# Ontario Health Coalition

# COVID-19 Outbreaks in Non-Healthcare Settings Updated to: August 29, 2020 Released on September 9, 2020

#### Introduction

As of August 12<sup>th</sup>, all of Ontario entered Stage Three of the pandemic reopening plan, allowing more restaurants, entertainment venues and other workplaces to open. However, according to Ontario Public Health data there are currently 87 active outbreaks in non-health care workplaces; a significant portion (17 percent or one-sixth) of the 520 cumulative non-health care outbreaks that have been reported since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic<sup>1</sup>. In this report, we have done our best to track the outbreaks in non-health care industries from July 14, 2020 to August 25, 2020. (Previous reports are on the Ontario Health Coalition website.) In this period, we have found 546 new cases of COVID-19 during this six-week period, a 15% increase from our findings in our previous report. The cumulative total of cases in non-health care industries that we found to the end of August is 3,717. These outbreaks have not been reported by most Public Health Units and those that have disclosed outbreaks refuse to release business names and cases at each facility.

In a separate report, available on our website, we have tracked the outbreaks in health care settings.

In the Ontario Health Coalition's research for this report, we have found significant increases in COVID-19 transmission in agriculture; public services with an outbreak in Ottawa transit; retail where the virus continues to spread to new locations; developmental services, and; distressingly, we have seen new a few new outbreaks in summer camp settings. This is particularly worrisome considering that summer camps have only been open since mid-July or beginning of August depending on region. In the agriculture sector, COVID-19 infections continue to rise significantly (up 34% in approximately six weeks from the cases that we could find). We have also seen a continued rise in COVID-19 positive passengers arriving in Ontario during July and August, when flight providers were allowed to seat passengers in the middle seats in each row, which had previously been prohibited to allow for better social distancing. In July there were 37<sup>2 3</sup> flights that arrived in Ontario with COVID-positive passengers and in August there were at least 45 flights.<sup>4</sup>

Transparent and comprehensive reporting of public health threats must be made available to the public in order to make informed decisions. While reporting on COVID-19 outbreaks in workplace settings has improved, outbreak details are only available in regions and sectors that have received a lot of media attention such as agriculture workers in Windsor Essex, Chatham-Kent and Kitchener/Waterloo, as well as homeless shelters in Toronto, York and Ottawa. All other Public Health Units are not disclosing their non-health care outbreaks, business names, and case counts. For example, FGF Bakeries in Toronto had outbreaks in two stores with 184 cases and one staff member who passed away from the virus in May. The outbreak was lifted on June 24, however the information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Epidemiologic Summary. <u>Public Health Ontario.</u> August 29, 2020. <u>https://www.publichealthontario.ca/media/documents/ncov/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?la=en</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DaClerq, Katherine. *Over the span of a week, 20 Toronto flights had cases of COVID-19*. <u>CTV News.</u> July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/over-the-span-of-a-week-20-toronto-flights-had-cases-of-covid-19-1.5025663">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/over-the-span-of-a-week-20-toronto-flights-had-cases-of-covid-19-1.5025663</a>
<sup>3</sup>34 International Flights have landed in Canada with COVID-19 cases in the last two weeks . <a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/07/covid-confirmed-flight-india-toronto/">BlogTO</a>. <a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/07/covid-confirmed-flight-india-toronto/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/07/covid-confirmed-flight-india-toronto/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/07/covid-confirmed-flight-india-toronto/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Davideson, Sean. *These flights touched down in Toronto carrying passengers infected with COVID-19.* <u>CTV News.</u> August 31 2020. <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/these-flights-touched-down-in-toronto-carrying-passengers-infected-with-covid-19-">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/these-flights-touched-down-in-toronto-carrying-passengers-infected-with-covid-19-</a>

<sup>1.5086429?</sup>fbclid=lwAR1ZR1UOTCp23zZIZmkn\_nKPQwEmnCg53\_tOUodY2rNgSMcxrm4kTeGQX30

was not reported to the public until the middle of August.<sup>5</sup> Some companies are voluntarily disclosing their outbreaks, for example Metro and Loblaws.

Even within the Public Health Units that have reported outbreaks, the business names and cases are not being disclosed and the privacy of these businesses is being placed before the safety of Ontarians. For example, Public Health Ontario has released information about active workplace outbreaks by workplace setting, showing a huge discrepancy between what we have been able to find by searching media and local Public Health Unit reports compared to the provincial data. This demonstrates the government's priorities as Ontario Public Health continues to fail to provide business, regions impacted and case numbers in their reports.

Other provinces, such as British Columbia, that have been open longer than Ontario, have experienced record high COVID-19 cases since the first wave of the pandemic. <sup>6</sup> This clearly demonstrates that it is more important than ever for Ontario to make a concerted effort to be transparent and implement improved infection control practices in sectors and businesses with outbreaks. Transparent reporting that allows Ontarians to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their families and this must take precedent over shielding businesses from public scrutiny.

# Chart 1. Public Health Ontario's Reported COVID-19 Outbreaks in Non-Health Care Industries

(This chart shows the number of reported outbreaks in Ontario as reported by Public Health Ontario, broken down by industry. Workplaces are considered agricultural, retail and food processing public services, manufacturing) <sup>7</sup>

Industry	Active Outbreaks	Cumulative Outbreaks
	August 29	
Shelters	3	49
Corrections	1	5
Group Homes	6	92
Workplaces (agricultural, retail,	56	289
food processing, public services, manufacturing)		
Daycare	7	18
Other*	14	67
Total	87	520

<sup>\*</sup>Other is not defined in the Public Health Ontario reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Mojtehedzadeh, Sara and Jennifer Yang *More than 180 workers at this Toronto bakery got COVID-19 — but the public wasn't informed. Why aren't we being told about workplace outbreaks?* Toronto Star August 10, 2020. <a href="https://www.thestar.com/business/2020/08/10/more-than-180-workers-at-this-toronto-bakery-got-covid-19-but-the-public-wasnt-informed-why-arent-we-being-told-about-workplace-outbreaks.html">https://www.thestar.com/business/2020/08/10/more-than-180-workers-at-this-toronto-bakery-got-covid-19-but-the-public-wasnt-informed-why-arent-we-being-told-about-workplace-outbreaks.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Dr. Henry addresses idea of reimplementing previous coronavirus restrictions. <u>DH News.</u> August 25 2020. https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/dr-bonnie-henry-bc-coronavirus-restrictions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Epidemiological Summary. <u>Public Health Ontario.</u> August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. <u>https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?la=en</u>

