

## Ontario Health Coalition

### Report: COVID-19 Outbreaks Spreading outside of the Health Care Industry

June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

#### Introduction

As Ontario starts to reopen as most of the province has gone to Stage 2, outbreaks have spread from health care settings to workplaces. The COVID-19 pandemic has cut a path of grief and devastation through health care settings, particularly long-term care, hospitals, retirement homes and other congregate care settings. With the first wave of those devastating outbreaks that have tragically claimed more than two thousand lives now starting to be contained, we are not in the clear yet. Even as Ontario prepares to reopen, this past month has seen a significant increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in workplace settings such as agriculture, manufacturing, retail and food processing throughout Ontario. While the Public Health Units have provided outbreak information in long-term care homes and retirement homes, they have been less forthcoming about outbreaks in other settings. Public Health reporting on these outbreaks have been very opaque and efforts have been made to protect the identity of the companies who have experienced outbreaks in their facilities. Before Ontario reopens, we must have transparent reporting for all outbreaks and measures must be taken to protect workers with proper access to personal protection equipment, contact tracing and testing.

Agriculture Workers have been among the worst hit in workplace outbreaks with 974 workers infected, 3 deaths and new outbreaks and cases being announced daily. This tragedy has drawn attention to the lack of regulations protecting migrant workers and unacceptable living and working conditions.

Outbreaks in Non-Health Care Industries				
Industry	Region	Workplace	Cases	Industry Total
<b>Agriculture</b>				<b>974</b>
	Windsor Essex		674	
	Simcoe Muskoka		12	
	Haldimand Norfolk	Scotlynn Group	200	
	London	Ontario Plants Propagation	8	
	Niagara	Pioneer Flower Plants	40	
	Chatham Kent	Greenhill Produce	40	
<b>Food Processing</b>				<b>154</b>
	Brampton	Maple Lodge	25	
	Kitchener	Conestoga Meat	91	
	York	Saputo Dairy	24	
	Waterloo	Un-named Food Processing Plant	14	
<b>Social Services</b>				<b>205</b>
	Toronto	Willowdale Welcome Centre	204	
	Ottawa	Association Pour L'Integration Sociale	1	
<b>Homeless Shelters</b>				<b>607</b>
	Toronto	Various Shelters	601	
	York	Blue Door Shelter	2	
	Ottawa	Shepherds of Good Faith	4	
<b>Childcare Centres</b>				<b>17</b>
	Niagara	Fort Erie Daycare	1*	
	Toronto	Jessie Ketchum Daycare Centre	15	

	York	All About Kids	1	
<b>Developmental Services</b>				<b>349</b>
	York			
	Toronto			
	Niagara			
	Hamilton			
	Ottawa			
	Eastern Ontario			
	Waterloo			
<b>Corrections</b>				<b>84</b>
	Brampton		68	
	Toronto		4	
	Kingston		3	
	Hamilton		7	
	Elgin-Middlesex		1	
	Iroquois Falls		1	
<b>Retail</b>	Various			<b>96</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Waterloo			<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>2491</b>

\*An outbreak is declared as one worker or resident/patient. No further details were provided.

## Agriculture

Justicia for Migrant workers has been tracking outbreaks in Migrant Workers and has reported approximately 1000 migrant workers who have tested for positive for COVID-19. In this report we have tracked 974 cases of COVID-19 in the agriculture sector.

### Deaths of Three Migrant Workers:

1. On May 30, Bonifacio Eugenio-Romero, a 31-year old migrant worker from central Mexico, became the first foreign agricultural worker to die in Ontario from COVID-19. Eugenio-Romero had been in the country since early April and worked for Woodside Greenhouses Inc. in Kingsville, Ontario.

