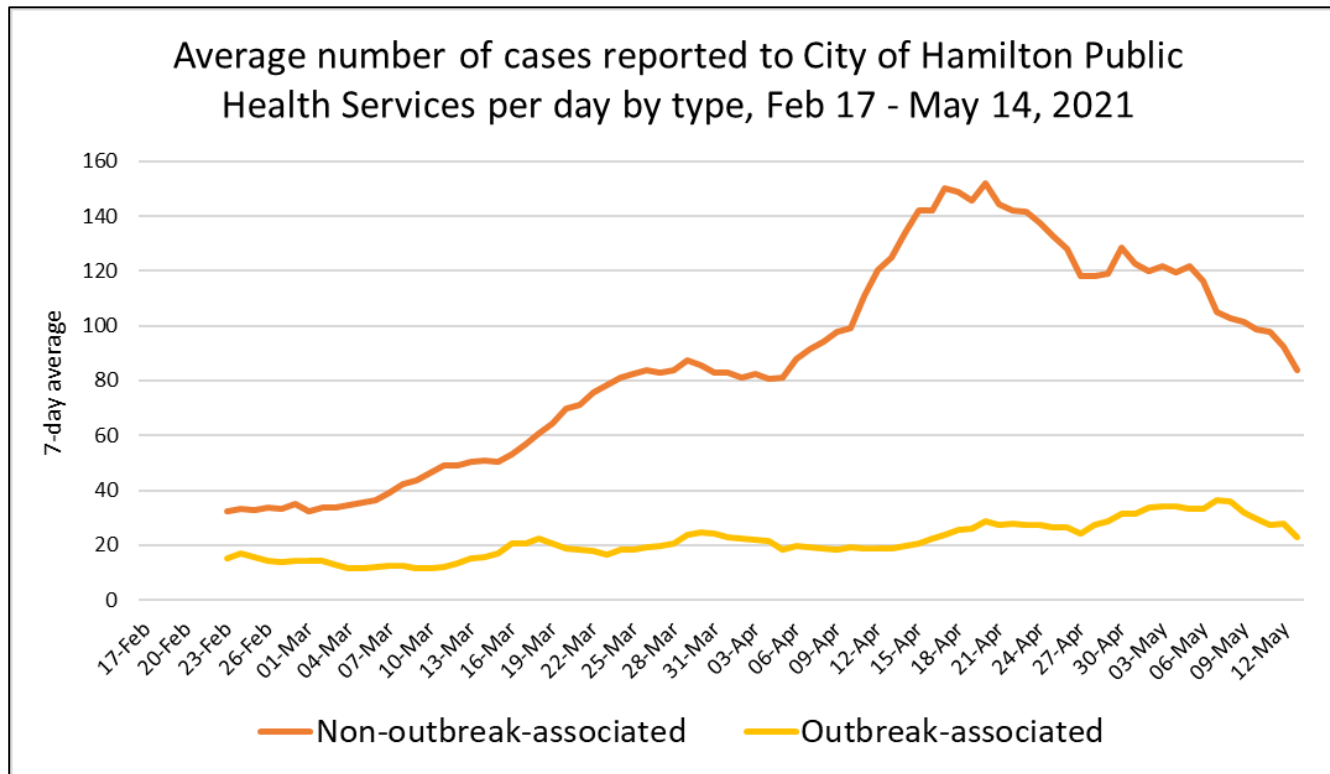
# Situation Report – Severity



## Key Messages

- There has been a decrease in the average number of deaths reported per day in wave 3 compared to wave 2
- The average number of new hospitalizations has been equally as high in waves 2 & 3

# Situation Report – Cases by Type

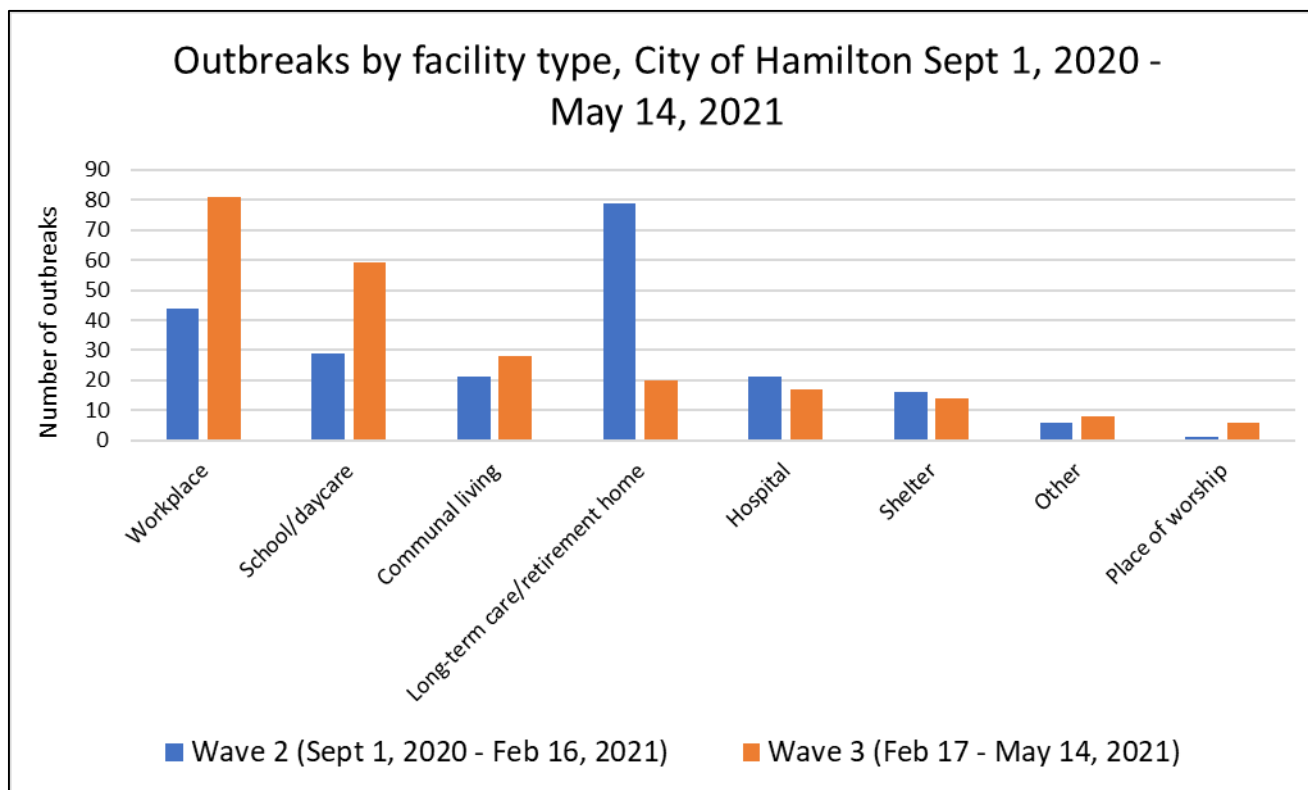


## Key Messages

- The average number of non-outbreak cases has been decreasing since the peak of wave 3
- The average number of outbreak cases has been increasing since the peak of wave 3