Chart 2. COVID-19 Cases by Industry and Regions Impacted

(This chart shows the cumulative cases the Ontario Health Coalition has been able to find in each industry and which regions have had outbreaks in that industry)

Industry	Total Cases July 14	Regions/Towns Impacted	Total Cases August 25
Agriculture	1,244		1,685
	,	Niagara	,
		Haldimand Norfolk	
		Simcoe-Muskoka	
		London	
		Windsor-Essex	
		Chatham Kent	
		Vaughan	
Food Processing	339*		339
		Waterloo	
		Burford	
		York	
		Kitchener	
		Brampton	
Social Services	205		205
(Immigration and Women's Shelters)		Toronto	
		Ottawa	
Homeless Shelters	634		650
		Toronto	
		York	
Childcare Centres	17		23
(includes summer camps)		York	
		Toronto	
		Niagara	
		Ottawa	
		Waterloo	
Developmental Services	352		370
		Ottawa	
		York	
		Toronto	
		Eastern Ontario	
		Hamilton	
		Niagara	
		Waterloo	
		Chatham-Kent	
Corrections and Law Enforcement	95		104
		Elgin-Middlesex	
		Brampton	
		Toronto	
		Iroquois Falls	
		Hamilton	
		Kingston	

		Ottawa	
		Grand Valley	
Retail	161	,	188
		Greater Toronto Area	
		Durham	
		Peel	
		York	
		Keswick	
		Alliston	
		Bradford	
		Brantford	
		Hamilton	
		Bolton	
		Kingston	
		London	
		Burford	
		Ottawa	
		Oakville	
		Leamington	
Manufacturing	44		44
		Waterloo	
		Hamilton	
		Northern Ontario	
		First Nations	
Public Services	76		105
(Parks, Transit and LCBO)		Toronto	
		Peel	
		Ottawa	
Construction	4		4
		Toronto	
Total	3,171		3,717

<sup>\*</sup>Total includes an outbreak reported in this report but took place outside of the reporting period-See Toronto- FGF Bakery

Updates to outbreaks in this report are in purple text.

# Agriculture

# **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 from COVID-19.
- 3. Fifty-five-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 COVID-19. The two others died in the Windsor area.<sup>8</sup>

# **London/St Thomas:**

# **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>9</sup>

# **London-Ontario Plants Propagation facility: July 8 2020**

Twenty migrant workers at the Ontario Plants Propagation facility outside of St. Thomas have tested positive for COVID-19. Two agriculture workers have also tested positive for COVID-19. The workers live in London but travel to the operation at 38024 John Wise Line.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Haldimand Norfolk:**

# 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. $^{11}$ 

# 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>12</sup>

# Niagara:

Pioneer Flower Farms: June 4 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Michelle Ruby. *Mass to be held Sunday for migrant worker who died of COVID-19*. <u>The Brampton Expositor.</u>
June 25 2020

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{\text{https://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/news/local-news/mass-to-be-held-sunday-for-migrant-worker-who-died-of-covid-19}\\$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Matt Thompson. *Covid-19 outbreak among Ontario Plants Propagation migrant workers*. CBC May 29 2020 <a href="https://london.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-outbreak-among-ontario-plants-propagation-migrant-workers-1.4960657">https://london.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-outbreak-among-ontario-plants-propagation-migrant-workers-1.4960657</a>

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Colgran, Greg. Top doc in Woodstock, St. Thomas area issues order to protect migrant farm workers. <u>CBC</u> July 8 2020

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{https://london.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-outbreak-among-ontario-plants-propagation-migrant-workers-1.4960657}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Update on outbreak at farm. <u>Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit</u>. June 25 2020 <u>https://hnhu.org/update-on-outbreak-at-farm/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Ferguson, Rob. *Spike in COVID-19 cases among migrant workers in southwestern Ontario*. <u>The Star</u>. June 9 2020 <a href="https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2020/06/09/spike-in-covid-19-cases-among-migrant-workers-in-southwestern-ontario.html">https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2020/06/09/spike-in-covid-19-cases-among-migrant-workers-in-southwestern-ontario.html</a>

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>13</sup>

# Pioneer Flower Farms: July 10 2020

Pioneer Flower Farms had at least 65 workers test positive for COVID-19, increasing by 5 since the early reports of the outbreak in June. <sup>14</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.  $^{15}$  Naturefresh in Leamington has had 191 cases of COVID-19 in their agriculture migrant workforce over this weekend.  $^{16}$ 

#### July 14 2020

The health unit says a total of 824 agri-farm workers have tested positive for the virus in the region (an increase of 150 since June 29). <sup>17</sup>

# Learnington & Kingsville Agricultural Facilities: July 7 2020

The COVID-19 outbreaks at two agricultural facilities in Leamington and two agricultural facilities in Kingsville continue. 18

### August 25 2020

The health unit says a total of 1170 agri-farm workers have tested positive for the virus in the region (an increase of 346 since July 14). There are currently two active outbreaks in agriculture facilities in Leamington  $^{19}$ 

