

# ENHANCED EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

# (ARCHIVED) COVID-19 Regional Incidence and Time to Case Notification in Ontario

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The Enhanced Epidemiological Summary of the COVID-19 Regional Incidence and Time to Case Notification in Ontario will be discontinued after November 25, 2021. Related information will be found on Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool and the COVID-19 in Ontario: Weekly Epidemiological Summary. For additional inquiries related to information in the discontinued report, please contact EPIR@oahpp.ca.

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This report reflects cases that have been publicly reported up to 2021-11-25. Note that data from the CORES system were not available for cases from Toronto Public Health with a publicly reported date of 2020-08-13, and data from iPHIS were not available for cases from Algoma Public Health, Brant County Health Unit, Chatham-Kent Public Health, City of Hamilton Public Health Services, Niagara Region Public Health, Peterborough Public Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Southwestern Public Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Timiskaming Health Unit, and Windsor-Essex County Health Unit with a publicly reported date of 2020-08-19; as such, estimates and figures reflecting or incorporating these health units will be impacted for these dates. Additionally, due to a discrepancy in data extract times, cases in Ontario with a publicly reported date of 2020-11-22 were over-estimated, leading to an underestimate for those with a publicly reported date of 2020-11-23. Due to a data processing error, cases with a publicly reported date of 2020-12-04 were over-estimated for Ottawa Public Health. As such, metrics based on the public reporting date of 2020-12-03 and 2020-12-04 should be interpreted with caution as they may have been over-estimated. Due to a data processing error, cases with a

publicly reported date of 2021-01-08 were over-estimated for Toronto Public Health. Due to a data processing error, cases with a publicly reported date of 2021-01-19 were under-estimated for Toronto Public Health. Due to a data processing error, cases with a publicly reported date of 2021-01-21 were over-estimated for Toronto Public Health. Due to Toronto Public Health's data migration to CCM and subsequent identification of duplicate cases and data corrections, cases with a date of 2021-02-02 should be interpreted with caution. Due to issues with CCM, cases with a publicly reported date of 2021-03-25 were over-estimated (mainly affecting Toronto Public Health) and should be interpreted with caution. Due to a catch-up in processing laboratory data into CCM, counts with a public reporting date of 2021-04-28 for some health units in the Central West region were over-estimated and should be interpreted with caution. Due to a technical issue with the laboratory data feed, cases with a publicly reported date of 2021-05-06 may be underreported for the Central East, Central West and Toronto regions. Due to an error affecting cases publicly reported by Toronto Public Health, in December 2020 and earlier, cases were previously under-estimated. This under-estimation may have affected the total number of confirmed cases reported as of 2021-06-21. Toronto Public Health has conducted a data review and data re-mediation for some cases incorrectly reported as not meeting the case definition from December earlier. As of June 29, 2021, about 90 cases from 2020 have been included in Toronto Public Health's case count. Due to an ongoing data review and data cleaning initiative, about 80 cases from 2020 have been included in Toronto Public Health's case count as of July 5, 2021.

This report includes the most current information available from CCM.

Full French translation is available upon request.

#### Purpose

This report provides a summary of the regional case counts of COVID-19, likely source of acquisition, and the timeliness of testing and investigation in Ontario. These regional measures provide important information to support and monitor re-opening across Ontario.

A brief description of the measures included in this report are summarized below. Additional details are outlined in the Methods section, found toward the end of this document.

#### **Case count**

The daily number of COVID-19 cases is based on the date a case was publicly reported (i.e., the date the public health unit [PHU] reported the case to Public Health Ontario [PHO] plus one day to account for the delay in public reporting). These daily numbers are used to produce an epidemic curve showing numbers of cases over time. These epidemic curves can be used to determine the current trajectory of the epidemic in each region.

#### **Reproduction number**

The reproduction number is the average number of secondary cases of infection generated by each person infected with COVID-19. A reproduction number greater than one means that the overall number of new cases is growing in a region, while a reproduction number less than one means the overall number of new cases is decreasing and suggests that COVID-19 is coming under control in a region.

#### Likely source of acquisition

COVID-19 cases have been examined to determine whether a case travelled, was associated with an outbreak, was a contact of a case, had no known epidemiological link (sporadic community transmission), or where information was pending or missing. Tracking the number of cases with no known epidemiologic link provides insight into how well we are able to ascertain where cases are coming from and may reflect the effectiveness and timeliness of the contact tracing process, as well as indicate adherence to public health guidance by individuals who are asked to isolate.

#### Timeliness of case presentation, testing, and investigation

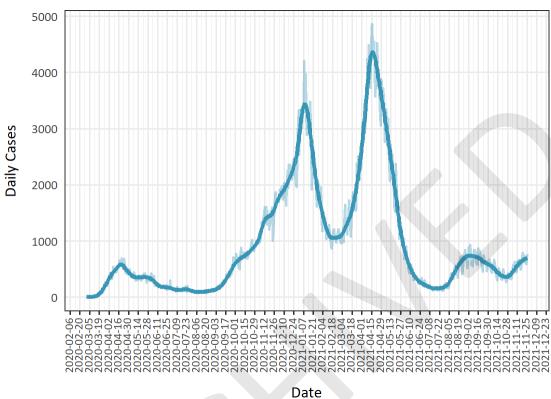
To halt transmission, it is crucial that potential cases are rapidly identified, tested, reported, and managed (which includes contact tracing). We examined three timeliness metrics. First, the proportion of cases that have a specimen collected for testing within 2 days of symptom onset. Second, the proportion of cases that had a positive result reported to the PHU within 1 day of specimen collection. Third, the proportion of cases for which case management began within 1 day of a positive result reported to the PHU.



Flow diagram of case presentation, testing, and investigation

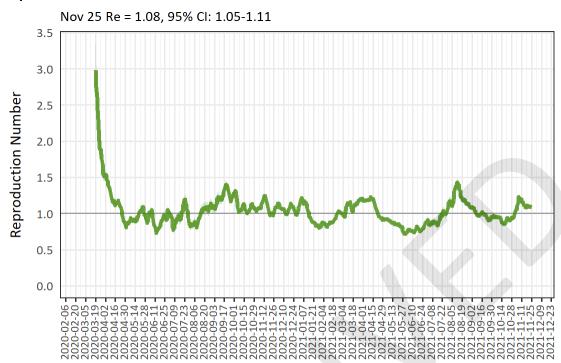
### Ontario

#### **Epidemic Curve: Ontario**



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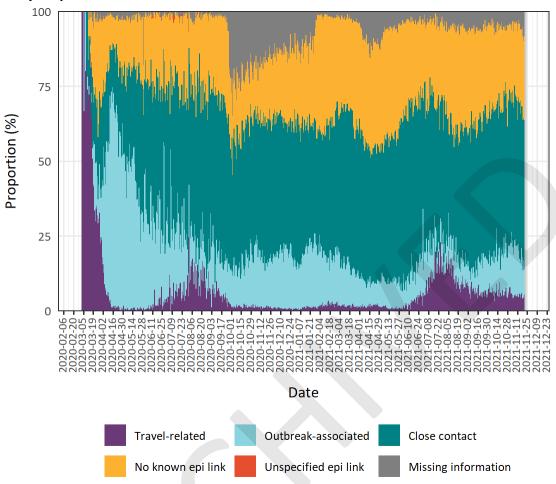
#### **Reproduction Number: Ontario**