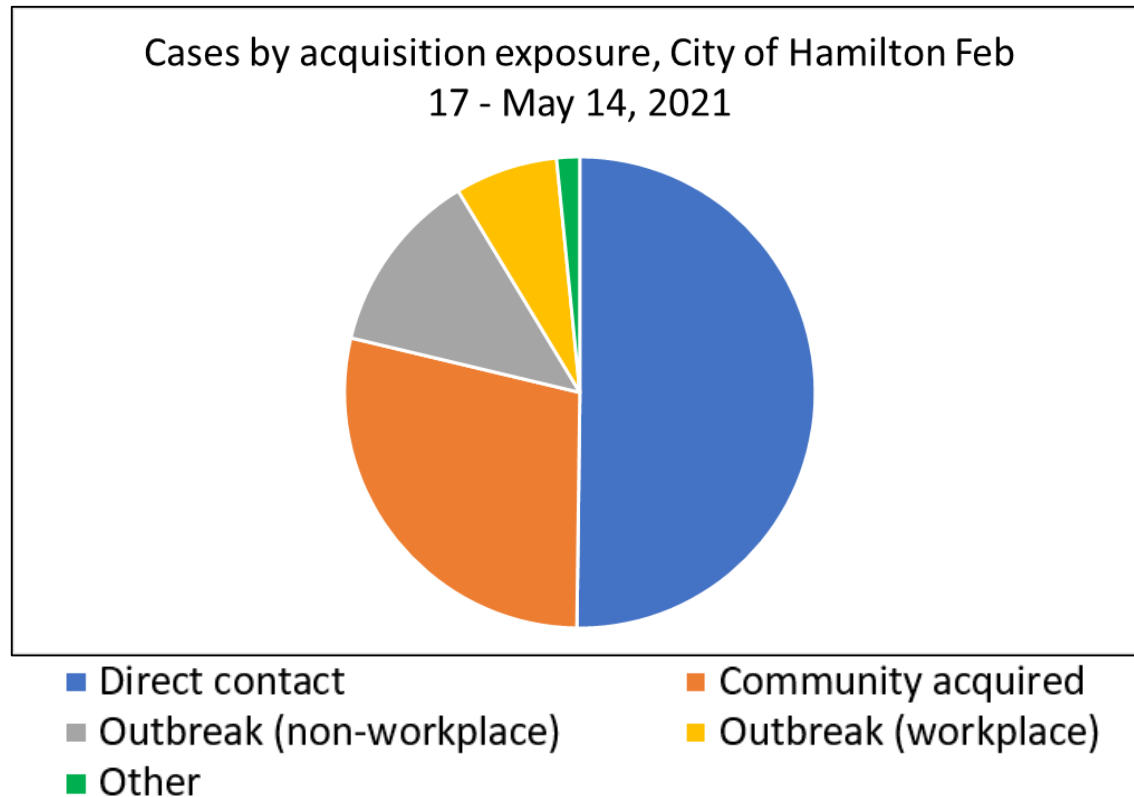
# Situation Report – Outbreak Settings



## Key Messages

- There has been a shift in outbreak facility types when comparing waves 2 and 3
- In wave 3, there have been fewer long-term care/retirement home outbreaks, and a drastic increase in workplace & school/daycare outbreaks

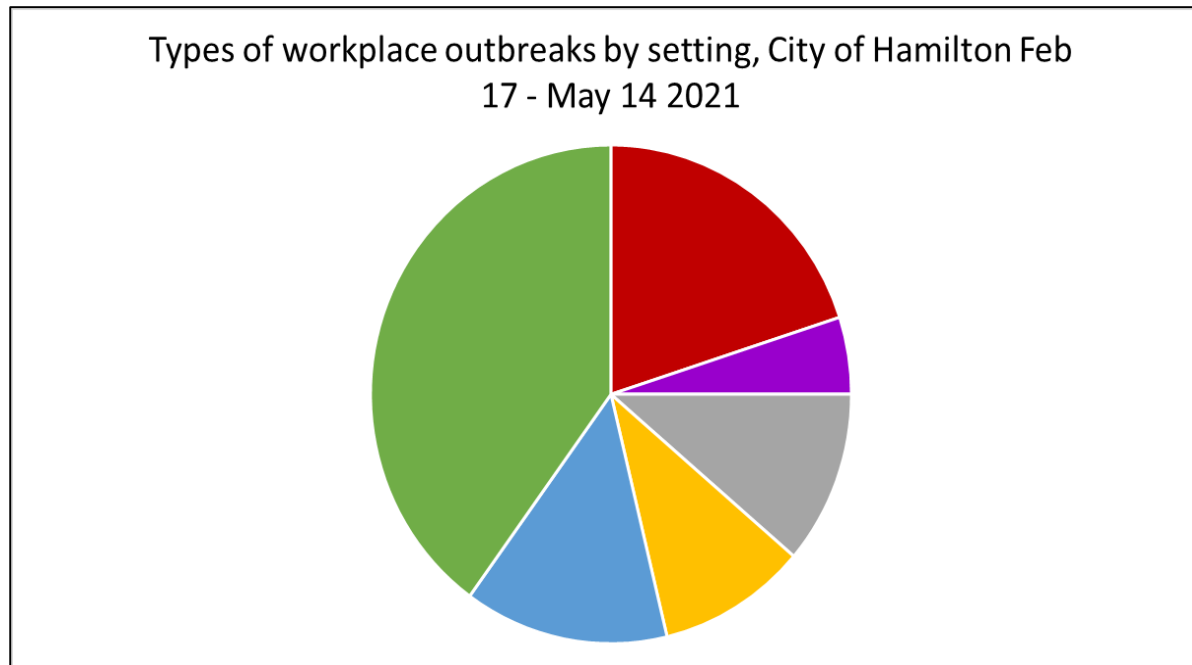
# Situation Report – Acquisition Exposures



## Key Messages

- Cases associated with workplace outbreaks comprise ~7% of all cases reported to Hamilton Public Health in wave 3 thus far
- The largest proportion of cases reported are due to direct contact with other cases

# Situation Report – Workplace Outbreak Settings



- Food and beverage
- Nursery/greenhouse
- Office
- Other
- Retail
- Warehousing, distribution, manufacturing, construction

## Key Messages

- The largest proportion of workplace outbreaks has been in the warehousing, distribution, manufacturing, construction sector
- This has been consistent throughout the pandemic

# Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings

- Currently 3 declared outbreaks
  - 235 Rebecca St.
  - 125 Wellington and 50 Cathcart
  - 151 Queen St. N.
- Outbreaks occurring in the context of Social Determinants of Health
  - Precarious working conditions/essential workers
  - Environment
- Transmission within families/living units
  - Challenges with implementation of public health measures