# **Chatham Kent**

**Greenhill Produce: June 15 2020** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Drevfjall, Ludvig. *A total of 60 cases of COVID-19 now found at local flower farm*. <u>Thoroldnews.com.</u> June 4 2020. <a href="https://www.thoroldnews.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/a-total-of-60-cases-of-covid-19-now-found-at-local-flower-farm-2410095">https://www.thoroldnews.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/a-total-of-60-cases-of-covid-19-now-found-at-local-flower-farm-2410095</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> LaFleche Grant. *Niagara public health reports first COVID-19 death in over a month.* <u>The Standard.</u> July 10 2020. <a href="https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/2020/07/10/niagara-public-health-reports-first-covid-19-death-in-over-a-month.html">https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/2020/07/10/niagara-public-health-reports-first-covid-19-death-in-over-a-month.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Borrelli, Melanie. *87 new COVID-19 cases reported in Windsor-Essex agri-farm sector, 1 in community.* CTV Windsor. June 29 2020. <a href="https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/87-new-covid-19-cases-reported-in-windsor-essex-agri-farm-sector-1-in-community-1.5004029">https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/87-new-covid-19-cases-reported-in-windsor-essex-agri-farm-sector-1-in-community-1.5004029</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Windsor-Essex greenhouse shut down after COVID-19 outbreak <u>CBC.</u> 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>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> CBC Windsor July 14 COVID-19 update: 14 new cases reported today. <u>CBC.</u> July 14 2020. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/covid19-windsor-essex-july14-1.5648666

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Borrelli, Melanie. *Leamington and Kingsville to join rest of Ontario in Stage 2 of reopening*. <u>CTV News.</u> July 7 2020 <a href="https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/leamington-and-kingsville-to-join-rest-of-ontario-in-stage-2-of-reopening-1.5012597">https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/leamington-and-kingsville-to-join-rest-of-ontario-in-stage-2-of-reopening-1.5012597</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Windsor Essex Local Cases. <u>Windsor Essex Public Health Unit.</u> August 25 2020. <u>https://www.wechu.org/cv/local-updates</u>

An outbreak was investigated at the end of April with 40 agricultural workers testing positive for COVID-19 at Greenhill Produce. <sup>20</sup>

# **Greenhill Produce: July 2 2020**

The outbreak at Greenhill Produce has grown to 103 cases in their workers but has now been resolved. <sup>21</sup>

# **Chatham-Kent Agricultural Industry: August 25 2020**

The Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit has reported 108 Temporary Foreign Workers and 130 Farm Workers have tested positive for COVID-19 <sup>22</sup>

#### 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>23</sup>

# Vaughan:

# Ravine Mushroom Farm: July 6 2020

There have been 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among agricultural workers at the Ravine Mushroom Farm in Vaughan. <sup>24</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>25</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>26</sup>

### **Kitchener:**

Conestoga Meat: May 22 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>COVID-19 update: Windsor-Essex does not enter Stage 2 of reopening. <u>CBC</u>. June 15 2020 <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/covid19-windsor-essex-june15-1.5612185">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/covid19-windsor-essex-june15-1.5612185</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>Malone, Mark. Colby almost shut down Kent Bridge greenhouse operation during COVID-19 outbreak

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>Chatham Kent Public Health. August 25 2020 https://ckphu.com/current-situation-in-chatham-kent/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Engel, Erika. *First COVID-19 'outbreaks' reported at two local farms today*. <u>Orillia Matters</u>. June 17 2020 <a href="https://www.orilliamatters.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/first-covid-19-outbreaks-reported-at-two-local-farms-today-2440078">https://www.orilliamatters.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/first-covid-19-outbreaks-reported-at-two-local-farms-today-2440078</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Rocco, Ryan. *Coronavirus: 30 cases confirmed among workers at Vaughan mushroom farm.*<u>Global News</u>. July 6 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/7145069/coronavirus-vaughan-mushroom-farm-outbreak/">https://globalnews.ca/news/7145069/coronavirus-vaughan-mushroom-farm-outbreak/</a>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> An update from Maple Lodge Farms' regarding the ongoing COVID -19 Pandemic. Maple Lodge Farms. June 8 2020 <a href="https://maplelodgefarms.com/covid19-update/">https://maplelodgefarms.com/covid19-update/</a>

Conestoga Meat in Kitchener 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.  $^{27}$ 

# 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>28</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.  $^{29}$ 

# Food Processing Plant: July 14 2020

Two undisclosed outbreaks in Waterloo have been declared resolved with a total of 112 cases.  $^{30}$ 

#### **Burford- Ferrero Plant: July 14 2020**

One staff member at the Ferrero Plant has tested positive for COVID-19. 31

#### **Toronto:**

FGF Bakery: June 24 2020

Two outbreaks occurred in FGF Bakery in Toronto resulting in 184 employees testing positive for COVID-19 and one staff member dying from the virus, the outbreaks have now been declared resolved and details have only recently been released to the public. <sup>32</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Anderson, Erin. *Majority of COVID-19 cases at Conestoga Meats resolved: Public Health.*<u>Kitchener Today</u>. May 22 2020 <a href="https://www.kitchenertoday.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/majority-of-covid-19-cases-at-conestoga-meats-resolved-public-health-2369943">https://www.kitchenertoday.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/majority-of-covid-19-cases-at-conestoga-meats-resolved-public-health-2369943</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Kelly, Deborah. York Region COVID-19 outbreaks 'under control', but workplace cases rising.

Newmarket Today. May 19 2020 <a href="https://www.newmarkettoday.ca/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/york-region-covid-19-outbreaks-under-control-but-workplace-cases-spiking-2362737">https://www.newmarkettoday.ca/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/york-region-covid-19-outbreaks-under-control-but-workplace-cases-spiking-2362737</a>

Nielsen, Kevin. 17 new coronavirus cases in Waterloo Region as total cases rise to 1,130.
 Global News. June 2 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/7016005/coronavirus-cases-waterloo-june-2-covid19/">https://globalnews.ca/news/7016005/coronavirus-cases-waterloo-june-2-covid19/</a>
 Waterloo COVID-19 Update. <a href="https://waterloo.public.health">Waterloo Public Health</a>. July. 14 2020

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/positive-cases-in-waterloo-region.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Gamble, Susan. Active COVID-19 cases in area now at 13. <u>Brantford Expositor</u> July 15 2020 https://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/news/local-news/active-covid-19-cases-in-area-now-at-13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Tsekousus, Phil. 180 workers at a Toronto bakery contracted COVID-19. This has prompted calls for paid sick leave in Ontario. <u>CTV News</u>. August 12 2020 <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/180-workers-at-a-toronto-bakery-contracted-covid-19-this-has-prompted-calls-for-paid-sick-leave-in-ontario-1.5061322">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/180-workers-at-a-toronto-bakery-contracted-covid-19-this-has-prompted-calls-for-paid-sick-leave-in-ontario-1.5061322</a>

