

## First Nations COVID-19 testing in Ontario: Weekly report 80

### Key messages:

- As of Oct 24, 2021, there were 53 new positives, **slightly higher** than the previous week's total of 41. The number of positive results among First Nations to date is 5,530.
- Test volume decreased in First Nations and across Ontario.
- Increases in sub-regions remain small and similar to last week, with Southeast remaining the highest.
- All other measures (cumulative positivity, hospitalization and death rates) **held steady** among First Nations and across Ontario.

### Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Testing in Registered First Nations People in Ontario\*\*

#### WEEKLY UPDATE

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 (covering tests completed October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021)

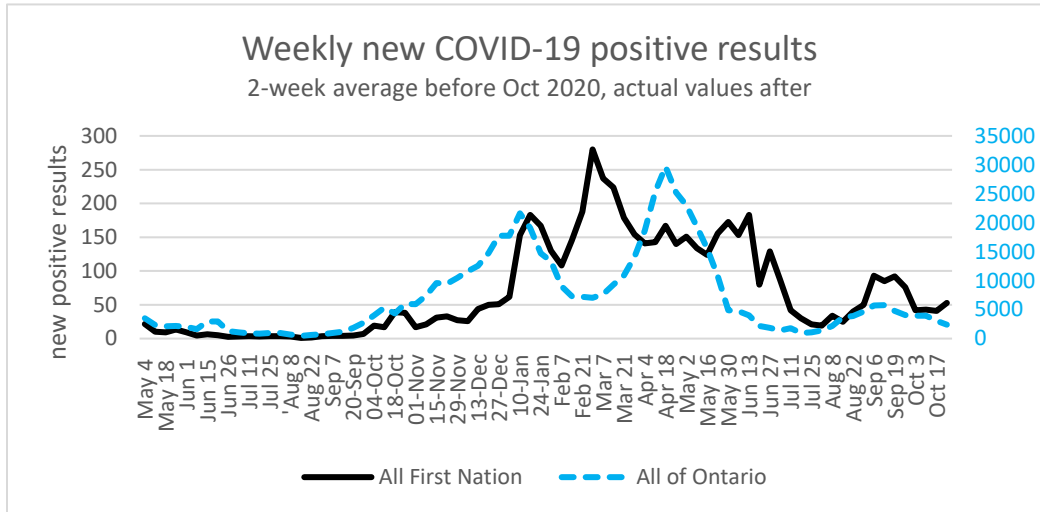
<b>N=450</b> Number newly tested for COVID-19
<b>N=53</b> Number newly tested positive for COVID-19

#### NUMBERS TO DATE (covering tests completed January 15, 2020 to October 24, 2021)

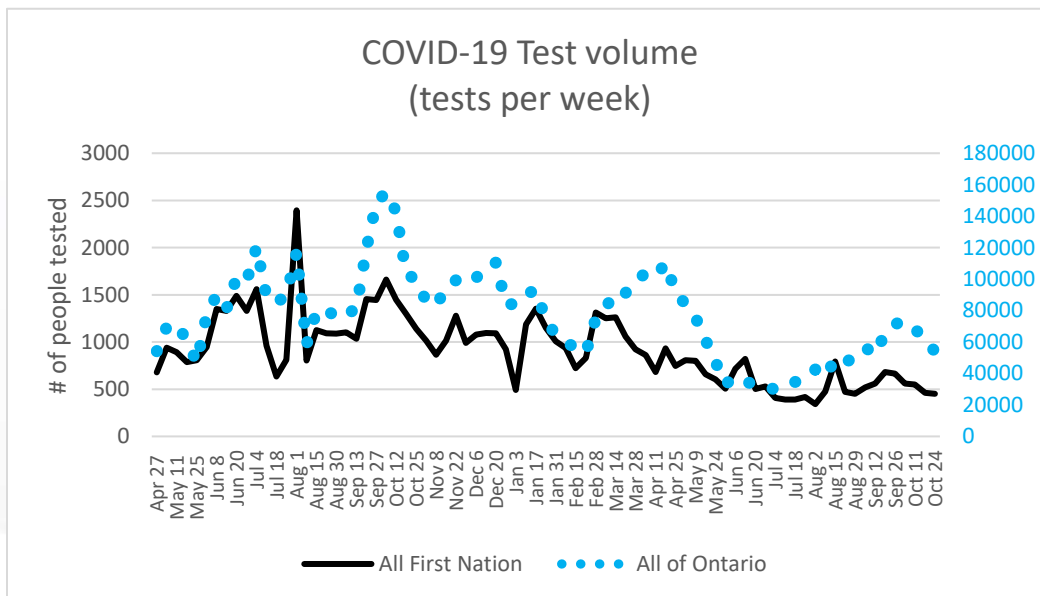
N=73,808 Number tested TO DATE for COVID-19			
N=5,530 Number positive for COVID-19			
Key geographic areas (Details in appendix)	Tested	Positive cases	FN population
North West	21,527 (55.9%)	1,309 (6.1%)	38,542
North East	16,875 (48.5%)	989 (5.9%)	34,763
Southwest	18,780 (45.9%)	2,155 (11.5%)	40,945
Southeast	9,134 (42.0%)	538 (5.9%)	21,751
Central	7,345 (48.6%)	524 (7.1%)	15,123
* suppressed for privacy. ** 151,775 Registered First Nations people in Ontario with a health card; *** based on the residence on the Health Card files.			