## Key Messages

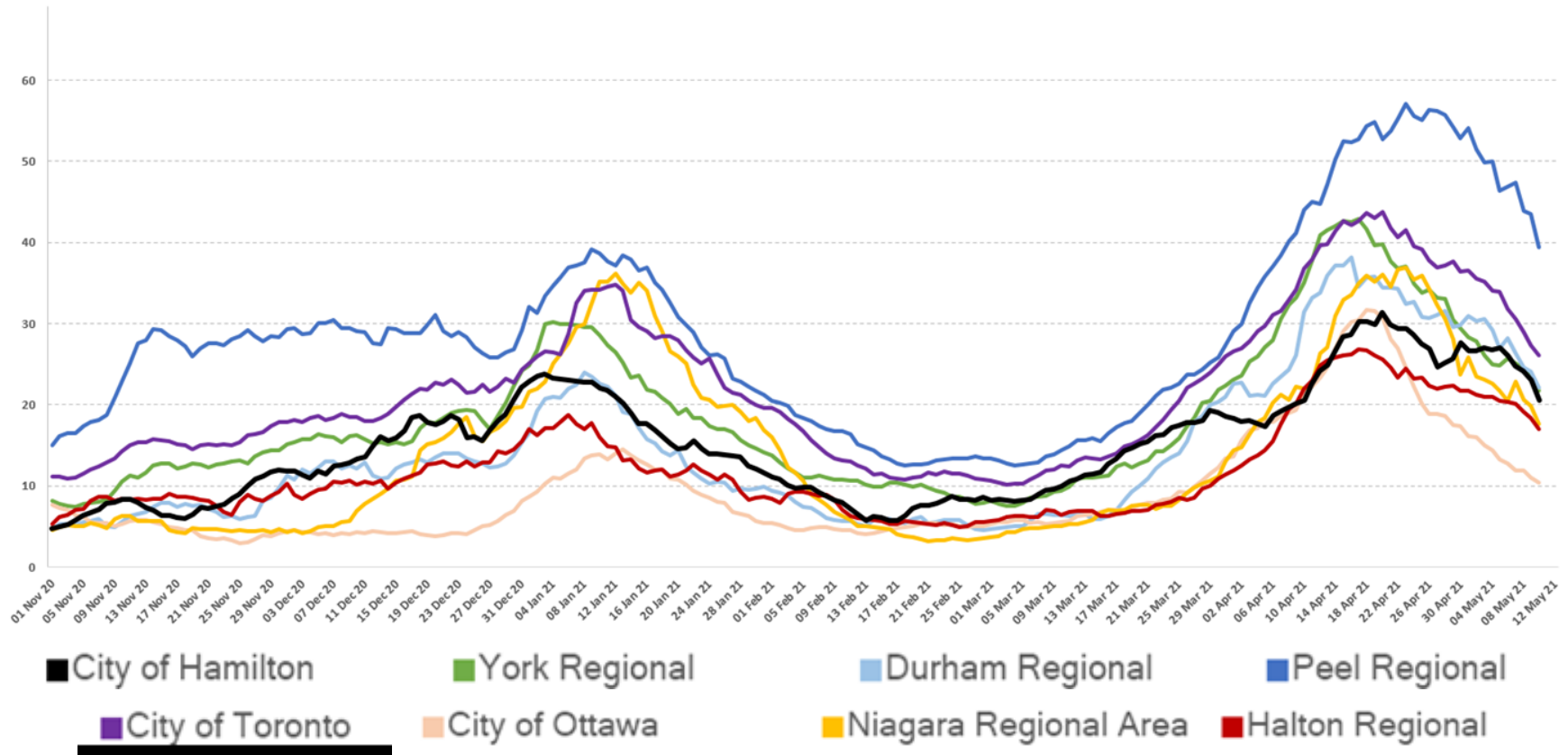
- Mobility levels continue to increase despite stay-at-home order being in place
- Case levels in Hamilton will continue to be above 40 weekly cases per 100,000 at the end of June which is above the Red/Control Zone
- Timing of school re-opening and lifting of stay-at-home order will affect case counts and to a much smaller degree hospitalizations and deaths

## Assumptions at time of last forecast

- Extended stay-at-home order to May 31, 2021
- Remote learning to end of school year

# COVID-19 Daily Case Rates (per 100,000) Selected Comparison Public Health Units to Hamilton

Actual Daily Case Rates (7-Day Smoothed) / 100,000

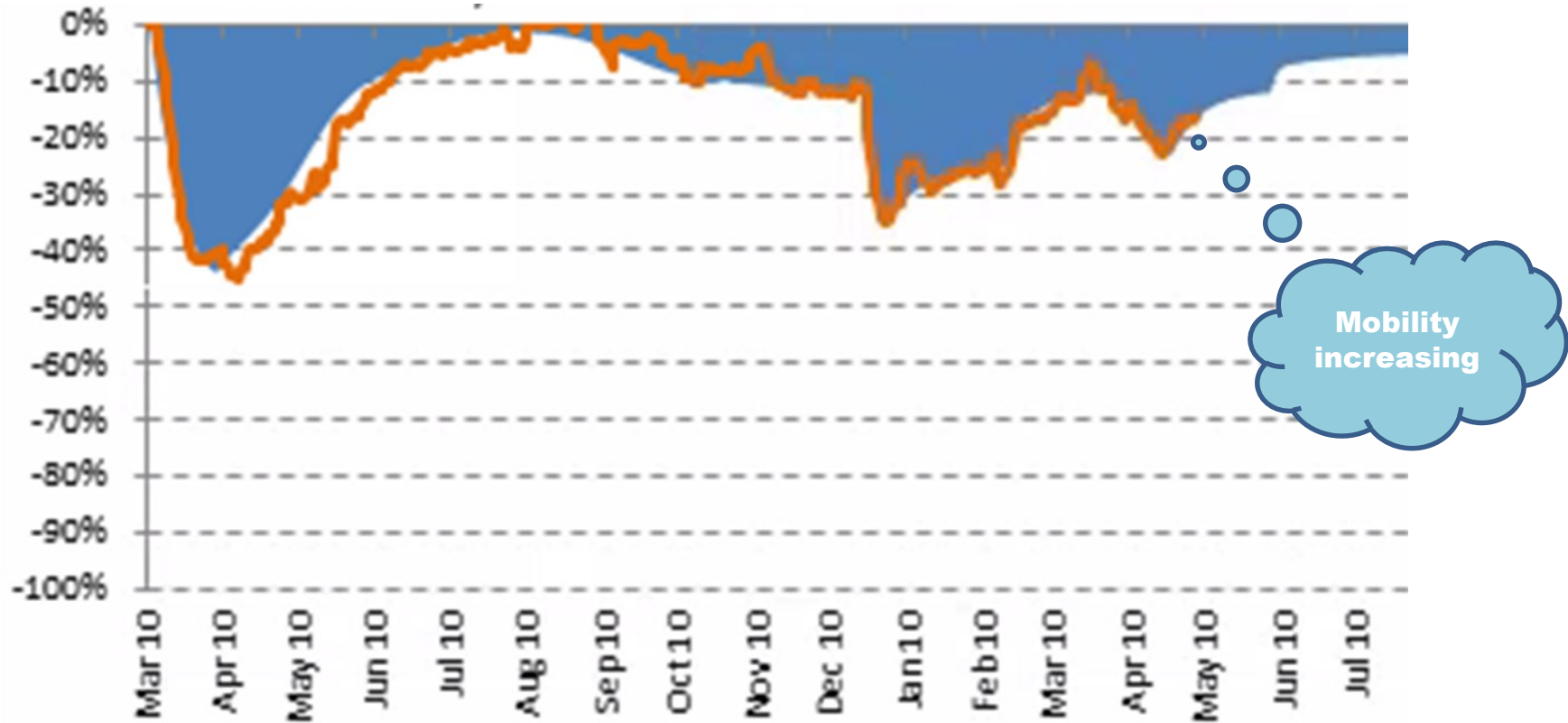


Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System retrieved May 12, 2021