# **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>33</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>34</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>35</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>36</sup>

# Homeless Shelters: July 13, 2020

The Toronto Public Health unit has reported a total of 628 cases of COVID-19 in homeless shelters and respite centres an increase of 27 cases. There have been new outbreaks declared at Seaton House and Scott Mission which had previously been cleared of outbreaks. St. Felix is also currently under an outbreak with an undisclosed amount of cases. <sup>37</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Kopun, Francine. How a haven for refugees became home to the worst COVID-19 outbreak in Toronto's shelter system. <u>The Star</u>. May 24 2020 <a href="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">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</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Ottawa Public Health. April 29 2020. <a href="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</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> According to Cathy Crowe (RN) in her COVID-19 Update on Facebook. June 15 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> <u>Toronto Public Health.</u> June 17 2020. <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/96ce-Toronto-Active-Shelter-Outbreaks-June-17-2020.pdf">https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/96ce-Toronto-Active-Shelter-Outbreaks-June-17-2020.pdf</a>

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{37}{\text{Toronto Public Health.}} \text{ July 13 2020.} \ \underline{\text{https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/979d-Toronto-Active-Shelter-Outbreaks-July-13-2020.pdf}$ 

# Homeless Shelters: August 24, 2020

The Toronto Public Health unit has reported a total of 635 cases of COVID-19 in homeless shelters and respite centres an increase of 7 cases. There are currently no active outbreaks reported in Toronto.  $^{38}$ 

# 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.  $^{39}$ 

# **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. 40

# **Carling Family Shelter: August 19 2020**

Nine cases of COVID-19 have been reported in four different households at Carling Family Shelter and have been placed in isolation.  $^{41}$ 

# **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.  $^{42}$ 

#### **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.  $^{43}$ 

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https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/reports-research-and-statistics/resources/Documents/covid-

CTV August 11 2020. https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ninth-case-of-covid-19-at-ottawa-shelter-1.5071554

https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/!ut/p/z1/04\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-

AAjgZA VGElBTkRhikOyoqAgC eMj/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.XsYQ6hNKh0s

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Toronto Public Health. July 13 2020. https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/979d-Toronto-Active-Shelter-Outbreaks-July-13-2020.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> COVID-19 update. <u>York Public Health.</u> June 17 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Detailed Summary of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Ottawa Institutions. <u>Ottawa Public Health.</u> May 19 2020.

<sup>19/</sup>May20/outbreak tables 2020-05-19 RHHO ENtyu.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Pringle, Josh. *Ninth case of COVID-19 at Ottawa shelter* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> COVID-19 update. <u>York Public Health</u> June 17 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Law, John. COVID-19 outbreak closes Fort Erie daycare. <u>St. Catharines Standard</u>. May 20 2020. <u>https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/9992195-covid-19-outbreak-closes-fort-erie-daycare/</u>

#### Ottawa:

# Multiple Childcare Centres: July 28 2020

Three Childcare Centres have had outbreaks declared in Ottawa. A Child and Adult have tested positive at Pinecrest-Queensway Community Centre, a staff member at La Clémentine Michel Dupuis has also tested positive as well as a staff member at Renée Tassé Daycare 44

#### **Toronto:**

# 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 4 children have contracted the virus. 45

# CampTo: August 12 2020

One camper at CampTO has tested positive for COVID-19, there have been no more positive cases that have been reported at this time<sup>46</sup>

#### Waterloo:

#### Summer Camp: August 25 2020

There has been one confirmed case of COVID-19 at a Summer Camp in Waterloo. No other details have been provided but the outbreak is still declared active. <sup>47</sup>

# **Developmental Services**

# **Chatham-Kent:**

#### **Group Home Settings: August 25 2020**

Chatham-Kent Public Health has reported 12 group home workers and 6 group home residents have tested positive for COVID-19. $^{48}$ 

# 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Aguilar, Bryan. Three more children and five additional workers at Toronto daycare test positive for COVID-19. <u>Toronto CTV News</u>. May 6 2020. <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/three-more-children-and-five-additional-workers-at-toronto-daycare-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4927883">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/three-more-children-and-five-additional-workers-at-toronto-daycare-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4927883</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Mussa, Adil. Ottawa parents pull children out of daycare after outbreaks. <u>CBC News</u>. July 23 2020. <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-parents-pull-children-out-of-daycare-after-three-outbreaks-1.5664225">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-parents-pull-children-out-of-daycare-after-three-outbreaks-1.5664225</a>

Westell, Nick. Child at City of Toronto summer camp program tests positive for coronavirus. Global News.
 August 12 2020. <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/7269988/coronavirus-campto-participant-tests-positive-covid-19/">https://globalnews.ca/news/7269988/coronavirus-campto-participant-tests-positive-covid-19/</a>
 Waterloo Local COVID-19 Cases Waterloo Public Health August 25 2020

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/positive-cases-in-waterloo-region.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> COVID-19 update. <u>Chatham-Kent Health.</u> August 25 2020 <u>https://ckphu.com/current-situation-in-chatham-kent/</u>

- 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>49</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

# **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>50</sup>

# 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>51</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 died from the virus. <sup>52</sup>

#### Niagara:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> COVID-19 update. York Public Health. June 17 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Community Settings. <u>The Regional Municipality of York.</u> May 3 2020. <u>https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/!ut/p/z1/04\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Community Settings. <u>The Regional Municipality of York.</u> May 3 2020. <u>https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/!ut/p/z1/04\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijYxMzDwMnQ28DDz8LQw83cwDTF0sPAwNvI30wwkpiAJKG-</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Aguilar, Bryan. Fifth Ontario personal support worker dies after contracting COVID-19. <u>Toronto CTV News</u>. May 7 2020. <u>https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/fifth-ontario-personal-support-worker-dies-after-contracting-covid-19-1.4930176</u>