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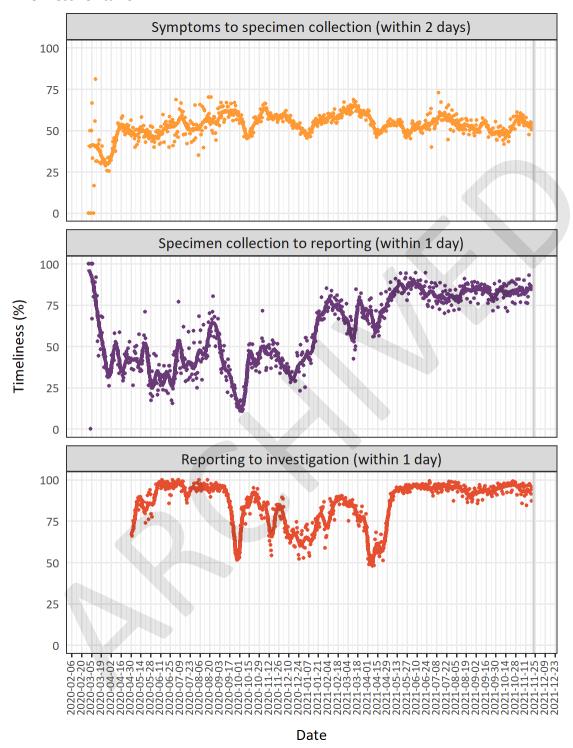
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### **Likely Acquisition: Ontario**



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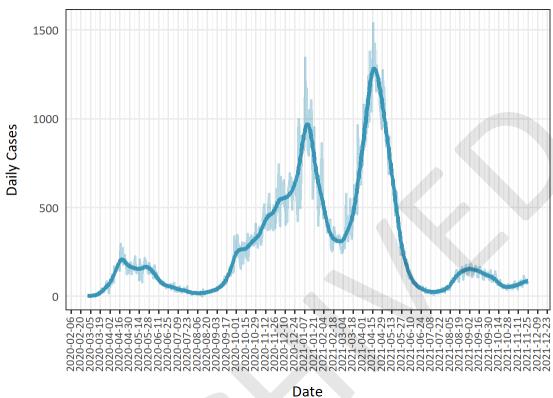
#### **Timeliness: Ontario**



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### **Toronto**

# **Epidemic Curve: Toronto**



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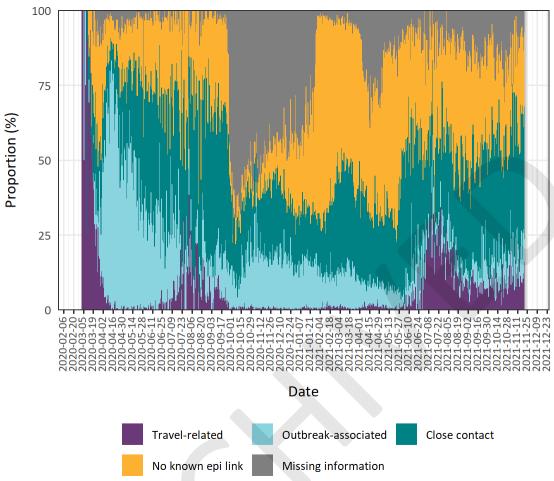
#### **Reproduction Number: Toronto**

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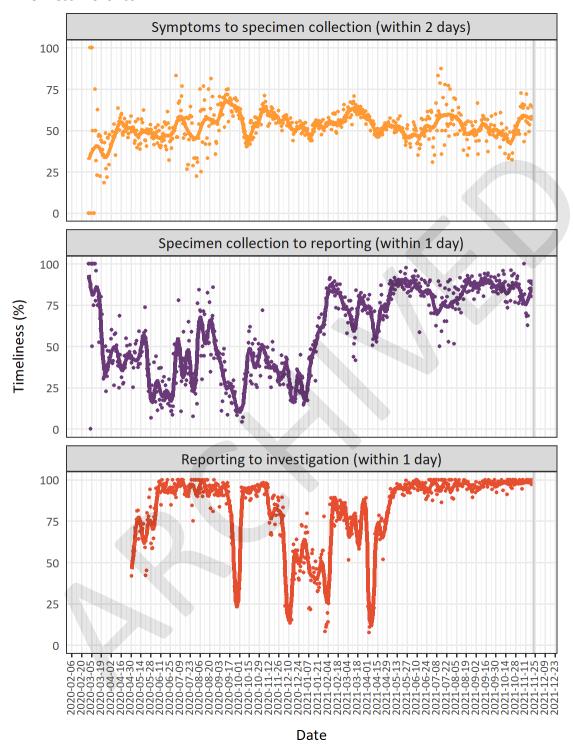
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# **Likely Acquisition: Toronto**



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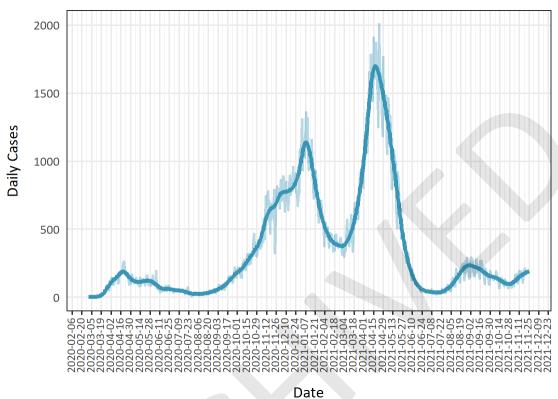
#### **Timeliness: Toronto**