## Key Messages:

- Rates are coming down in most jurisdictions. Hamilton's rates are now like those of York and Durham. Hamilton's cases are now declining following the peak.

# Overall Mobility in Hamilton



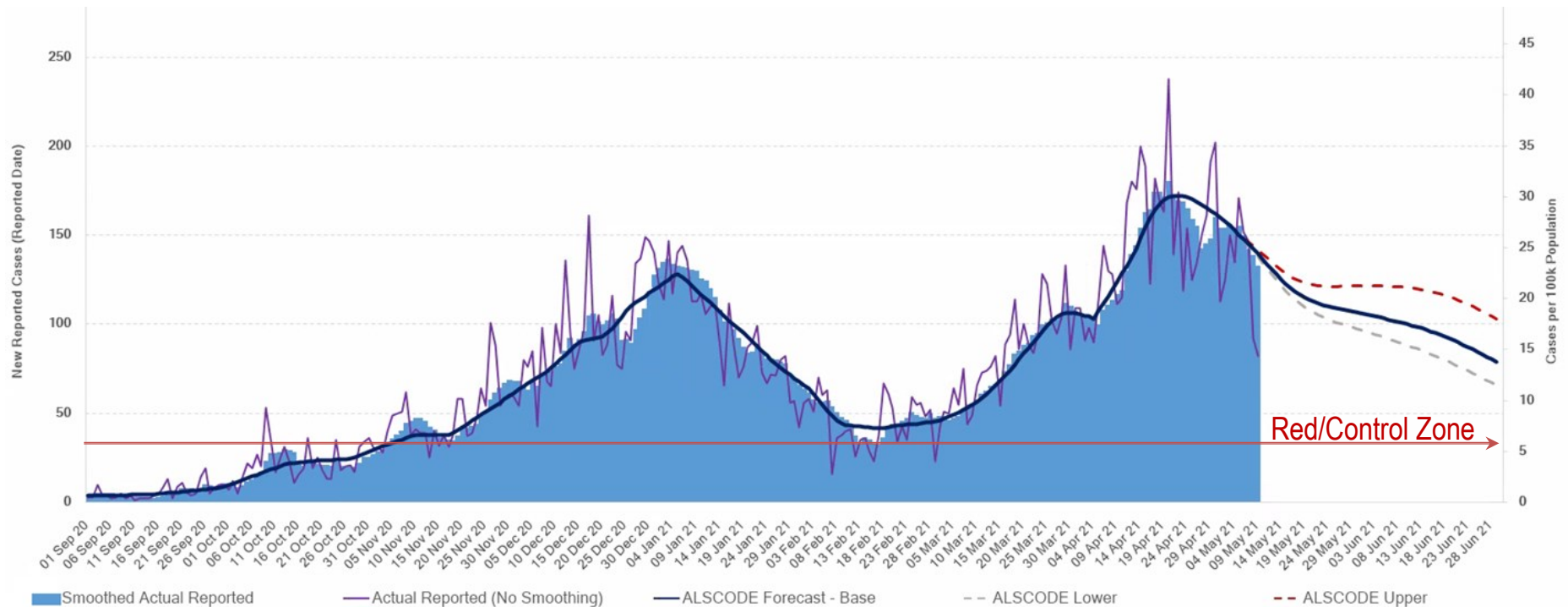
Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System retrieved May 10, 2021

## Key Messages:

- Increase in mobility is concerning. Assesses community response to public health measures (e.g., stay-at-home order). Indicator represents the percentage decrease in mobility since pre-pandemic (Feb. 2020). Currently at -15%.



# Scarsin Forecast



Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System with CCM data retrieved May 11, 2021