Databases reflected in this report: As of July 18, 2020, the data sources for this report have expanded beyond the original Ontario Laboratory Information System to include data from the Public Health Information System (IPHIS), Distributed Labs (DL), and Public Health Ontario Laboratory (PHOL) databases. The sources are the same for First Nations and Ontario statistics.

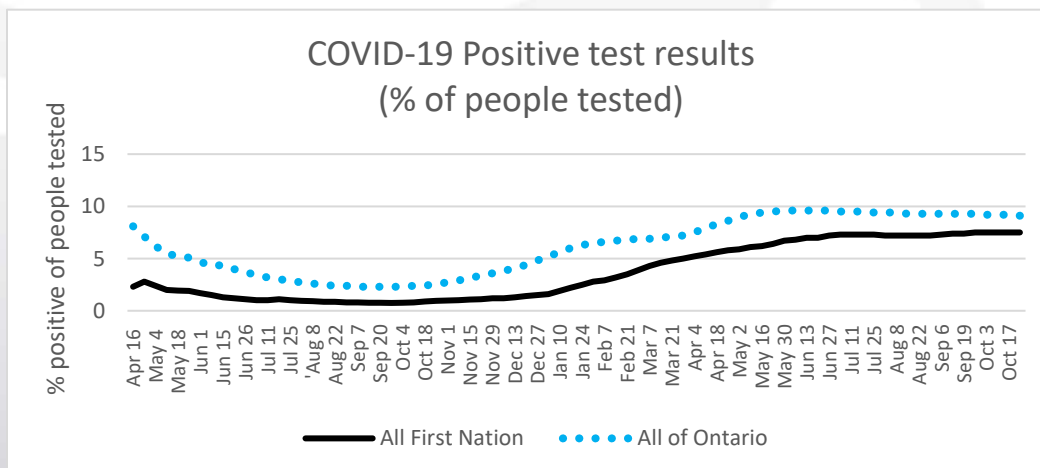
## COVID-19 Test results over time



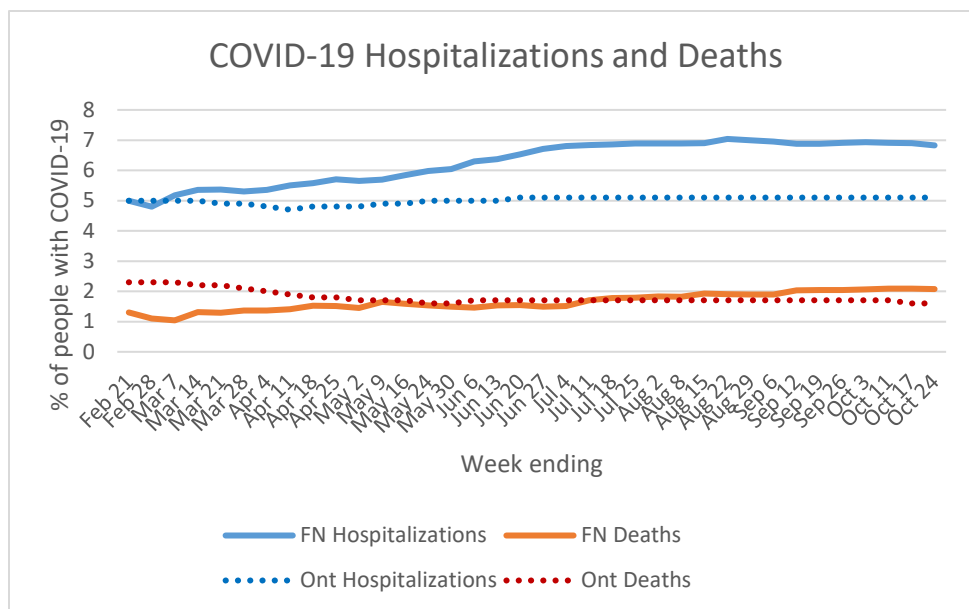
New COVID-19 positive test results **increased slightly** this week among First Nations. Ontario numbers holding steady.