# 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>53</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. 54

# 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>55</sup>

# Bairn Croft and Welcome House: July 14, 2020

There have been outbreaks at Bairn Croft Residential Services with one staff member testing positive for COVID-19, as well as Welcome House, with two staff members testing positive. <sup>56</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>57</sup>

# **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>58</sup>

# **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>59</sup>

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/positive-cases-in-waterloo-region.aspx

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/sunnyside-supportive-housing.aspx?\_mid\_=25575

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Knox, Shelby. Two Covid-19 Outbreaks End at Niagara Facilities. <u>IHeartRadio.</u> May 5 2020. <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/two-covid-19-outbreaks-end-at-niagara-facilities-1.12327470</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Eastern Ontario Health Unit. May 21 2020. https://eohu.ca/en/my-community/current-outbreaks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Ottawa Public Health. April 15 2020. <a href="https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/professionals-and-partners/outbreak-reports-in-ottawa-healthcare-institutions.aspx">https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/professionals-and-partners/outbreak-reports-in-ottawa-healthcare-institutions.aspx</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Sunnyside Supportive Housing setting. <u>Ottawa Public Health.</u> July 14, 2020

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/sunnyside-supportive-housing.aspx? mid =25575

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Mitchell, Don. Hamilton has 460 COVID-19 cases, outbreak at Wesley Supportive Housing over. <u>Global News.</u> May 5 2020. <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/6907734/hamilton-coronavirus-update-may-5/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Waterloo Region COVID-19 Summary. <u>Region of Waterloo.</u> June 25, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Sunnyside Supportive Housing setting. <u>Region of Waterloo.</u> June 18, 2020

# **Corrections and Law Enforcement**

# **Elgin Middlesex:**

**Detention Centre: June 11 2020** 

An inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 in the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre. 60

# **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>61</sup>

#### Toronto:

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

There have been three inmates and 1 staff member who have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Toronto South Detention Centre.  $^{62}$ 

# **Toronto Police Department: April 9 2020**

Toronto Police Department has reported that there have been 11 cases of COVID-19 in their police force. <sup>63</sup>

#### **Iroquois Falls:**

# **Monteith Detention Centre: April 9 2020**

One inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 at the Monteith Detention Centre. 64

#### 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>65</sup>

<u>Toronto.com</u>. April 9 2020 <a href="https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9938483-eleven-toronto-police-employees-have-tested-positive-for-coronavirus/">https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9938483-eleven-toronto-police-employees-have-tested-positive-for-coronavirus/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Ismail, Reta. Confirmed case of COVID-19 among inmates at Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre. <u>CTV News</u>. June 11 2020. <a href="https://london.ctvnews.ca/confirmed-case-of-covid-19-among-inmates-at-elgin-middlesex-detention-centre-1.4980088">https://london.ctvnews.ca/confirmed-case-of-covid-19-among-inmates-at-elgin-middlesex-detention-centre-1.4980088</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Hasham, Alyshah. Eight staff, 60 inmates test positive for COVID-19 at Brampton jail. Inmates transferred to Toronto South Detention Centre. <u>The Star</u>. April 20 2020. <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/04/20/68-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-outbreak-at-brampton-jail-inmates-being-transferred-to-toronto-south-detention-centre.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/04/20/68-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-outbreak-at-brampton-jail-inmates-being-transferred-to-toronto-south-detention-centre.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> More than 2,000 inmates released, 6 COVID-19 cases confirmed inside Ontario jails. <u>CBC News</u>. April 9 2020. <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-jails-coronavirus-1.5527677">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-jails-coronavirus-1.5527677</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>Gillis, Wendy. Eleven Toronto police employees have tested positive for coronavirus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> More than 2,000 inmates released, 6 COVID-19 cases confirmed inside Ontario jails. <u>CBC News</u>. April 9 2020. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-jails-coronavirus-1.5527677

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Craggs, Samantha. Still just 1 case of COVID-19 at the Barton jail, and 6 more in all of Hamilton. CBC News. May 7 2020 https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/covid-19-1.5559976

# **Kingston:**

# Joyceville and Bath Corrections: June 26 2020

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>66</sup>

#### Ottawa:

#### **Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre: August 3 2020**

An inmate has tested positive for COVID-19 at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre. Ottawa Public Health believes that the inmate was COVID-19 positive before entering the prison.<sup>67</sup>

# **Grand Valley:**

# **Grand Valley Institute for Women: August 25 2020**

Eight inmates at the Grand Valley Institute for Women have tested positive for COVID-19 as of August 25 2020. The dates of infection are not available.<sup>68</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>69</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>70</sup>

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

<u>Whig Standard</u>. June 26 2020. <u>https://www.thewhig.com/news/local-news/two-csc-staff-members-test-positive-for-covid-19</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> MacAlpine, Ian. Two CSC staff members test positive for COVID-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Raymond, Ted. *Inmate at Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre tests positive for COVID-19*. <u>CTV News</u>. August 3 2020. <a href="https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/inmate-at-ottawa-carleton-detention-centre-tests-positive-for-covid-19-1.5049553">https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/inmate-at-ottawa-carleton-detention-centre-tests-positive-for-covid-19-1.5049553</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Correction Services Canada. August 25 2020. https://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/001/006/001006-1014-en.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Lavoie, Joanna. Three employees at Metro, Food Basics grocery stores in Scarborough contract COVID-19. <u>Toronto.com</u>. May 14 2020 <a href="https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9988019-three-employees-at-metro-food-basics-grocery-stores-in-scarborough-contract-covid-19/">https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9988019-three-employees-at-metro-food-basics-grocery-stores-in-scarborough-contract-covid-19/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Sobey's COVID-19 Tracker. <u>Sobeys.com</u> June 25 <u>https://corporate.sobeys.com/covid-19-cases-stores/</u>

Home Depot in Richmond Hill has confirmed that 14 of their staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.  $^{71}$ 