2. On June 5, a second worker, 24-year-old Rogelio Muñoz Santos, who also worked on a farm in Windsor-Essex, died.

3. 55-year-old Juan Chaparro had been coming to Canada to work since 2010 and was employed at Norfolk County's Scotlynn Group farm, where there has been a cluster outbreak of COVID-19. He is the third migrant worker to die this month after contracting the coronavirus. The two others died in the Windsor area.<sup>1</sup>

### London-Ontario Plants Propagation facility: May 29 2020

Eight migrant workers at the Ontario Plants Propagation facility outside of St. Thomas have tested positive for COVID-19. The workers live in London but travel to the operation at 38024 John Wise Line.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Michelle Ruby. Mass to be held Sunday for migrant worker who died of COVID-19. The Brampton Expositor. June 25 2020

<https://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/news/local-news/mass-to-be-held-sunday-for-migrant-worker-who-died-of-covid-19>

<sup>2</sup> Matt Thompson. Covid-19 outbreak among Ontario Plants Propagation migrant workers. CBC May 29 2020

### **Haldimand Norfolk-Scotlynn Group: June 25 2020**

Approximately 220 migrant farm workers live in residences on the farm. Approximately 200 people have tested positive. Two workers are currently hospitalized.<sup>3</sup>

### **Southwestern Ontario- Windsor Essex and Niagara: June 9 2020**

It is estimated that there have been 400 agriculture and food workers who have tested positive in the Windsor, Essex and Niagara region. There have also been two Mexican migrant workers who have passed away from COVID-19 and 2 more who are currently in Intensive Care. The Windsor Essex Public Health Unit reported 43 new cases on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, which was the highest spike since the disease peaked in mid-April. There have also been 34 more COVID-19 cases in the town of Leamington which hosts over 8,000 migrant workers, who live in communal housing and work together closely without proper access to PPE. There have been 17 farms with COVID-19 outbreaks, but the Public Health Units are not releasing their names. The worst outbreaks have been at Greenhill Produce in Kentbridge, Scotlynn Group in Norfolk County and Ontario Plants Propagation of St Thomas.<sup>4</sup>

### **Niagara- Pioneer Flower Farms: June 4 2020**

St. Catharines greenhouse, Pioneer Flower Farms, has become the site of the single largest jump in local COVID-19 cases since the pandemic hit Niagara in March. 60 workers have been placed in isolation of which 40 have tested positive.<sup>5</sup>

### **Windsor Essex-June 29 2020**

The health unit says a total of 674 agri-farm workers have tested positive for the virus in the region. Six workplaces in the agriculture sector are in outbreak status – four in Leamington and two in Kingsville.<sup>6</sup> Naturefresh in Leamington has had 191 cases of COVID-19 in their agriculture migrant workforce over this weekend.<sup>7</sup>

### **Chatham Kent- Greenhill Produce: June 15 2020**

An outbreak was investigated at the end of April with 40 agricultural workers testing positive for COVID-19 at Greenhill Produce.<sup>8</sup>

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<https://london.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-outbreak-among-ontario-plants-propagation-migrant-workers-1.4960657>

<sup>3</sup> *Update on outbreak at farm.* Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit. June 25 2020 <https://hnhu.org/update-on-outbreak-at-farm/>

<sup>4</sup> Ferguson, Rob. *Spike in COVID-19 cases among migrant workers in southwestern Ontario.* *The Star.* June 9 2020 <https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2020/06/09/spike-in-covid-19-cases-among-migrant-workers-in-southwestern-ontario.html>

<sup>5</sup> Drevfjall, Ludvig. *A total of 60 cases of COVID-19 now found at local flower farm.* *Thoroldnews.com.* June 4 2020. <https://www.thoroldnews.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/a-total-of-60-cases-of-covid-19-now-found-at-local-flower-farm-2410095>

<sup>6</sup> *87 new COVID-19 cases reported in Windsor-Essex agri-farm sector, 1 in community* CTV Windsor. June 29 2020. <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/87-new-covid-19-cases-reported-in-windsor-essex-agri-farm-sector-1-in-community-1.5004029>