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### **Central East**

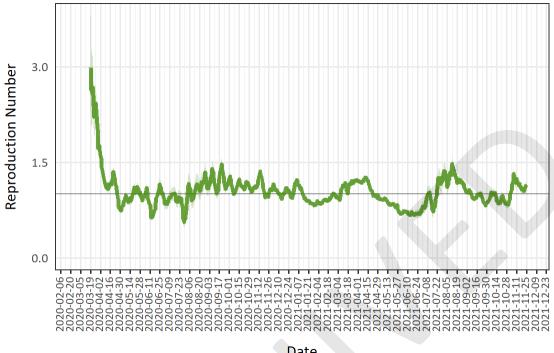
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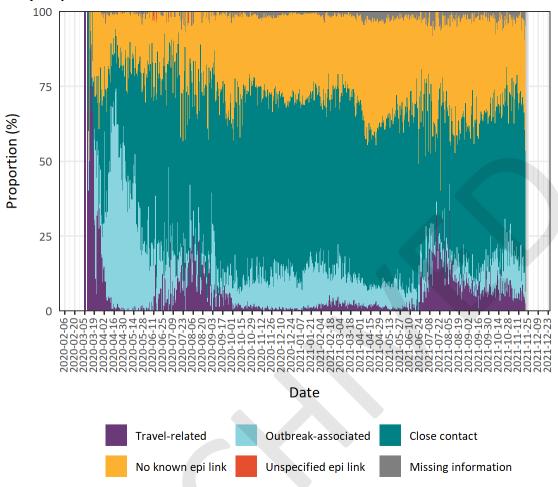
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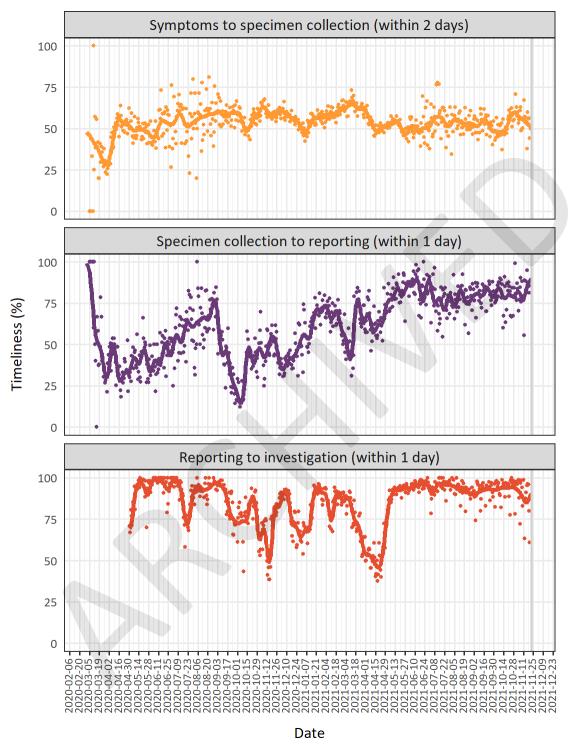
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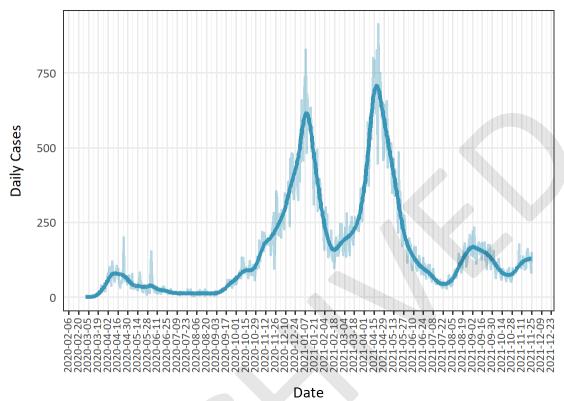
#### **Timeliness: Central East**



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### **Central West**

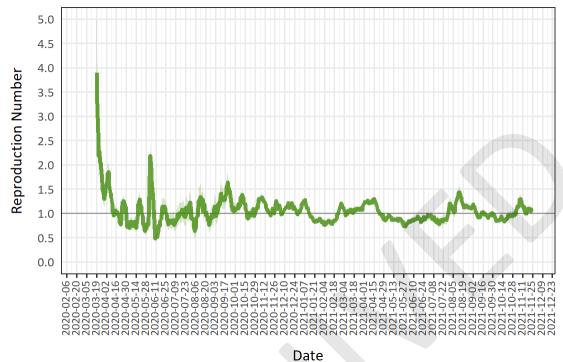
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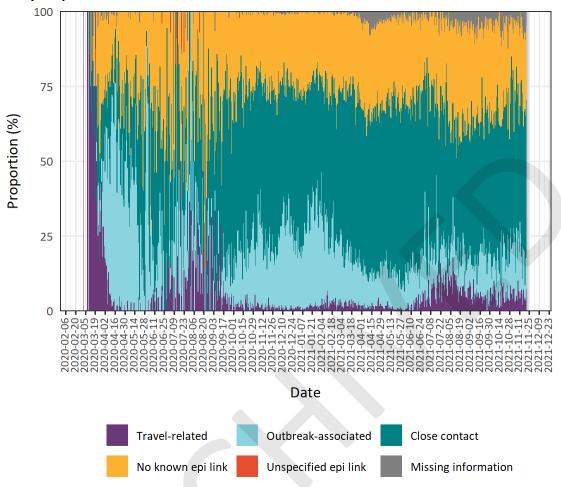
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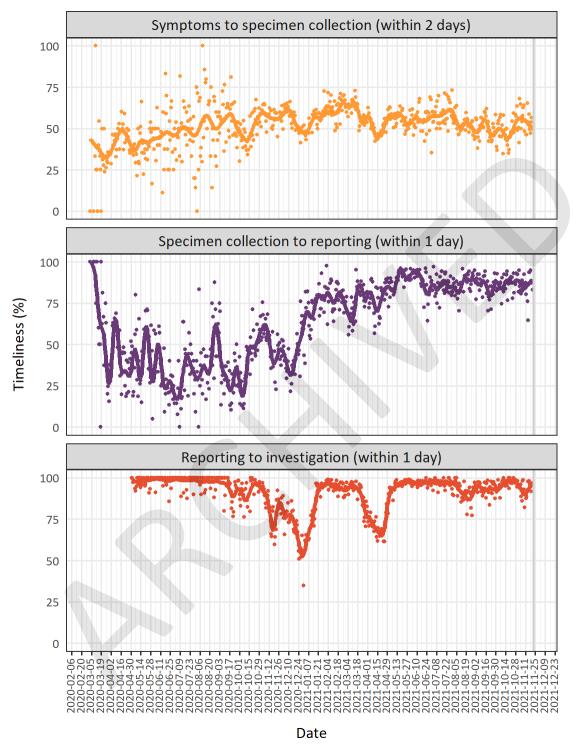
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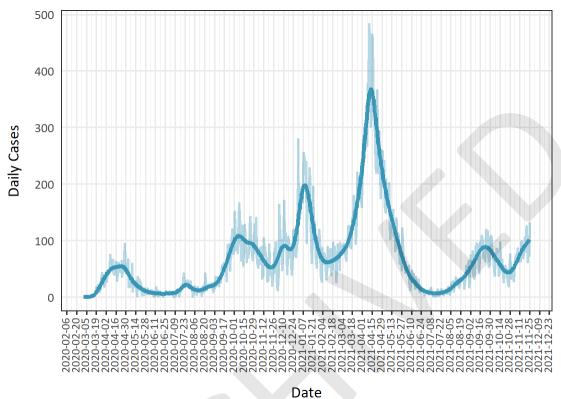
#### **Timeliness: Central West**