# Oshawa- Grocery Store: April 21 2020

Oshawa has had one staff member at their metro test positive for COVID-19. 72

# Oshawa- Costco Outbreak: May 9 2020

Costco in Oshawa (Hwy. 7 and Weston Road) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 73

# Vaughan- Costco Outbreak: April 28 2020

Costco in Vaughan has had 7 staff members test positive for COVID-19. 74

# Vaughan- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020

Walmart in Vaughan (8300 Hwy 27) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 75

# Vaughan- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020

Walmart in Vaughan (101 Edgely Blvd) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 76

# Vaughan-Longos: April 11 2020

York Region Public Health said they were notified on April 5 that employees at two Longo's stores in Vaughan had tested positive for the virus.  $^{77}$ 

#### Vaughan-Loblaws: July 7 2020

One worker tested positive for COVID-19 in Vaughan. 78

#### Vaughan- Body Barre Gym: March 30 2020

There have been 8 cases of COVID-19 at the Body Barre Gym in Vaughan. 79

Patton, Jessica. Richmond Hill Home Depot confirms 14 staff test positive for coronavirus.
 Global News. June 16 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/7070731/richmond-hill-home-depot-coronavirus/72">https://globalnews.ca/news/7070731/richmond-hill-home-depot-coronavirus/72</a>
 Szekely, Reka. Oshawa Metro grocery worker tests positive for COVID-19.
 Durham Region.com. April 21 2020 <a href="https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9958374-oshawa-metro-me

grocery-worker-tests-positive-for-covid-19/

73 Case of COVID-19 confirmed at Oshawa Costco. Oshawa This Week. May 9 2020

https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9984150-case-of-covid-19-confirmed-at-oshawa-costco/
<sup>74</sup> Rodrigues, Gabby. 7 employees at Costco in Vaughan test positive for coronavirus.

Global News. April 27 2020 https://globalnews.ca/news/6871598/costco-vaughan-coronavirus-covid19/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Zarzour, Kim. *UPDATE: Five Walmart employees test positive for COVID-19 in York Region area*. <u>York Region.</u> May 26 2020. <a href="https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/">https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Zarzour, Kim. *UPDATE: Five Walmart employees test positive for COVID-19 in York Region area.*<u>YorkRegion.com.</u> May 26 2020. <a href="https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/">https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Wilson, Codi. *Longo's store in Vaughan closing for 2 weeks after several employees test positive for COVID-19.* <u>CTV News</u>. April 11, 2020 <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/longo-s-store-in-vaughan-closing-for-2-weeks-after-several-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4891815">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/longo-s-store-in-vaughan-closing-for-2-weeks-after-several-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-1.4891815</a>

<sup>78</sup> COVID-19. <u>Loblaws Companies Limited.</u> https://www.loblaw.ca/en/covid19.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Zarzour, Kim. Coronavirus hits Vaughan gyms, Richmond Hill hospital and Markham care homes.

# Aurora- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020

An unspecified Walmart in Aurora has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 80

# Thornhill- Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020

An unspecified Walmart in Thornhill has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 81

# 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.  $^{82}$ 

# Mississauga- RBC: March 10 2020

Dozens of workers at Royal Bank of Canada's office in Mississauga were in self-isolation at home after an employee there tested positive for COVID-19, while a downtown Toronto office of accounting firm BDO shut down for disinfection for the same reason. <sup>83</sup>

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

Costco in Markham (Kirkham Dr) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 84

# Toronto- Loblaws: May 11 2020

The popular Seaton Village supermarket had to shut its doors more than once in recent weeks to properly sanitize after 18 employees became infected with the virus — including on April 17, April 29 and May 2. 85

# Etobicoke- Shopper's Drug Mart: April 3 2020

There has been an outbreak declared at Humbertown Shopping Centre in Etobicoke with one staff testing positive for COVID-19. 86

**Etobicoke-Loblaws: June 17 2020** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>York Region</u>. March 30 2020 <u>https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9920197-coronavirus-hits-vaughangyms-richmond-hill-hospital-and-markham-care-homes/</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Zarzour, Kim. *UPDATE: Five Walmart employees test positive for COVID-19 in York Region area*. <u>York Region.</u> May 26 2020. <a href="https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/">https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Bowden, Olivia. *Loblaws employees say stores are handling COVID-19 unsafely, putting them at risk*. Global News. May 11, 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/7131861/loblaws-employees-stores-handling-covid-19-coronavirus/">https://globalnews.ca/news/7131861/loblaws-employees-stores-handling-covid-19-coronavirus/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup>Latest Cases of COVID-19. <u>IHeartRadio</u>. March 31 2020 <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/latest-cases-of-covid-19-lcbo-worker-in-toronto-tests-positive-for-virus-1.11386435</u>

There have been three more staff members working at Loblaws locations in Etobicoke who have tested positive for COVID-19. <sup>87</sup>

# Peel- Metro: July 14 2020

There have been 9 more Metro Staff members test positive for COVID-19 all in the Peel Area at various locations since our last update. <sup>88</sup>

# **Greater Toronto Area- Metro: August 25 2020**

There have been 14 more cases in the GTA since our last update predominantly in the Peel and Scarborough area.<sup>89</sup>

# **Etobicoke- Shopper's Drug Mart: August 25 2020**

There has been one more staff member test positive for COVID-19 at Shopper's Drug Mart. 90

# **Toronto- Loblaws: August 25 2020**

There has been one more staff member test positive for COVID-19 at Loblaws. 91

# Scarborough- Walmart and McDonalds: August 25 2020

There has been an employee at the Walmart and McDonalds in Scarborough who have tested positive in the same building. 92

# **Toronto- Brass Rail: August 25 2020**

A Staff member and a guest have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Brass Rail Adult Entertainment in Toronto. Public Health says that upwards of 500 people may have come into contact with COVID-19 <sup>93</sup>

# **Toronto- Bikini Village Eaton Centre: July 21 2020**

A Staff member at Bikini Village in Toronto has tested positive for COVID-19 94

#### Alliston:

#### Walmart Outbreak April 15 2020

Walmart supercentre in Alliston has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 95