<sup>7</sup> *Windsor-Essex greenhouse shut down after COVID-19 outbreak* CBC. July 2 2020. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/sources-confirm-nature-fresh-leamington-essex-county-farm-under-section-22-order-1.5635117>

<sup>8</sup> *COVID-19 update: Windsor-Essex does not enter Stage 2 of reopening* CBC. June 15 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/covid19-windsor-essex-june15-1.5612185>

### **Simcoe-Muskoka – Two Unidentified Farms: June 17 2020**

Two outbreaks have been declared in Simcoe County with one farm having 9 cases in their workers and the other farm having 3 workers test positive for COVID-19.<sup>9</sup>

### **Food Processing**

#### **Brampton- Maple Lodge Farms: May 7 2020**

Maple Lodge Farms in Brampton have had 25 workers test positive for COVID-19 and one worker has passed away from the virus. Maple Lodge Farms is being criticized for failing to report their first positive case for over three weeks.<sup>10</sup> As of June 8 2020 Maple Lodge Farms has reported that they have not had a new case of COVID-19 in their facilities for three weeks.<sup>11</sup>

#### **Ottawa- Conestoga Meat: May 22 2020**

Conestoga Meat in Ottawa had to close production for a time in order to contain their COVID-19 outbreak. To date they have had 91 workers at their Breslau plant test positive for COVID-19, however 71 of those cases are now resolved.<sup>12</sup>

#### **York Region – Saputo Dairy Products: May 19 2020**

As of May 19 2020 there had been 50 cases of COVID-19 from workplace exposures in York Region. The largest being an outbreak at Saputo Dairy Products where 24 workers tested positive for COVID-19 and one worker passed away from the virus. The other locations have not been disclosed by the public health unit. There have been 31 workers test positive in Vaughan with one worker ending up in the ICU, 9 workers test positive in Markham with two workers hospitalized and one in the ICU, 3 workers test positive in Newmarket with one death and two currently self-isolating, 3 workers test positive in Richmond Hill with one ending up in the ICU, 2 testing positive in Aurora and 2 in Whitchurch-Stouffville.<sup>13</sup>

#### **Waterloo- Food Processing Plant: June 2 2020**

An outbreak is ongoing at a food processing plant in Waterloo with 14 workers testing positive for COVID-19. Waterloo Public Health has not released any more information about the facility.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Engel, Erika. *First COVID-19 'outbreaks' reported at two local farms today.* *Orillia Matters.* June 17 2020 <https://www.orilliamatters.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/first-covid-19-outbreaks-reported-at-two-local-farms-today-2440078>

<sup>10</sup>Russell, Andrew. *1 worker dead, 25 COVID-19 cases reported at Maple Lodge Farms poultry plant in Ontario* *Global News.* May 7 2020 <https://globalnews.ca/news/6917614/maple-lodge-farms-covid-19/>

<sup>11</sup> *An update from Maple Lodge Farms' regarding the ongoing COVID -19 Pandemic* *Maple Lodge Farms.* June 8 2020 <https://maplelodgefarms.com/covid19-update/>

<sup>12</sup> Andersin, Erin. *Majority of COVID-19 cases at Conestoga Meats resolved: Public Health* *Kitchener Today.* May 22 2020 <https://www.kitchenertoday.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/majority-of-covid-19-cases-at-conestoga-meats-resolved-public-health-2369943>

<sup>13</sup> Kelly, Deborah. *York Region COVID-19 outbreaks 'under control', but workplace cases rising* *Newmarket Today.* May 19 2020 <https://www.newmarkettoday.ca/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/york-region-covid-19-outbreaks-under-control-but-workplace-cases-spiking-2362737>

<sup>14</sup> Nielsen, Kevin. *17 new coronavirus cases in Waterloo Region as total cases rise to 1,130* *Global News.* June 2 2020 <https://globalnews.ca/news/7016005/coronavirus-cases-waterloo-june-2-covid19/>