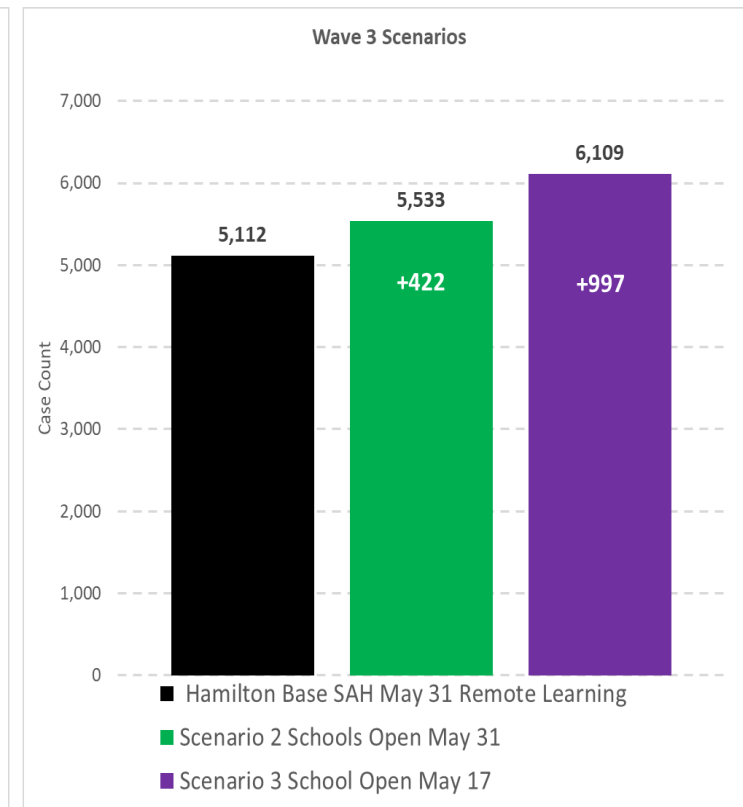
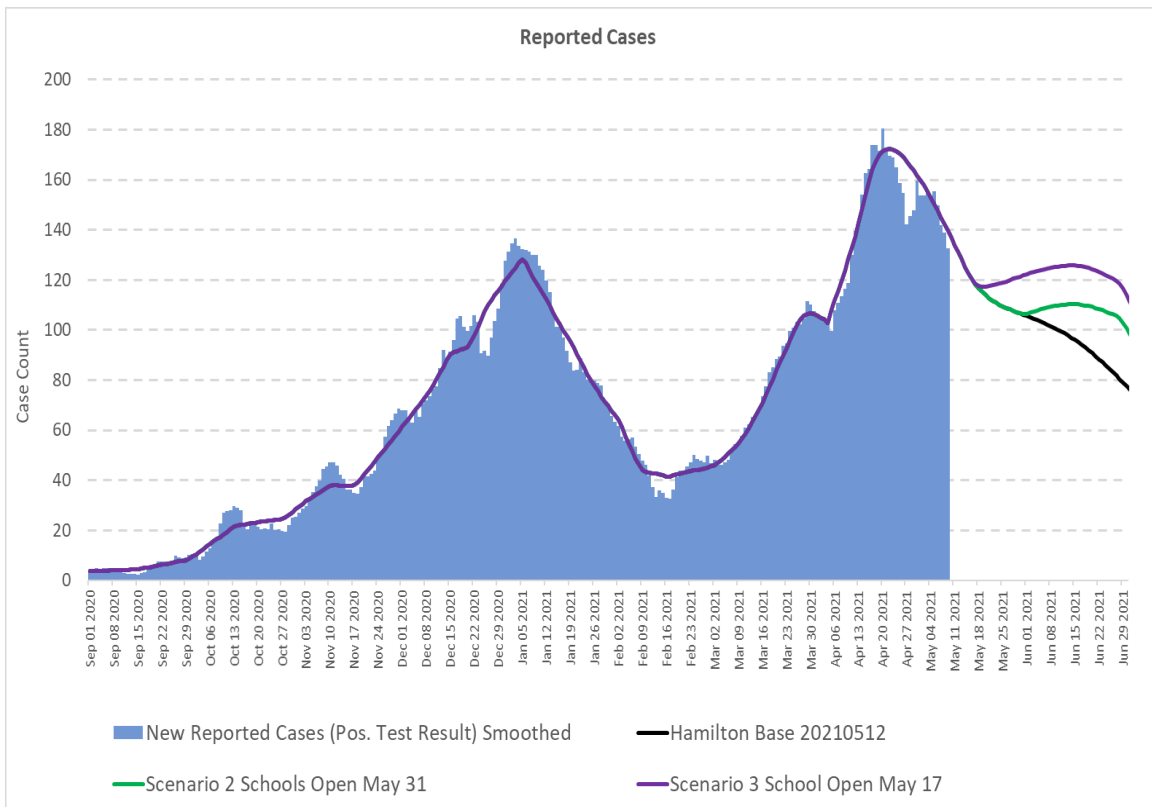
## Key Messages:

- Predict in June that we will still be above Red/ Control Level of 40 weekly cases/100,000 population. Red/ Control Zone is equal to approximately 5.7 daily cases per 100,000.

# Scarsin Forecast – Alternative Scenarios

- Scenarios:
  - Base – Stay-at-home ends May 31, 2021
    - Scenario 1 – Remote learning to end of year ([June 28, 2021](#))
    - Scenario 2 – School Open [May 17, 2021](#)
    - Scenario 3 – School Open [May 31, 2021](#)

# School Re-Opening Forecasts – COVID-19 Cases

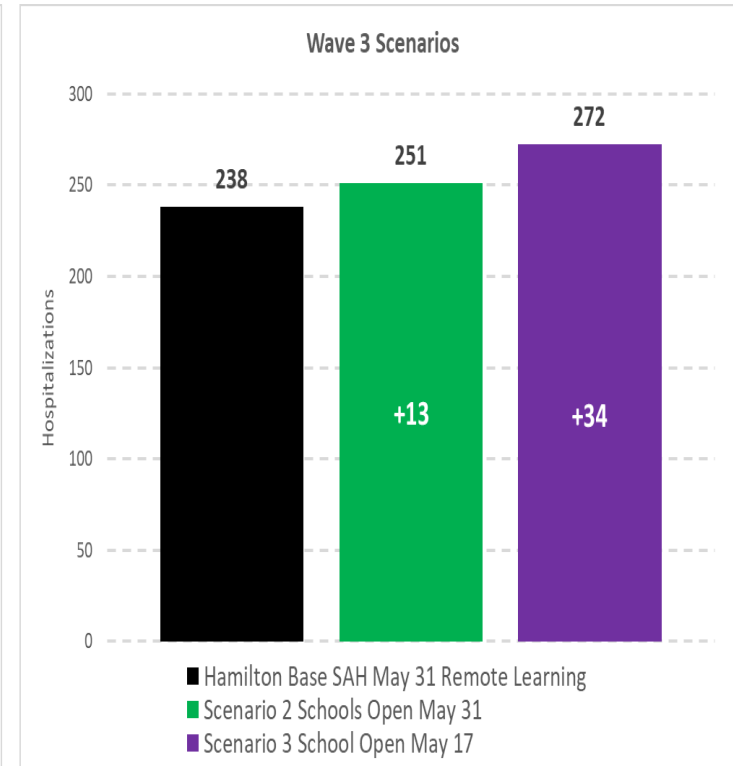
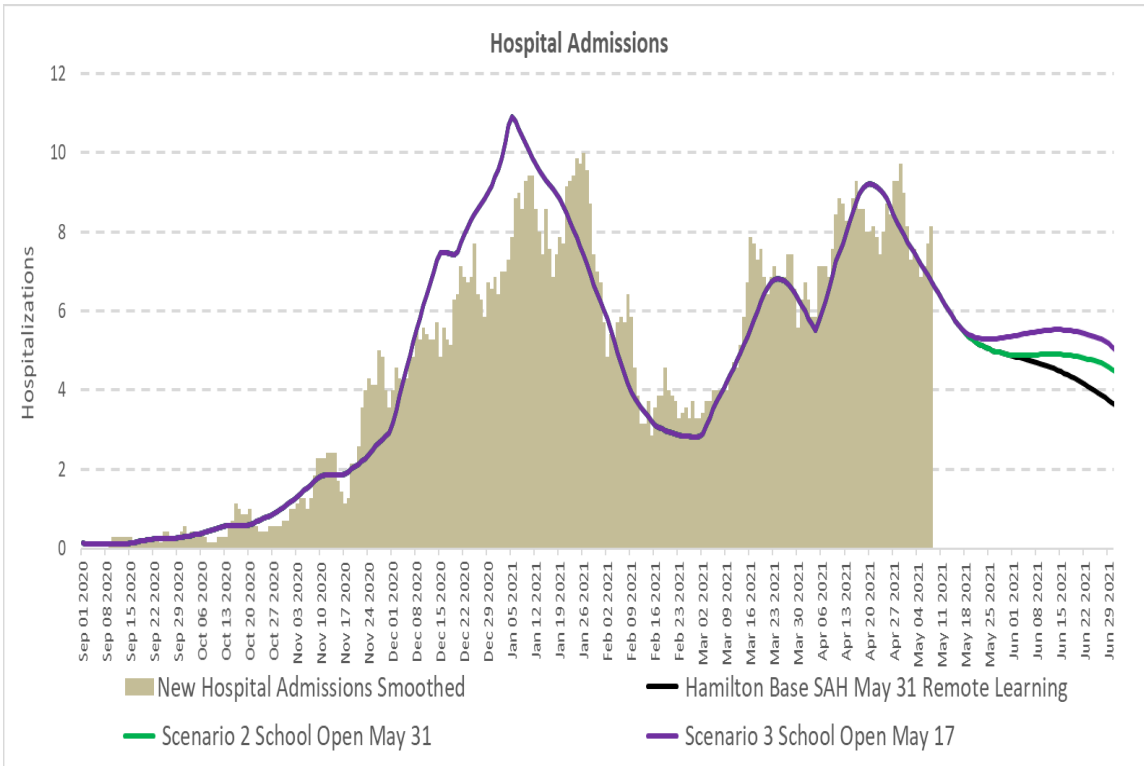


Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System, scenarios created May 12, 2021

## Key Messages:

- Cases may increase by 422 for May 31, 2021 school reopening, earlier re-opening May 17, 2021 may result in 997 more cases (compared with base model, ongoing remote learning to end of school year, between May 12-June 30, 2021).

# School Re-Opening Forecasts – COVID-19 Hospital Admissions

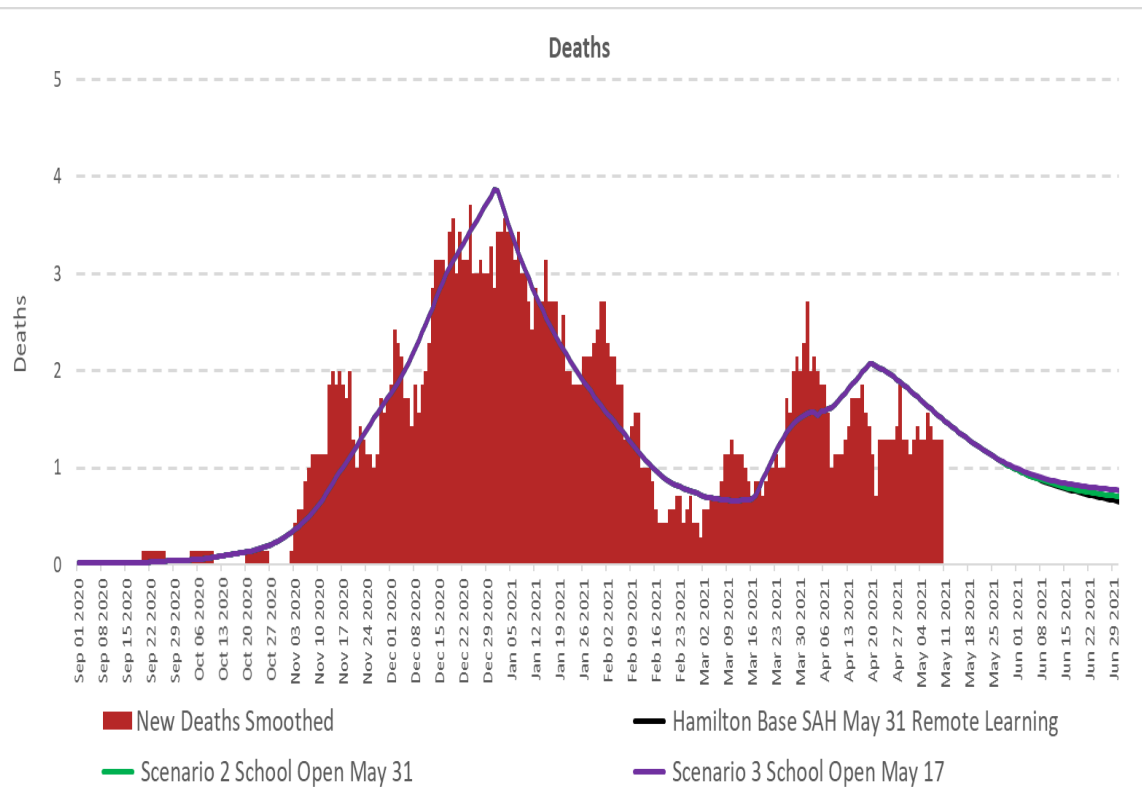


Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System, scenarios created May 12, 2021

## Key Messages:

- Hospital admissions for Hamiltonians may increase by 13 with the school reopening May 31, 2021 (compared with base, ongoing remote learning to end of school year), re-opening May 17, 2021 may result in 34 more admissions than base.

# School Re-Opening Forecasts – COVID-19 Deaths



Data Source: Scarsin Decision Support System, scenarios created May 12, 2021

## Key Messages:

- Deaths may increase by 1 with school reopening May 31, 2021 (compared with base, ongoing remote learning to end of school year), re-opening May 17, 2021 may result in 2 more deaths than base.

# Performance Metrics

## Epidemiology

	Previous (Apr 30)	Previous (May 7)	CURRENT (May 14)	Trend
Weekly incidence rate/100,000	170	181	140	↓
% positivity	9.0%	8.9%	8.4%	--
Effective reproductive number ( $R_t$ )	0.86	1.12	0.82	--
% of community-acquired cases	29.0%	28.2%	28.3%	--

High outbreak activity continues in workplaces, supportive housing, childcare settings, and multi-unit dwellings. Total of 40 active outbreaks: 11 outbreaks have  $\geq 10$  cases; 39 outbreaks have cases screened positive for variants.

## Public Health System Capacity

	Previous (Apr 30)	Previous (May 7)	CURRENT (May 14)	Trend
% newly reported cases reached within 1 day of reported date	62.9%	83.2%	92.8%	↑
% newly identified close contacts reached within 1 day of contact identification date	76.1%	84.9%	80.1%	--

# Performance Metrics

## Health System Capacity

	Hospital	Previous (Apr 30)	Previous (May 7)	CURRENT (May 14)
Overall adult acute medicine & surgical hospital occupancy/funded acute beds	SJHH	86%	84%	72%
	HHS	87%	87%	92%
Overall adult acute alternate level of care (ALC) hospital occupancy/funded acute beds	SJHH	16%	14%	10%
	HHS	13%	11%	8%
Overall adult intensive care unit (ICU) occupancy/funded ICU beds	SJHH	78%	72%	88%
	HHS	81%	80%	79%

**SJHH:** St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

**HHS:** Hamilton Health Sciences



# Additional Local Indicators

	Previous (Apr 30)	Previous (May 7)	CURRENT (May 14)	Trend
Mental health-related emergency department visits	176	145	146	--
Substance misuse-related emergency department visits	79	73	83	--
Paramedic incidents for suspected opioid overdose	17	19	14	--
Violence-related emergency department visits	10	11	5	--
Social impacts and environmental exposure-related emergency department visits	12	9	17	--

Trends are based on comparisons to historical data and thresholds.