#### **Barrie South:**

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<u>CP24.</u> August25 <a href="https://www.cp24.com/news/patron-at-brass-rail-strip-club-tests-positive-for-covid-19-1.5070167">https://www.cp24.com/news/patron-at-brass-rail-strip-club-tests-positive-for-covid-19-1.5070167</a>

<u>CTV News.</u> July 21 2020. <a href="https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/positive-case-of-covid-19-confirmed-at-toronto-eaton-centre-1.5032850">https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/positive-case-of-covid-19-confirmed-at-toronto-eaton-centre-1.5032850</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Sobey's COVID-19 Tracker. <u>Sobeys.com.</u> August25 <u>https://corporate.sobeys.com/covid-19-cases-stores/</u>

<sup>91</sup> Sobey's COVID-19 Tracker. Sobeys.com. August25 https://corporate.sobeys.com/covid-19-cases-stores/

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https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/08/toronto-walmart-employee-covid-19-mcdonalds-worker/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Patron at Brass Rail strip club tests positive for COVID-19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Wilson, Kerissa. *Positive case of COVID-19 confirmed at Toronto Eaton Centre* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Goldfinger, Daina. *Two employees test positive for coronavirus at Walmart locations in Barrie South, Alliston.* Global News. April 15, 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/6821032/alliston-barrie-south-walmart-coronavirus/">https://globalnews.ca/news/6821032/alliston-barrie-south-walmart-coronavirus/</a>

# Walmart Outbreak April 15 2020

Walmart supercentre in Barrie South has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 96

#### **Bradford:**

# Walmart Outbreak: May 26 2020

An unspecified Walmart in Thornhill has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 97

#### **Brantford:**

# Walmart: July 10 2020

One staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 at Walmart in Brantford. 98

# Lowes: July 14 2020

Two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 at Lowes in Brantford. 99

#### **Bolton:**

#### Walmart Outbreak: June 5 2020

Walmart supercentre in Bolton has had 2 staff members test positive for COVID-19. 100

#### Hamilton:

#### Walmart Outbreak: June 5 2020

Walmart in Hamilton (Ancaster, 1051 Garner Rd) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.<sup>101</sup>

#### Lowe's Outbreak: June 5 2020

Lowe's in Hamilton (Barton Street) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19. 102

#### FreshCo Outbreak: June 5 2020

FreshCo in Hamilton (Upper Gage Avenue) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.  $^{103}$ 

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 May 26 2020. <a href="https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/">https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9997015-update-five-walmart-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-york-region-area/</a>

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News. June 5 2020. https://globalnews.ca/news/7029519/hamilton-walmart-lowes-freshco-covid-19/

# Metro: August 25 2020

There have been 1 more Metro Staff member test positive for COVID-19 in Hamilton. 104

# Fortinos: August 25 2020

There has been one more staff member test positive for COVID-19 at Fortinos in Ancaster. 105

#### **Keswick:**

#### Walmart Outbreak: June 20 2020

Walmart in Keswick (near Woodine and Glenwoods Aves) has had 1 staff member test positive for COVID-19.  $^{106}$ 

# **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. 107

# Restaurant (The Rustic Spud): July 2 2020

Employees tested positive for COVID-19 in a downtown Kingston restaurant (outbreak linked to Binh's Nail Salon). 108

# Golf Club (Amherstview Golf Club): July 2 2020

Employees tested positive for COVID-19 at Amherstview Golf Club in Kingston (outbreak linked to Binh's Nail Salon). 109

### Leamington:

#### Metro: August 25 2020

There has been one more case of COVID-19 in Learnington at Metro. 110

#### London:

#### **Shoppers Drug Mart: April 10, 2020**

Shoppers Drug Mart worker tests positive in northwest London, Ont. 111

Lowes: April 5, 2020

London, Ont. Lowe's employee contracts coronavirus. 112

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Metro COVID-19 Tracker. Metro. July 14 2020 https://corpo.metro.ca/en/covid-19-cases-ontario.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Sobey's COVID-19 Tracker. <u>Sobeys.com.</u> August25 <u>https://corporate.sobeys.com/covid-19-cases-stores/</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Bogdan, Sawyer. London, Ont. Lowe's employee contracts coronavirus. <u>Global News.</u> April 5, 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/6780800/coronavirus-london-lowes-employee/">https://globalnews.ca/news/6780800/coronavirus-london-lowes-employee/</a>

#### Oakville:

#### Metro: August 25 2020

There have been 1 more Metro Staff member test positive for COVID-19 in Oakville. 113

#### Ottawa:

# Metro: August 25 2020

There have been 1 more Metro Staff member test positive for COVID-19 in Ottawa. 114

#### 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>115</sup>

#### Windsor:

# Real Canadian Superstore: July 6 2020

A second employee was infected after the company's initial case at 2430 Dougall Ave. 116

# Loblaws: July 4 2020

 Windsor: July 4 2020- 1 worker tested positive for COVID-19 at the 4371 Walker Rd. outlet location.<sup>117</sup>

Windsor: July 5 2020- 1 worker tested positive for COVID-19.

# Metro: August 25 2020

There have been 1 more Metro Staff member test positive for COVID-19 in Windsor. 118

# **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>119</sup>

#### **Manufacturing Industrial Plant: July 14 2020**

One more case has been reported in the outbreak in Waterloo. 120

https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/positive-cases-in-waterloo-region.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Metro COVID-19 Tracker. Metro. July 14 2020 <a href="https://corpo.metro.ca/en/covid-19-cases-ontario.html">https://corpo.metro.ca/en/covid-19-cases-ontario.html</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Adams, Blair. COVID-19 update: Waterloo Region has four new cases. <u>Kitchener Today</u>. June 18 2020 <a href="https://www.kitchenertoday.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/covid-19-update-waterloo-region-has-four-new-cases-2444409">https://www.kitchenertoday.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/covid-19-update-waterloo-region-has-four-new-cases-2444409</a>