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### Eastern

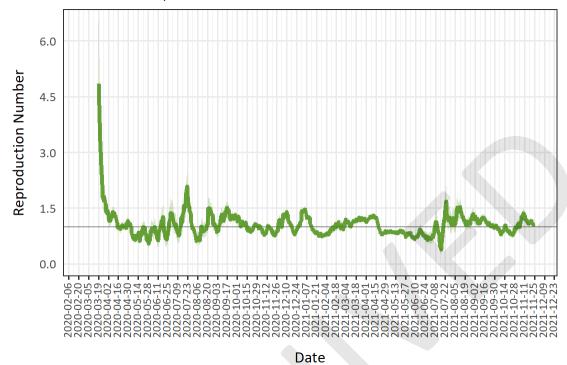
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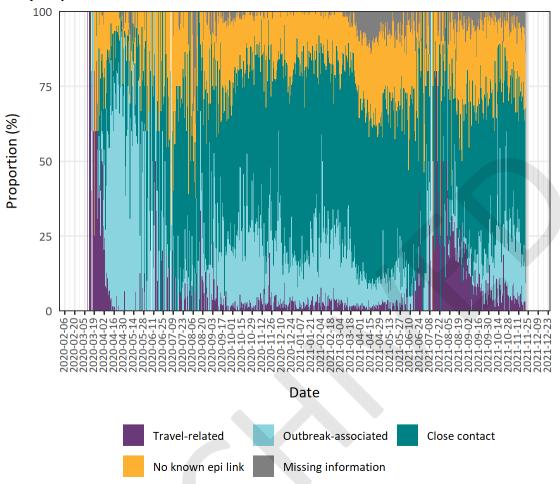
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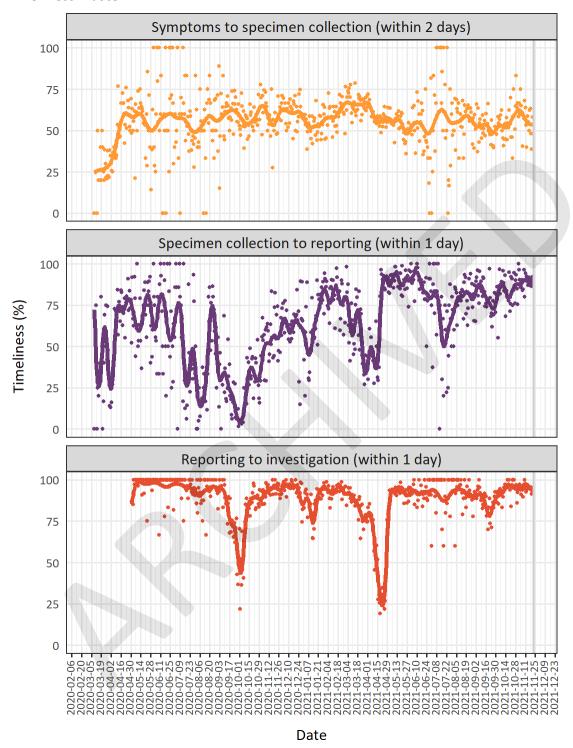
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### **Likely Acquisition: Eastern**



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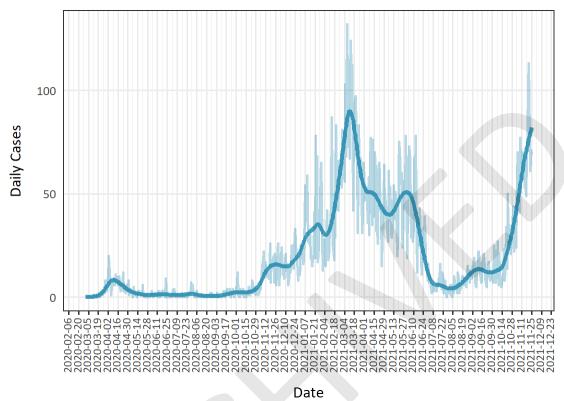
#### **Timeliness: Eastern**



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# North

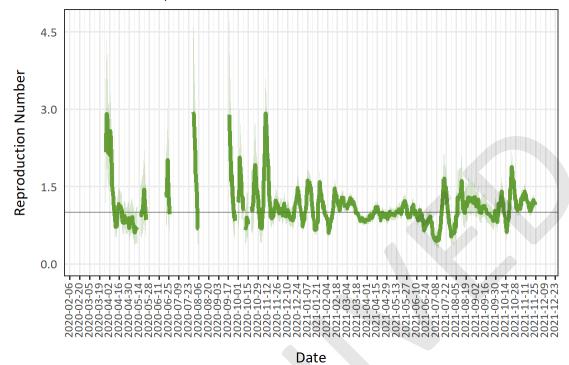
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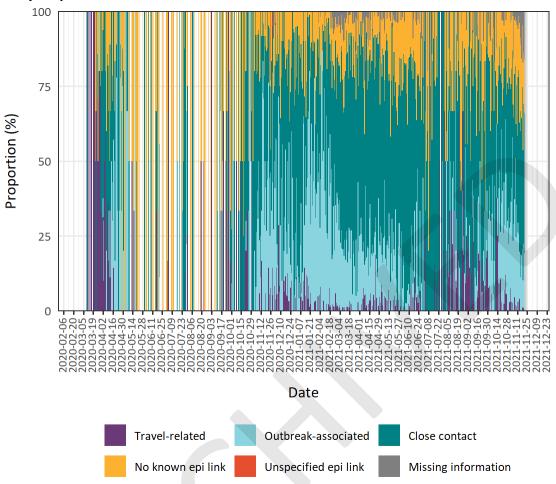
#### **Reproduction Number: North**

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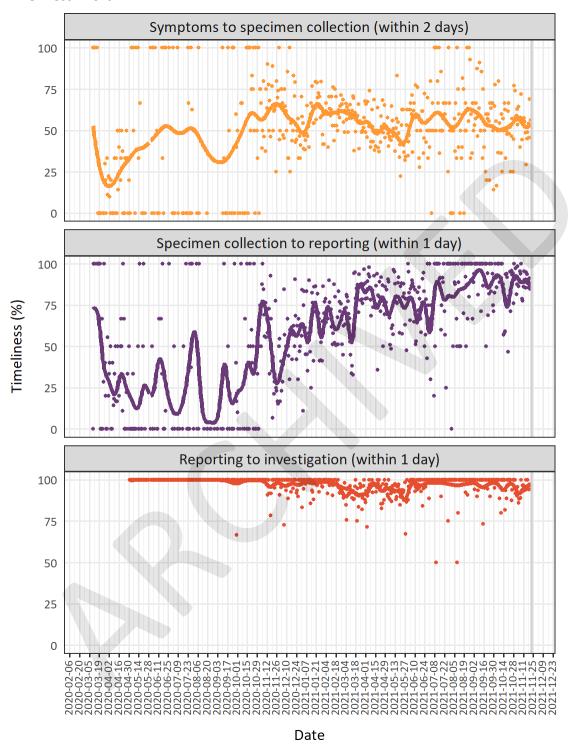
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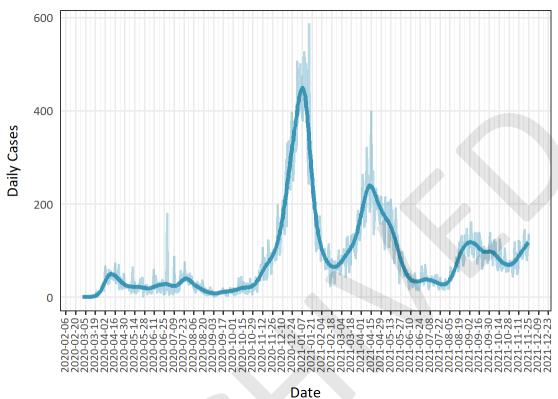
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# **South West**