## Social Services

### Toronto-Willowdale Welcome Centre: May 24 2020

Willowdale Welcome Centre is a Refugee Support Centre in Toronto which housed roughly 200 refugees seeking a better life in Canada. To date over 24 workers at Willowdale Welcome Centre have tested positive for COVID-19 and 180 clients at the welcome centre have also tested positive.<sup>15</sup>

### Ottawa- Association Pour L'Integration Sociale D'Ottawa: May 4 2020

Ottawa Public Health reported that Association Pour L'Integration Sociale D'Ottawa, a non-profit institution, declared an outbreak on April 24 and has 1 case in a staff member. The outbreak has now been resolved<sup>16</sup>

## Homeless Shelters

### Toronto- Homeless Shelters: June 12 2020

The Toronto Public Health unit has reported a total of 601 cases of COVID-19 in homeless shelters and respite centres. There have also been 3 deaths reported from these outbreaks with another death being reported as someone who was not a resident but visited services at a home with an outbreak.<sup>17</sup> The following homes have current outbreaks.

- Birkdale/Costi Hotel Program- 25 residents have tested positive
- Fred Victor Respite- 2 residents have tested positive
- Homes First Society- 30 residents have tested positive
- Mary's Home Emergency Shelter- 6 residents have tested positive
- Maxwell Meihen Centre- 48 residents have tested positive and one is currently hospitalized
- Robertson House- 10 residents have tested positive
- Warden Woods Community- 4 residents have tested positive<sup>18</sup>

### York Region- Homeless Shelter: June 17 2020

Blue Door Shelter has had an outbreak with 1 staff member and one resident testing positive for COVID-19.<sup>19</sup>

### Ottawa Region- Shepherds of Good Hope: June 5 2020

An outbreak was declared at the homeless shelter resulting in 4 residents testing positive for COVID-19. The outbreak has now been declared resolved.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Kopun, Francine *How a haven for refugees became home to the worst COVID-19 outbreak in Toronto's shelter system* The Star. May 24 2020 <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/05/24/how-a-haven-for-refugees-became-home-to-the-worst-covid-19-outbreak-in-torontos-shelter-system.html>

<sup>16</sup> Ottawa Public Health. April 29 2020. [https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/reports-research-and-statistics/resources/Documents/covid-19/29-Apr/outbreak\\_tables\\_2020-04-29\\_en.pdf](https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/reports-research-and-statistics/resources/Documents/covid-19/29-Apr/outbreak_tables_2020-04-29_en.pdf)

<sup>17</sup> According to Cathy Crowe (RN) in her COVID-19 Update on facebook on June 15 2020

<sup>18</sup> Toronto Public Health. June 17 2020. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/96ce-Toronto-Active-Shelter-Outbreaks-June-17-2020.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> *COVID-19 update* York Public Health June 17 2020

[https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA\\_VGEIBTKRhikOyogAgC\\_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBTKRhikOyogAgC_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s)

<sup>20</sup> *Detailed Summary of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Ottawa Institutions*. Ottawa Public Health. May 19 2020. [https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/reports-research-and-statistics/resources/Documents/covid-19/May20/outbreak\\_tables\\_2020-05-19\\_RHHO\\_ENTyu.pdf](https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/reports-research-and-statistics/resources/Documents/covid-19/May20/outbreak_tables_2020-05-19_RHHO_ENTyu.pdf)

## Childcare Centres

### York Region- Day Care Centre: June 17 2020

An outbreak has been declared at All About Kids, a daycare centre, where one staff member tested positive for COVID-19<sup>21</sup>

### Niagara Region- Fort Erie Regional Child Care Centre May 20 2020

Fort Erie Regional Child Care Centre was closed Tuesday as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak. The centre is one of several facilities made available for daycare for children of essential workers during the outbreak.<sup>22</sup>

### Toronto Region- Jesse Ketchum Early Learning and Child Care Centre: May 6 2020

At the Jesse Ketchum Early Learning and Child Care Centre, Dr. Eileen de Villa, the city's medical officer of health, said a total of 11 staff members and four children have contracted the virus.<sup>23</sup>

## Developmental Services

### York Region: Developmental Services: June 17 2020

There have been a number of outbreaks in developmental services.