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Global News. June 2 2020 https://globalnews.ca/news/7016005/coronavirus-cases-waterloo-june-2-covid19/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Waterloo COVID-19 Update. <u>Waterloo Public Health</u>. July. 14 2020

#### Hamilton:

#### Mondelez Canada: May 5, 2020

Mondelez Canada has shut down its Hamilton factory after four workers tested positive for COVID-19. The company says they will continue to pay the 350 employees impacted by the temporary shutdown. <sup>121</sup>

#### **Northern Ontario:**

# Lac des lles palladium mine (Impala Canada): April 28 2020

The Lac des Iles palladium mine (Impala Canada) in Northern Ontario continued to operate when mining was classified an essential service, and even after an outbreak was reported. Now, the mine has at least 25 workers infected, and 1 worker has died. 122

#### Remote First Nation Communities: June 2020

A new report by an international coalition of non-profit groups have sharply criticized the mining industry for spreading the coronavirus into remote communities, both in Canada and abroad. With regards to the Impala Canada case, the nearby Indigenous community, Gull Bay First Nation, is reporting at least 8 people infected in connection with the mine outbreak. 123

#### Windsor Essex:

# Manufacturing Plant: July 6 2020

An outbreak was reported at a Leamington manufacturing plant. 124

#### **Public Services**

# **Brampton:**

#### Transit: March 28 2020

There have been two Brampton transit operators who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus as of March 28 2020. 125

#### Mississauga:

Canada Post: April 2 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Murphy, James. Hamilton candy factory shuts down due to 4th COVID-19 case. <u>CHCH.</u> May 5, 2020 https://www.chch.com/hamilton-candy-factory-shuts-down-due-to-4th-covid-19-case/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> Alex, Cathy. 'Terrible sadness': Company confirms 25 COVID-19 cases, including 1 death, connected to Lac des *Iles mine* CBC. April 28 2020 <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/lac-des-iles-25-cases-one-1.5546898">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/lac-des-iles-25-cases-one-1.5546898</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup>Latest Cases of COVID-19. <u>IHeartRadio</u>. March 31 2020 <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/latest-cases-of-covid-19-lcbo-worker-in-toronto-tests-positive-for-virus-1.11386435</u>

There has been one staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 at a Canada Post Facility in Mississauga. <sup>126</sup>

#### GTA:

# Metrolinx: April 1 2020

There have been two employees at Metrolinx who have tested positive for COVID-19. 127

#### Toronto LCBO: March 31 2020

There have been two LCBO staff members test positive for COVID-19 in Toronto. 128

#### **Toronto TTC: July 1 2020**

As of July 1, 2020, a total of 67 TTC employees, out of a staff of 16,000, have tested positive for COVID-19.  $^{129}$ 

# Toronto Parks and Recreation: July 14 2020

Two City of Toronto workers in the Parks, Forestry & Recreation department have tested positive for COVID-19. <sup>130</sup>

#### **Ontario:**

#### LCBO: June 29 2020

There have been 10 LCBO staff members test positive for COVID-19 across Ontario. 131

#### Ottawa:

#### OC Transpo: August 25 2020

There have been 29 OC transportation staff members test positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, including 7 Bus drivers who tested positive in the last month. <sup>132</sup>

# **Burford:**

#### **LCBO: July 14 2020**

One staff member at the LCBO in Burford has tested positive for COVID-19. 133

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup>Latest Cases of COVID-19. <u>IHeartRadio</u>. March 31 2020 <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/latest-cases-of-covid-19-lcbo-worker-in-toronto-tests-positive-for-virus-1.11386435</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup>Latest Cases of COVID-19. <u>IHeartRadio</u>. March 31 2020 <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/latest-cases-of-covid-19-lcbo-worker-in-toronto-tests-positive-for-virus-1.11386435</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup>Latest Cases of COVID-19. <u>IHeartRadio</u>. March 31 2020 <u>https://www.iheartradio.ca/610cktb/news/latest-cases-of-covid-19-lcbo-worker-in-toronto-tests-positive-for-virus-1.11386435</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Today's coronavirus news: 2 City of Toronto workers at Parks, Forestry & Recreation test positive; 8 cases identified among thousands of people who attended anti-racism rallies in Calgary, Edmonton. <u>The Star.</u> July 14, 2020 <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/07/14/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-toronto-gta-ontario-canada-july-14-2020.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/07/14/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-toronto-gta-ontario-canada-july-14-2020.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> LCBO COVID-19 Update. <u>LCBO</u>. June 29 2020 <a href="https://www.lcbo.com/content/lcbo/en/homepage/statement-on-lcbo-employee-testing-positive-for-covid-19.html">https://www.lcbo.com/content/lcbo/en/homepage/statement-on-lcbo-employee-testing-positive-for-covid-19.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Union wants city to get to bottom of COVID-19 case spike amongst OC Transpo drivers. <u>CBC News</u>. August 25 2020 <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/clint-crabtree-oc-transpo-covid-19-case-increase-1.5692352">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/clint-crabtree-oc-transpo-covid-19-case-increase-1.5692352</a>
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# Construction

#### **Toronto:**

Eglinton Crosstown: March 25 2020

The construction company building the Eglinton Crosstown LRT across Toronto is reporting three workers who have been diagnosed with — or are considered presumptive cases of, COVID-19. <sup>134</sup>

Equinix: March 29 2020

One construction worker working on Bathurst St has tested positive for COVID-19. 135

# **Kingston:**

**Rankin Construction: June 25 2020** 1 worker tested positive for COVID-19. 136

Westoll, Nick. Coronavirus: 3 workers at Eglinton Crosstown LRT construction site off work due to COVID-19. Global News. March 25, 2020 <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/6730183/coronavirus-eglinton-crosstown-lrt-crosslinx/">https://globalnews.ca/news/6730183/coronavirus-eglinton-crosstown-lrt-crosslinx/</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Butler-Hassan, Samantha. The latest on COVID-19 exposures in Kingston. <u>The Kingstonist.</u> June 26 2020 https://www.kingstonist.com/news/the-latest-on-covid-19-exposure-sites-in-kingston/