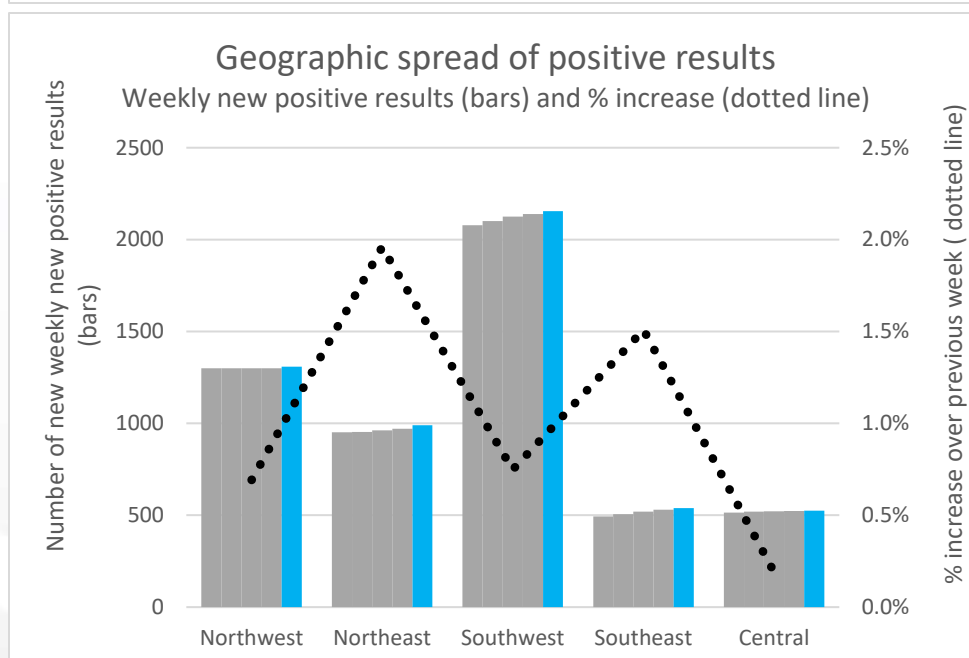
Test volumes among First Nations and across Ontario decreased again this week.



The cumulative positivity rate continues to hold steady in First Nations and across Ontario.



The rate of hospitalizations and deaths held steady this week among First Nations and across Ontario.



Percentage increases in the sub-regions were about the same as last week. Southeast remains the highest. Blue bars show numbers of new cases in most recent period, with previous weeks in grey. The areas are based on boundaries of Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). See appendix for details.

## Appendix:

**Data source:** Characteristics of COVID-19 diagnostic test recipients among the Ontario First Nations population, ICES. Ontario hospitalization and death rates accessed from the [Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool](#).

**Intervals in the reported data:** Data are as of the week ending on the date shown with the exception of June 20, Jun 26 and Jul 4 for which data for First Nations are for the previous 5, 6 and 8 days, respectively, due to changes in reporting period. Subsequently, data for Ontario and First Nations are reported as rates for 7-day periods, pro-rated as necessary when report intervals are 6 or 8 days, due to the impact of holidays on the reporting process.

**Weekly new positive results:** Prior to Oct 2020, each week's total is the average of the current and previous week to mask values of less than 5, in compliance with data suppression rules. After that, actual numbers were used because the volume of new results per week was consistently (and unfortunately) more than 5. Data for Jul 18 and Aug 1, 2020 are based on averages of the previous and following weeks of both dates, to correct for known data quality issues.

**Boundaries of "areas":** Test results of individuals are reported for the LHIN associated with the postal code on the individual's Ontario health card. LHINs included in each "area" for this report are: Northwest: LHIN 14; Northeast: LHIN 13; Southwest: LHINs 1-4; Southeast: LHINs 9-11; Central: LHINs 5-8, 12. Follow this [link](#) to view maps showing LHIN boundaries.

**Suppressed data:** Data suppression is done at ICES. When data for one category in a series are suppressed, at least one of the results based on these categories must also be suppressed. Hence totals greater than 5 may be suppressed for one or more areas when at least one of the LHINs included in the calculation of area totals has less than 5 cases.

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Number newly tested for COVID-19 and % of people in the group who were tested	
171 (38.00%) in a First Nations community***	279 (62.00%) outside of a First Nations community
N=53	
Number newly tested positive for COVID-19 and % of people in the group who were positive	
18 (0.07%) in a First Nations community***	35 (0.07%) outside of a First Nations community

##### NUMBERS TO DATE (covering tests completed January 15, 2020 to October 24, 2021)

N=73,808	
Number tested TO DATE for COVID-19 and % of people in the group who were tested	
26,117 (53.7%) in a First Nations community***	47,691 (46.2%) outside of a First Nations community
N=5,530	
Number positive for COVID-19 and % of people tested in the group who were positive	
1,921 (7.4%) in a First Nations community***	3,609 (7.6%) outside of a First Nations community

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