COVID-19 Situation Update

Regional Council April 23, 2020

M. Mustafa Hirji Medical Officer of Health & Commissioner (Acting)



niagararegion.ca/health





niagararegion.ca/health



1	Stop Entry of COVID-19 Cases from Outside of Canada	Federal
2	Reduce Physical Interaction to Prevent Infection Transmission	Provincial
3	Isolate Cases and Contacts to Break Chains of Transmission	Local Public Health



Local Public Health Roles

- 1. Case & Contact Management
- 2. Support Building Health Care System Capacity
 - Maximize Testing
 - Infection Prevention & Control
 - Prepare for Surge of Hospital Demand
 - Health Partners within Social Services Sector
- 3. Public Messaging
 - Amplify Federal & Provincial Messaging (e.g. Travel, Distancing)
 - Inform the Public (risk reduction, testing)
 - Interpret Local Context







Outbreaks in LTC & RH

- 9 COVID-19 Outbreaks
 - 3 declared over
 - A few with challenges
- IPAC inspections every 1-2 Weeks
- Enhanced IPAC inspection
- Coaching & Support Team
- Test of Persons with No Apparent Symptoms
- Supporting with Staffing Challenges
- Acute Health Status Assessment Process





Geography	
Canada	
Ontario	



Testing

Geography	Tests Performed	Population	Tests per 100,000 Population	Confirmed Cases	Tests per Cases per 100,000 Population
Canada	570,451	37,589,262	1,518	40,789	0.04
Ontario	194,745	14,711,827	1,314	12,879	0.10
Waterloo Region	5,025	584,259	860	582	1.48
Windsor-Essex	4,718	407,128	1,159	525	2.21
Hamilton (Assessment Centres Only)	3,017	794,716	380	-	-
Niagara Region (Niagara Health Only)	5,473	434,927	1,258	278	4.53