- Kerry's Place Autism Services- Doane: 1 staff member tested positive
- Kerry's Place Autism Services- Pefferlaw: 2 patients and 10 staff members tested positive
- Kerry's Place Autism Services- Queensville: 2 staff members tested positive
- L'arche Daybreak Group Home: 1 resident and 1 staff member tested positive
- Meta Centre: 7 residents and 5 staff members tested positive
- New Leaf- The Elms: 3 staff members have tested positive
- New Leaf- The Pines: (2 outbreaks) 5 residents and 5 staff members tested positive
- New Leaf- Farm House: 12 residents and 15 staff members tested positive
- New Leaf- Sycamore: 4 residents and 8 staff members tested positive
- Participation House: 40 residents and 57 staff members tested positive
- Participation House- Farintosh: (2 outbreaks) 2 residents and 6 staff members tested positive
- Reena Home- Crestwood: 4 residents and 22 staff members tested positive
- Reena Home- Kerrybrook: 1 resident and 17 staff members tested positive
- Reena Home- Lebovic Campus: 3 residents and 7 staff members tested positive
- Reena Rockview: 2 staff members tested positive<sup>24</sup>
- Viva Community Living- Carrington: 4 residents and 6 staff tested members tested positive
- Viva Community Living- Dufferin: 2 residents and 9 staff members tested positive
- Viva Community Living- Matthewson: 3 residents and 12 staff members tested positive
- Viva Community Living- Simmons: 3 staff members tested positive

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<sup>21</sup> COVID-19 update [York Public Health](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgC_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s) June 17 2020

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<sup>22</sup> Law, John. *COVID-19 outbreak closes Fort Erie daycare*. [St. Catharines Standard](https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/9992195-covid-19-outbreak-closes-fort-erie-daycare/). May 20 2020.

<https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/9992195-covid-19-outbreak-closes-fort-erie-daycare/>

<sup>23</sup> Aguilar, Bryan. *Three more children and five additional workers at Toronto daycare test positive for COVID-19*. [Toronto CTV News](https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/three-more-children-and-five-additional-workers-at-toronto-daycare-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4927883). May 6 2020. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/three-more-children-and-five-additional-workers-at-toronto-daycare-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4927883>

<sup>24</sup> COVID-19 update [York Public Health](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgC_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s) June 17 2020

[https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA\\_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgC\\_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvl30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgC_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s)

### **York Region- Community Living York South: April 30 2020**

An outbreak was declared at Community Living York south with one staff member testing positive for COVID-19. The outbreak has now been declared resolved<sup>25</sup>

### **York Region- Halsey Memorial Lodge: April 16 2020**

The Regional Municipality of York reported that Halsey Memorial Lodge, an adult care facility for people with mental health disabilities in Georgina, declared an outbreak with one case confirmed in a resident.<sup>26</sup>

### **Toronto Region - Access Independent Living Services: May 7 2020**

An outbreak was declared at Access Independent Living with 6 staff members three clients had tested positive for COVID-19. One staff member later passed away from the virus.<sup>27</sup>

### **Niagara- Bethesda Community Services Inc.: May 5 2020**

An outbreak has been declared in Bethesda Community Services, a home for developmentally delayed adults with one staff member testing positive for COVID-19. The outbreak has now been resolved.<sup>28</sup>

### **Eastern Ontario- Milieux de vie a L'Érablière: April 23 2020**

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit reported that the outbreak at Milieux de vie a L'Érablière had ended after two residents had tested positive for COVID-19.<sup>29</sup>

### **Ottawa Region - Settler's Ridge: April 9 2020**

An outbreak was declared at Settler's Ridge, a home for developmentally delayed adults with one staff member testing positive for COVID-19, the outbreak has since been declared resolved.<sup>30</sup>