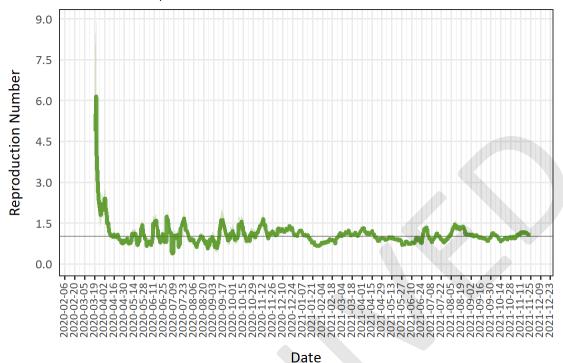
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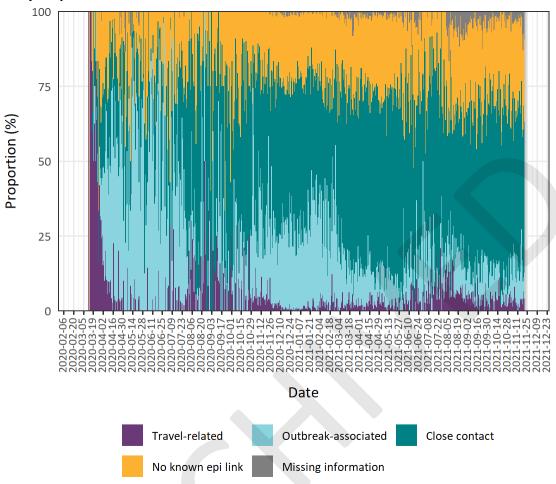
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Nov 25 Re = 1.06, 95% CI: 0.99-1.14



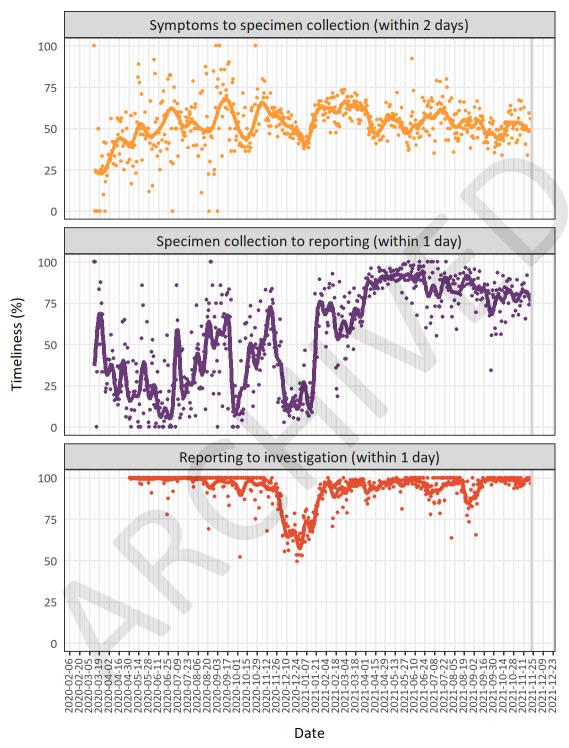
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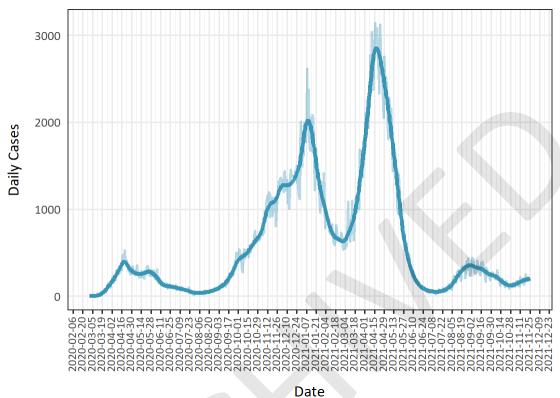
#### **Timeliness: South West**



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# **GTA**

# **Epidemic Curve: GTA**



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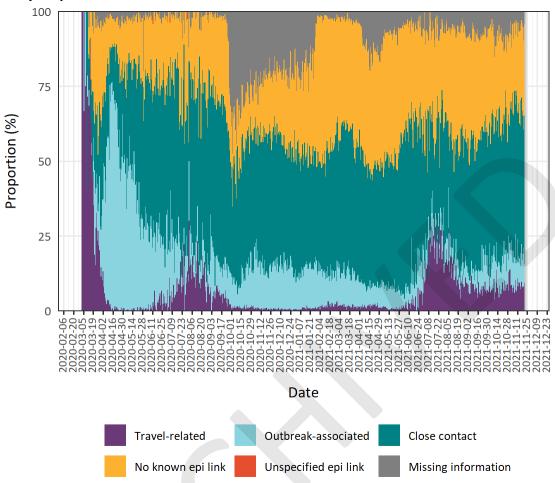
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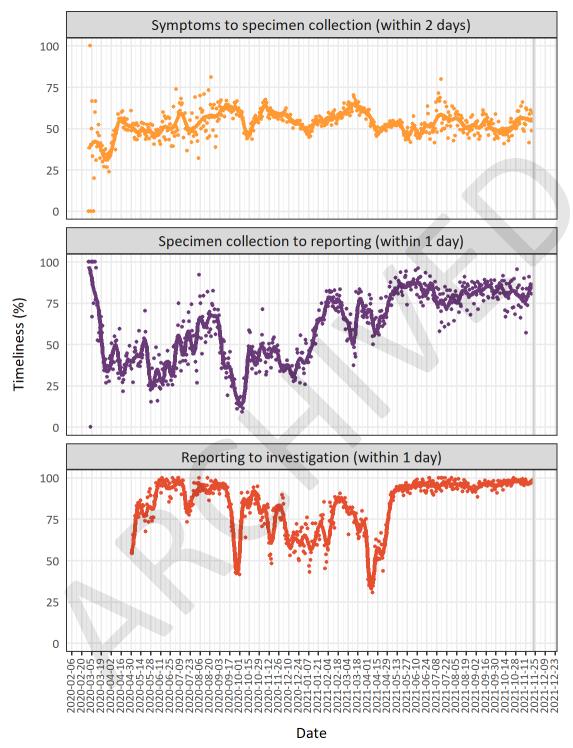
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# **Likely Acquisition: GTA**