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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## Overall Objectives

1. Prevent deaths
2. Prevent illness, hospitalization and intensive care unit admissions
3. Reduce transmission
4. Achieve high levels of population immunity



# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Placemat

## HAMILTON COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN: OVERVIEW

TIMING OF VACCINE ROLLOUT (INCLUDING DATES OF EACH PHASE & CLINIC OPERATION) ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & ARE DEPENDENT ON PROVINCIAL DIRECTION AND/OR AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF VACCINE

Dec 2020 > Jan 2021 > Feb 2021 > Mar 2021 > Apr 2021 > May 2021 > Jun 2021 > Jul 2021 > Aug 2021 > Beyond

PHASE

Provincial Phase 1: High-Risk Population Vaccination

Provincial Phase 2: Large Scale Delivery of Vaccine

Provincial Phase 3: Steady State

### Provincial Priority Populations by Phase

DESCRIPTION

#### Phase 1 Immediate Priority

- Staff, essential caregivers, residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement homes
- Alternate level of care (ALC) patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to long-term care, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors
- Highest priority followed by very high priority health care workers
- Indigenous adults in high risk communities

#### Phase 1 Next Priority

- Adults 80 years of age and older
- Staff, residents, caregivers in retirement homes, congregate care settings for seniors
- High priority health care workers
- All Indigenous adults
- Adult recipients of chronic home care

#### Phase 2 (in Progress)

- Continue Phase 1 priority populations
- Adults 18+
- Individuals with Highest Risk, High-Risk & At-Risk Health Conditions
- Residents, Essential Caregivers and Staff of High-Risk Congregate Settings
- Adults 18+ in priority neighbourhoods (L9C, L8W, L8L, L8N, L9K)
- Essential Workers who cannot work from home (Group 1 & 2)

#### Phase 3

- Remaining Hamiltonians in the general population who wish to be vaccinated will receive the vaccine
- Youths 12-15

### Vaccination Approach

TIMING

Large Scale Clinics

Mobile & On-Site Clinics

Primary Care & Pharmacy Clinics (55+)

DESCRIPTION

#### Large Scale Clinics

Hamilton Health Sciences Large Scale Clinic  
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Large Scale Clinic  
Additional Public Health Large Scale Clinics



Anticipated Throughput: 8,400 doses / day at peak  
Supports large scale vaccination of the population

#### Mobile & On-Site Clinics

Mobile Bus Clinics  
Pop-Up Facility Clinics  
Rolling Clinics



Anticipated Throughput: 750 doses / day at peak  
Provides vaccination through accessible channels

#### Primary Care & Pharmacy Clinics (55+)

Primary care practice-based vaccinations  
Pharmacy-based vaccinations



Anticipated Throughput: >1,000 doses / day at peak  
Provides vaccination through usual channels

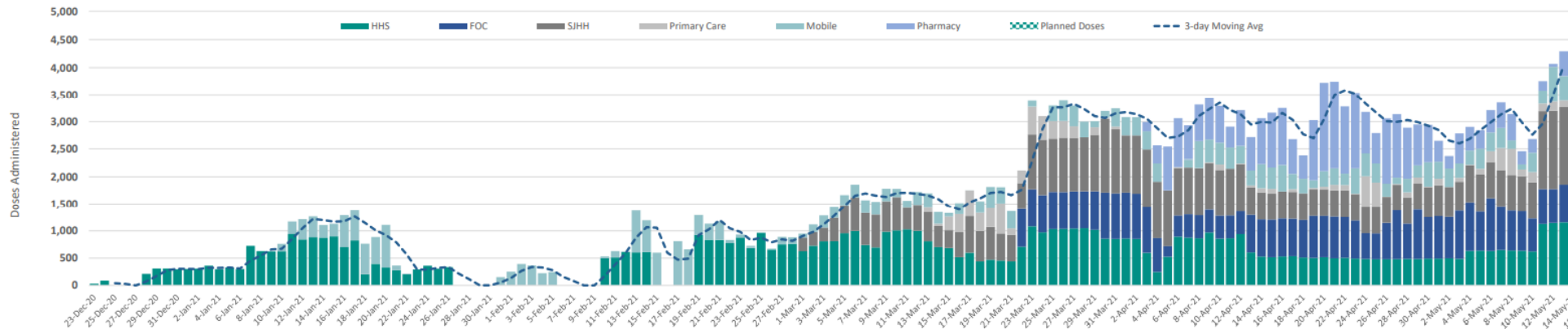
# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Estimated as of End Of Day May 13, 2021

Site	Total doses administered
Hamilton Health Sciences	78,263
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton	50,831
First Ontario Centre	36,177
Mobile Clinics	30,916
Primary Care	8,817
Pharmacies	27,607
<b>Total in Hamilton</b>	<b>232,611</b>

Product	Total doses administered
Pfizer	162,733
Moderna	34,405
AstraZeneca	35,473

Total Doses Administered in Hamilton by Day

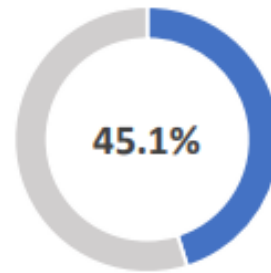


Source: IntelliHealth (COVAXon Data Load)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Estimated as of End Of Day May 13, 2021

% of adult population\* who initiated or completed a vaccine series (at least 1 dose)



\*Hamilton residents age 18+ (n=488,459); Population Projections, 2021 (IntelliHealth).  
Note: Only includes Hamilton residents; approximately 2% of addresses are missing.

% Vaccinated with at least 1 dose (Hamilton 18+ population)	Days between milestones
0-10%	88
10-20%	16
20-30%	16
30-40%	15

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

## Estimated Vaccine Coverage by Age (End of Day May 13, 2021)

Age Group	Est Population Size	Vaccine Series Initiation	% Vaccine Series Initiation
85+ Years	15,491	12,729	82%
80 to 84 Years	13,448	11,283	84%
75 to 79 Years	19,294	15,434	80%
70 to 74 Years	27,932	22,338	80%
65 to 69 Years	34,035	24,882	73%
60 to 64 Years	40,459	28,080	69%
55 to 59 Years	42,467	24,177	57%
50 to 54 Years	37,154	16,312	44%
45 to 49 Years	35,153	13,376	38%
40 to 44 Years	37,328	12,979	35%
15 to 39 Years	204,596	35,068	17%

Source: IntelliHealth (COVAXon Data Load)

Notes:

1. Data are preliminary and subject to change.



# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Estimated Vaccine Coverage by Forward Sortation Area (All Ages) (End of Day May 9, 2021)			
FSA	Est Population Size	Vaccine Series Initiation	% Vaccine Series Initiation
L8B	21,529	6,990	32.5%
L8E	44,981	12,141	27.0%
L8G	23,005	8,644	37.6%
L8H	28,146	6,915	24.6%
L8J	30,205	8,116	26.9%
L8K	34,147	10,506	30.8%
L8L	34,905	9,905	28.4%
L8M	14,639	3,977	27.2%
L8N	16,234	5,306	32.7%
L8P	24,537	9,412	38.4%
L8R	13,674	3,672	26.9%
L8S	15,100	4,836	32.0%
L8T	20,548	7,225	35.2%
L8V	22,321	7,728	34.6%
L8W	28,179	9,785	34.7%
L9A	27,176	8,666	31.9%
L9B	26,693	9,378	35.1%
L9C	43,824	17,778	40.6%
L9G	26,323	10,990	41.8%
L9H	33,489	15,335	45.8%
L9K	16,852	7,570	44.9%
LOR	43,672	16,104	36.9%
<b>Average</b>	<b>590,179</b>	<b>200,979</b>	<b>34.1%</b>

Source: IntelliHealth (COVAXon Data Load); ICES 03 Apr 2021 (total population)

Notes:

1. Coverage estimates are for all ages and include ages in the estimated population size that may not be eligible for vaccination. Estimates are therefore lower than overall coverage for the adult (18+) population.
2. The number vaccinated and estimated population size only include residents of the City of Hamilton even though some FSAs are shared between health units. N1R and N0B are not included at this time.
3. The estimated population size for LOR was estimated to only include Hamilton residents and should be used with caution.

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Eligibility

Eligibility group	Week of April 26	Week of May 3	Week of May 10	Week of May 17	Week of May 24	Week of May 31
Provincial age band	April 30: 55 and older	50 and older	40 and older	30 and older	18 and older	12 to 17
Hotspot age band	April 27: 45 and older	18 and older	-	-	-	-
Health conditions	<a href="#">Highest-risk health conditions</a> continues	<a href="#">High-risk health conditions</a>	<a href="#">At-risk health conditions</a>	-	-	-
Cannot work from home	April 29: licensed childcare workers	<a href="#">Group 1</a>	<a href="#">Group 2</a>	-	-	-

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Supply

- New landscape of vaccine rollout – ample supply
  - By end of May, everyone 12yrs+ who wants a vaccine will be able to book an appointment
  - Ongoing needs: ensuring access, building vaccine confidence

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – 12-17 year olds

- On May 5, 2021 Health Canada approved Pfizer vaccine for those 12yrs + years of age
- Public Health Services working with School Boards for vaccination of 12-17 year olds
- Ideal timeline – first dose in June and second dose in August

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Pause of AstraZeneca Vaccine

- First doses of AstraZeneca paused out of an abundance of caution due to an observed increase in a rare blood clotting condition following first dose
- Province will be making a decision regarding second dose approach for those who have received a first dose of AstraZeneca

# COVID-19 Update - Vaccine Readiness Network

The Vaccine Readiness Network is the local engagement group for the COVID-19 vaccine. This group is assembled in order to engage with various stakeholders across the City.

The purpose of engaging stakeholders is:

- to describe and share provincial direction,
- to enhance local awareness,
- to understand barriers,
- to identify information and access needs and opportunities,
- to engage community in creating meaningful resources and champions for key populations in our community

# COVID-19 Update – Vaccine Readiness Network

## Key Contributions

- Targeted mobile pop-up clinics for those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19:
  - Hotspot clinics,
  - Black and racialized/people of colour,
  - Indigenous community,
  - Shelter staff and residents,
  - Temporary farm workers,
  - Disability services, and
  - Homebound
- Community partners supporting with outreach and booking



# COVID-19 Update – Vaccine Readiness Network

## Key Contributions

- Engaging with priority populations through meetings and outreach to:
  - Develop tailored messages, print, video and social media resources for communities with high vaccine hesitancy rates
  - Vaccine Q&A sessions for priority populations (live and pre-recorded)
  - Hot spot forward sortation area (FSA) mail out
  - Provide translated resources
  - Determine specific barriers to vaccination, and
  - Facilitate access to vaccines/vaccine clinics (clinics located within their neighbourhood, ensuring clinics are comfortable for the community, providing answers to questions, transportation to clinics, etc.)

# COVID-19 Update – Vaccine Readiness Network

## What works

- Partnership with community organizations
- Leadership from trusted community members
- Leveraging social influencers
- Acknowledgement of racial inequities and identification of priority populations
- Education (tailored)
- Health care providers reaching out to clients
- Vaccine accessibility (hour, transportation, familiar)
- Ambassadors with community expertise

## Key challenge

- Covid-19 pandemic continues to highlight longstanding disparities rooted in the social determinants of health

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Ambassadors

- Need identified through ongoing work with community partners to supplement existing activities to address vaccine hesitancy and access barriers
- A total of 10 Vaccine Ambassadors have been hired
  - All Ambassadors are from Black, racialized and Indigenous communities within Hamilton
- Three factors were considered to identify priority populations:
  - % of Hamilton population
  - % of COVID-19 cases
  - Rates of vaccine hesitancy

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Ambassadors

- Work with communities to build vaccine confidence
- Act as a trusted local resource to their communities
- Engage priority populations through community outreach
  - Listen to the needs of the community
  - Promote and distribute evidence-based and translated resources about vaccines





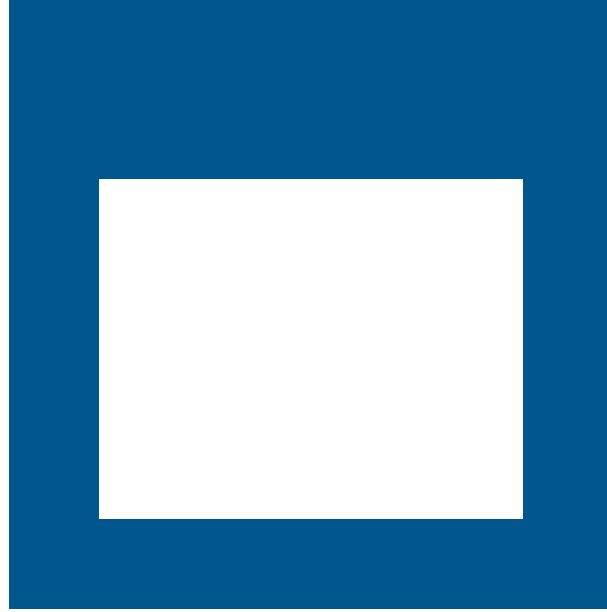
## Local goals and Objectives

- To increase vaccine confidence
- To decrease vaccine hesitancy
- To increase vaccine uptake

**Union of multiple grassroots organizations that were previously culturally focused (e.g. Canada's South Asian COVID-19 taskforce)**

# How?

- Share vaccine selfies or video on social media
  - Challenging friends and family to book a vaccine when it's their turn
  - Share why you got the vaccine
- Utilize local and national influencers
- Utilize “This is Our Shot” brand to push internal messaging on social media
- Engage with ethnic communities to share clinic information, and presentations through established “This is Our Shot” channels (What’s App, social media)
- Information in 30 languages



QUESTIONS?