### **Hamilton- Wesley Supportive Housing: May 5 2020**

An outbreak at Wesley Supportive Housing has been declared with four patients and four staff members testing positive for COVID-19. The outbreak at Wesley Supportive Housing has now been declared over.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> *Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Community Settings. The Regional Municipality of York.* May 3 2020. [https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome!/ut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA\\_VGEIBtkRhikOyoqAgC\\_\\_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBtkRhikOyoqAgC__eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s)

<sup>26</sup> *Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Community Settings. The Regional Municipality of York.* May 3 2020. [https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome!/ut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA\\_VGEIBtkRhikOyoqAgC\\_\\_eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zjYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBtkRhikOyoqAgC__eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s)

<sup>27</sup> Aguilar, Bryan. *Fifth Ontario personal support worker dies after contracting COVID-19.* *Toronto CTV News.* May 7 2020. <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/fifth-ontario-personal-support-worker-dies-after-contracting-covid-19-1.4930176>

<sup>28</sup> Knox, Shelby. *Two Covid-19 Outbreaks End at Niagara Facilities.* *Iheartradio.* May 5 2020. [iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/two-covid-19-outbreaks-end-at-niagara-facilities-1.12327470](https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/two-covid-19-outbreaks-end-at-niagara-facilities-1.12327470)

<sup>29</sup> *Eastern Ontario Health Unit* May 21 2020. <https://eohu.ca/en/my-community/current-outbreaks>

<sup>30</sup> *Ottawa Public Health.* April 15 2020. <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/professionals-and-partners/outbreak-reports-in-ottawa-healthcare-institutions.aspx>.

<sup>31</sup> Mitchell, Don. *Hamilton has 460 COVID-19 cases, outbreak at Wesley Supportive Housing over.* *Global News.* May 5 2020. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6907734/hamilton-coronavirus-update-may-5/>

### **Waterloo Region-Unknown Congregate setting: June 25 2020**

There have been 3 outbreaks in Waterloo Region in congregate setting but now all of the three are over. The three outbreaks involve 18 residents and 19 staff. Congregate setting data is aggregated to protect the privacy of individuals, as many facilities have a small number of residents and staff.<sup>32</sup>

### **Waterloo Region- Sunnyside Supportive Housing setting: June 18, 2020**

On June 18th, one resident at Sunnyside Home tested positive for COVID-19. This resulted in an outbreak being declared. This resident has since been re-tested twice and has received two negative results.<sup>33</sup>

## **Corrections**

### **Elgin Middlesex- Detention Centre: June 11 2020**

An inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 in the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre.<sup>34</sup>

### **Brampton- Ontario Correction Institute: April 20 2020**

Ontario Correction Institute has had 8 staff members and 60 inmates test positive for COVID-19. The correctional facility houses around 120 inmates, which means half of the population was infected. The inmates were then transferred and put in isolation.<sup>35</sup>

### **Toronto- Toronto South Detention Centre: April 9 2020**

There have been three inmates and 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19 at the Toronto South Detention Centre.<sup>36</sup>

### **Iroquois Falls- Monteith Detention Centre: April 9 2020**

One inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 at the Monteith Detention Centre.<sup>37</sup>

### **Hamilton- Hamilton Detention Centre and Barton Jail: April 24**

One inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 at Barton Jail and 6 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 at Wentworth- Hamilton Detention Centre.<sup>38</sup>

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A corrections officer at Bath Corrections centre has tested positive for COVID-19. A nurse and a corrections manager at Joyceville Minimum Security and Assessment centre have also tested positive.<sup>39</sup>

## **Retail**

### **Greater Toronto Area- Grocery Stores: June 17 2020**

Metro Grocery Stores have been reporting outbreaks in their retail stores and distribution centres in the GTA. They have thirty cases of COVID-19 in their stores across the Greater Toronto Area.