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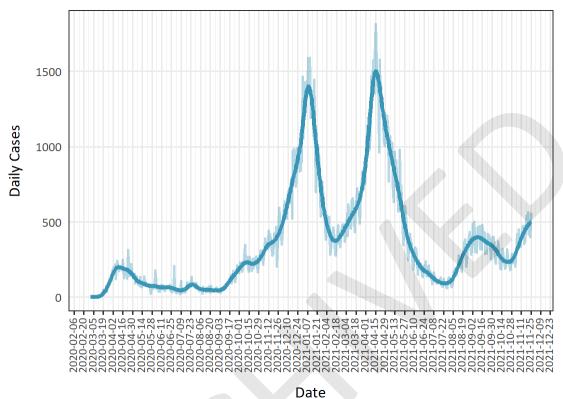
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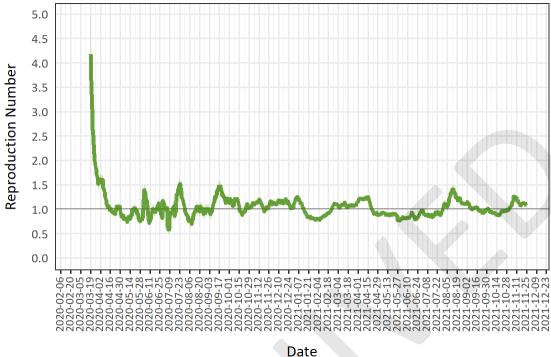
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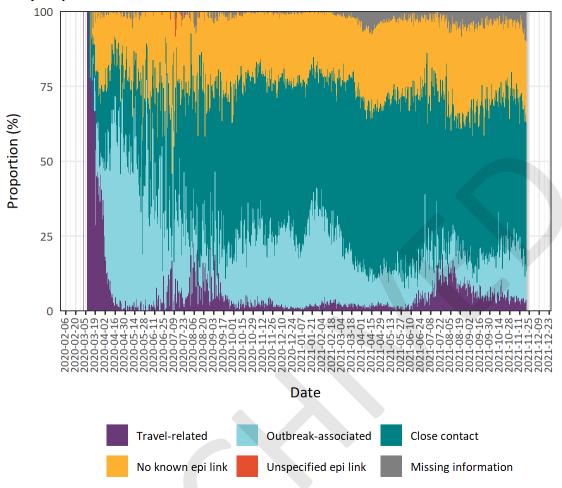
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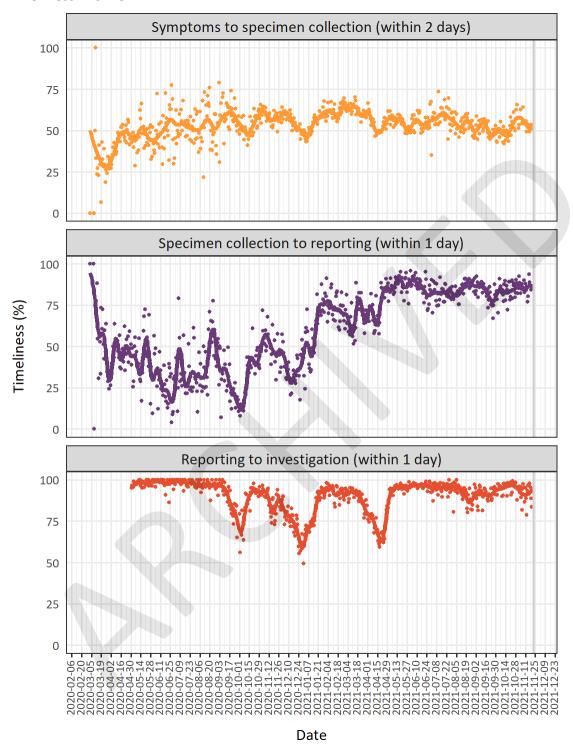
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# Likely Acquisition: Non-GTA



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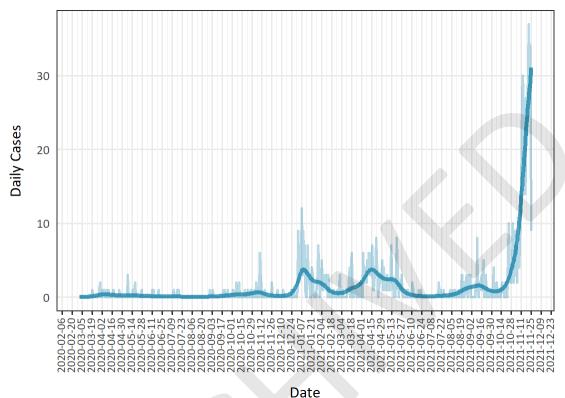
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# Algoma Public Health

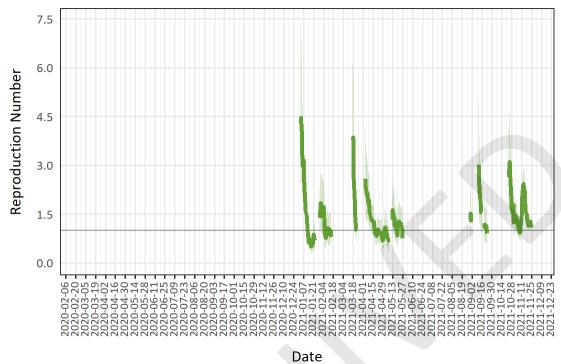
# **Epidemic Curve: Algoma Public Health**



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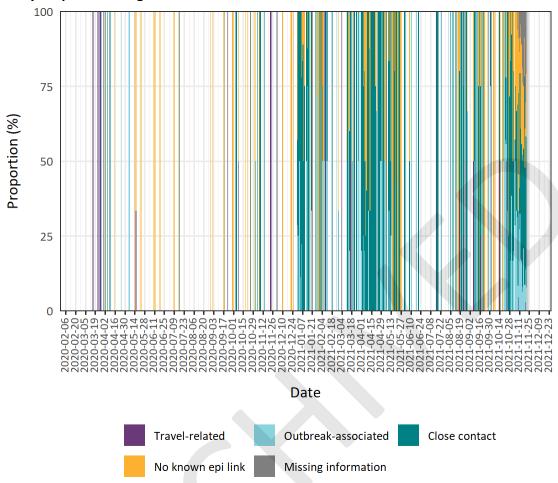
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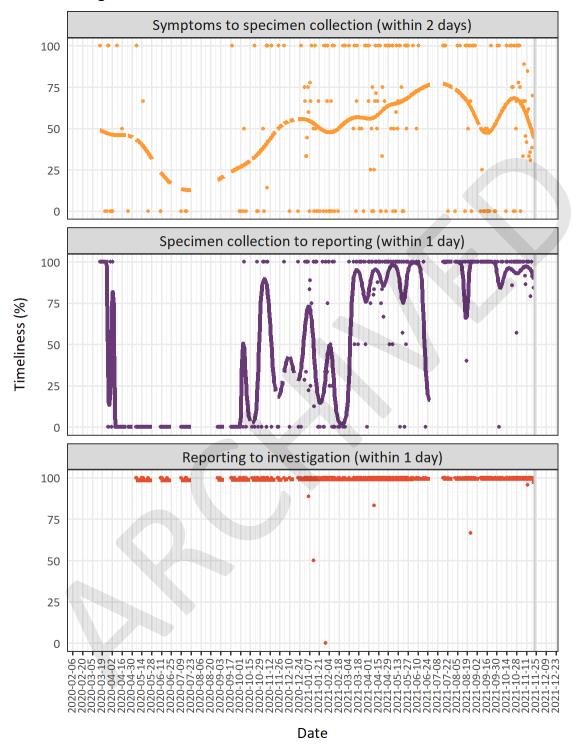
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# Likely Acquisition: Algoma Public Health



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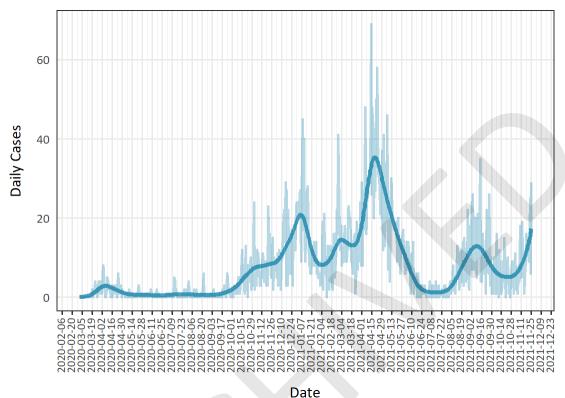
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# **Brant County Health Unit**

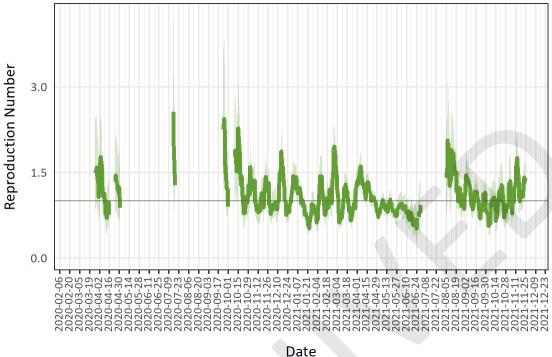
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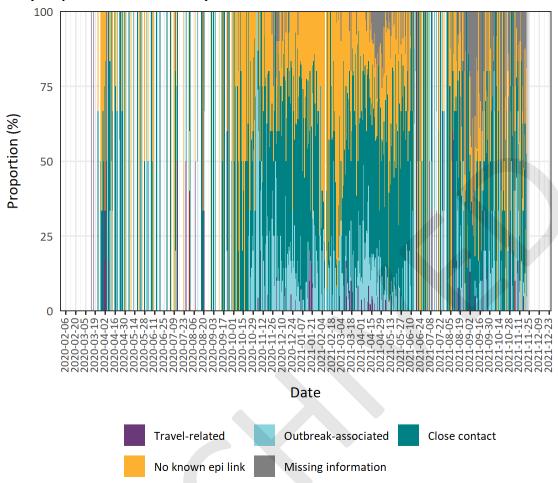
## **Reproduction Number: Brant County Health Unit**

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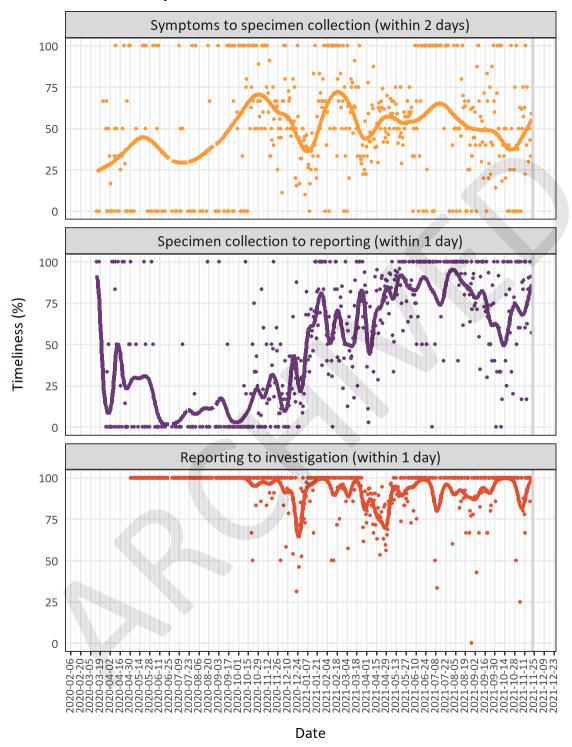
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## **Likely Acquisition: Brant County Health Unit**



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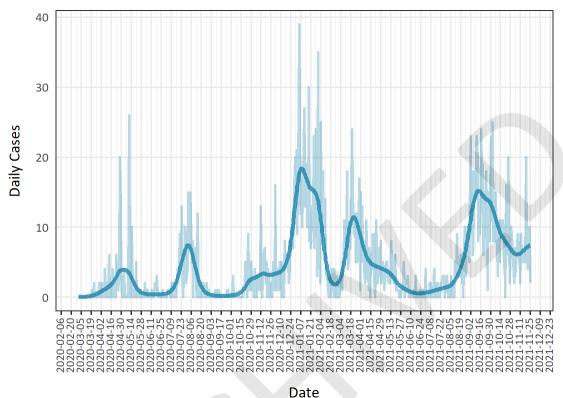
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# Chatham-Kent Public Health

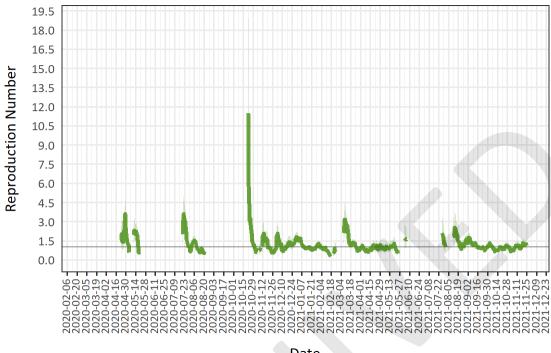
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#### **Reproduction Number: Chatham-Kent Public Health**