- Vickers Distribution Centre- Etobicoke: 5 staff members tested positive
- West Mall Distribution Centre- Etobicoke: 9 staff members tested positive
- Metro Derry Road- Mississauga: 1 staff member tested positive
- Metro Cloverdale- Etobicoke: 1 staff member tested positive
- Metro Aurora- Aurora: 1 staff member tested positive
- Food Basic- North York: 1 staff member tested positive
- Metro Parkway Mall- Scarborough: 8 staff members tested positive
- Food Basics Ellesmere- Scarborough: 1 staff member tested positive
- Metro Trinity Commons- Brampton: 1 staff member tested positive
- Metro Queen West- Toronto: 1 staff member tested positive
- Marche Adonis- Mississauga: 1 staff member tested positive<sup>40</sup>

Loblaws has also been tracking COVID-19 outbreaks in their stores and have reported two cases at FreshCo locations in Toronto. The Jane St location and the Dupont St location.<sup>41</sup>

### **Durham- Grocery Store: April 21 2020**

Oshawa has also had a staff member at their metro test positive for COVID-19.<sup>42</sup>

### **Waterloo- Retail Outbreak: June 18 2020**

Three workers at a retail location in Waterloo have test positive for COVID-19. The Waterloo Public Health has not disclosed the details about the facility.<sup>43</sup>

### **Richmond Hill- Home Depot: June 16 2020**

Home Depot in Richmond Hill has confirmed that 14 of their staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.<sup>44</sup>

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### **Vaughan- Costco Outbreak: April 28 2020**

Costco in Vaughan has had 7 staff members test positive for COVID-19.<sup>45</sup>

### **Oshawa- Costco Outbreak: May 9 2020**

Costco in Oshawa (Hwy. 7 and Weston Road) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>46</sup>

### **Keswick -Walmart Outbreak: June 20 2020**

Walmart in Keswick (near Woodbine and Glenwoods Aves) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>47</sup>

### **Alliston- Walmart Outbreak April 15 2020**

Walmart supercentre in Alliston has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>48</sup>

### **Barrie South- Walmart Outbreak April 15 2020**

Walmart supercentre in Barrie South has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>49</sup>

### **Aurora- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020**

An unspecified Walmart in Aurora has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>50</sup>

### **Thornhill- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020**

An unspecified Walmart in Thornhill has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>51</sup>

### **Bradford- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020**

An unspecified Walmart in Thornhill has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>52</sup>

### **Vaughan- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020**

Walmart in Vaughan (8300 Hwy 27) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>53</sup>

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### **Vaughan- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020**

Walmart in Vaughan (101 Edgely Blvd) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>54</sup>

### **Mississauga- Walmart Outbreak: May 15 2020**

Walmart in Mississauga (Heartland Town Centre, 800 Matheson Blvd) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>55</sup>

### **Hamilton- Walmart Outbreak: June 5 2020**

Walmart in Hamilton (Ancaster, 1051 Garner Rd) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>56</sup>

### **Hamilton- Lowe's Outbreak: June 5 2020**

Lowe's in Hamilton (Barton Street) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>57</sup>

### **Hamilton- FreshCo Outbreak: June 5 2020**

FreshCo in Hamilton (Upper Gage Avenue) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>58</sup>

### **Bolton- Walmart Outbreak: June 5 2020**

Walmart supercentre in Bolton has had 2 staff members test positive for COVID-19.<sup>59</sup>

### **Markham- Costco Outbreak: June 1 2020**

Costco in Markham (Kirkham Dr) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>60</sup>

### **Kingston- Nail Salon: June 29 2020**

There have been 25 cases of COVID-19 in an outbreak declared at a Nail Salon in Kingston, Ontario. 6 staff members and 6 clients and 13 of their community contacts were infected.<sup>61</sup>

## **Manufacturing**

### **Waterloo- Manufacturing Industrial Plant: June 2 2020**

An undisclosed manufacturing plant in Waterloo has had 5 workers test positive for COVID-19. Public health has not disclosed any more information about the facility.<sup>62</sup>

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