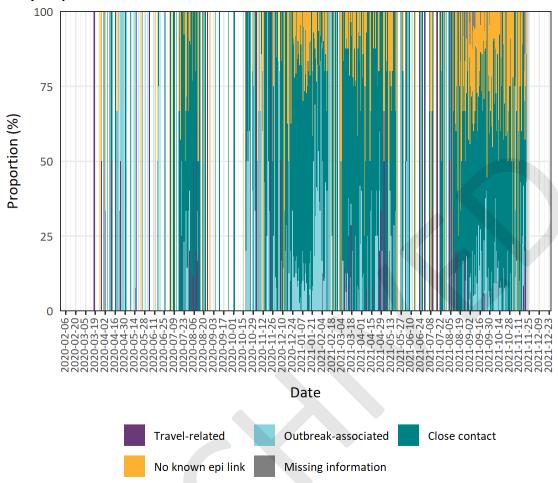
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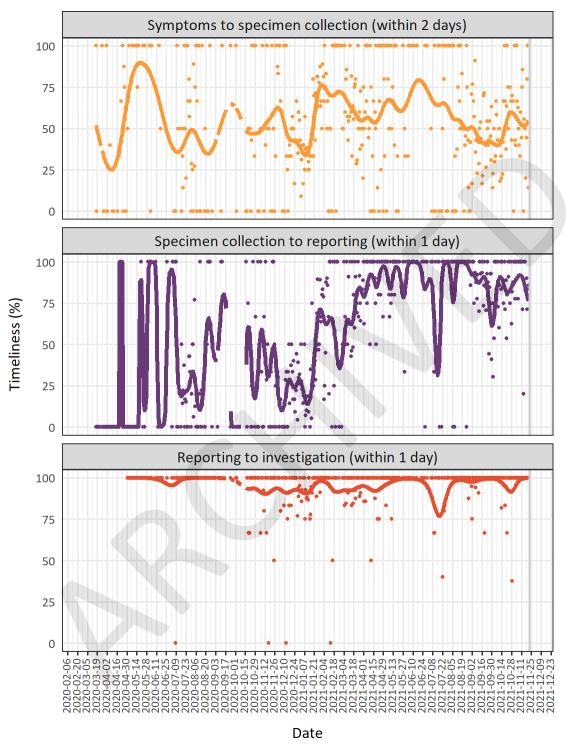
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## Likely Acquisition: Chatham-Kent Public Health



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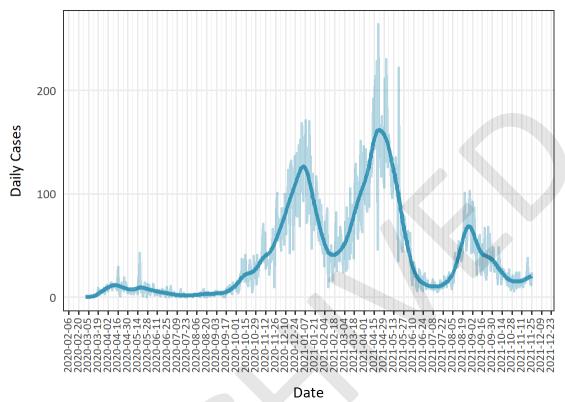
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# City of Hamilton Public Health Services

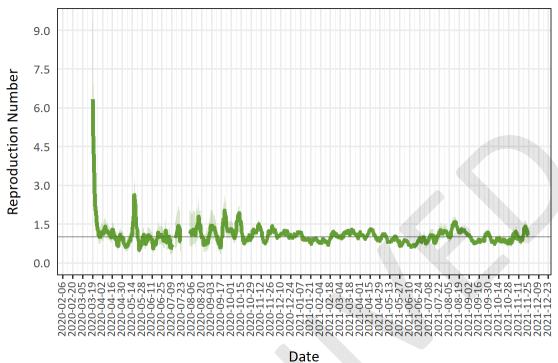
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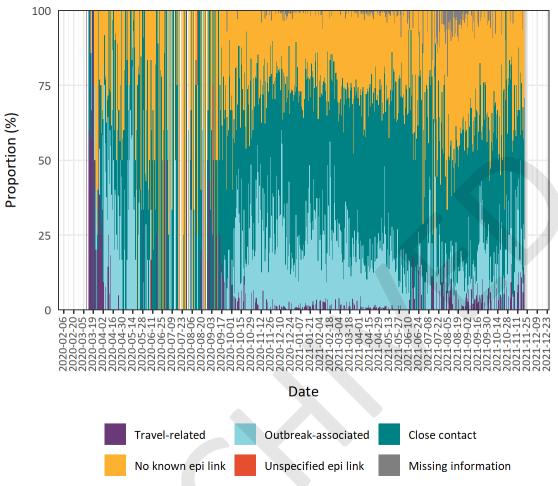
## **Reproduction Number: City of Hamilton Public Health Services**

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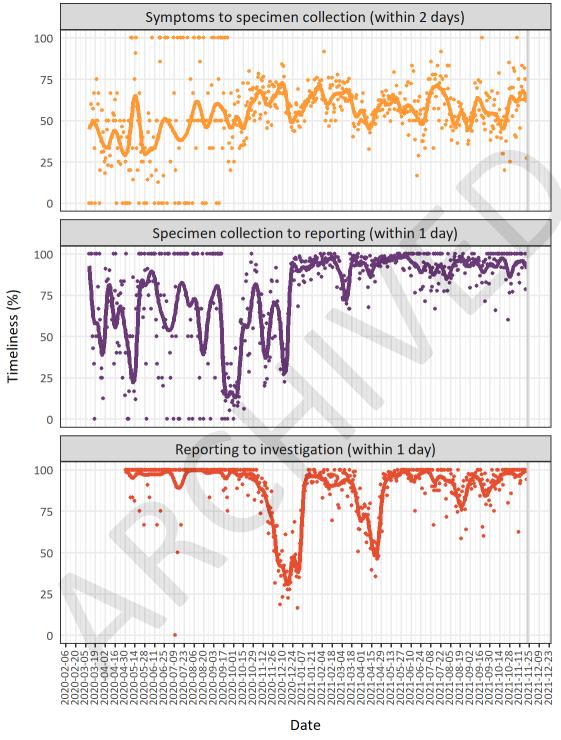
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## **Likely Acquisition: City of Hamilton Public Health Services**



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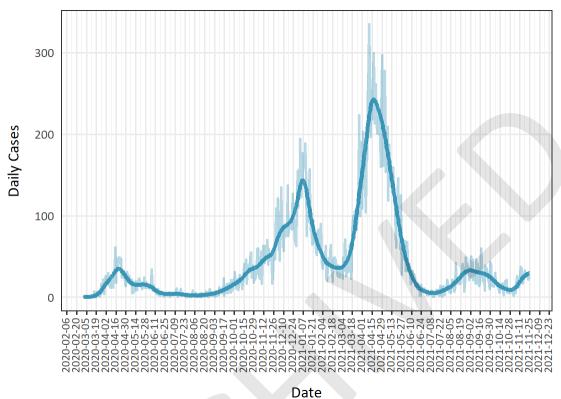
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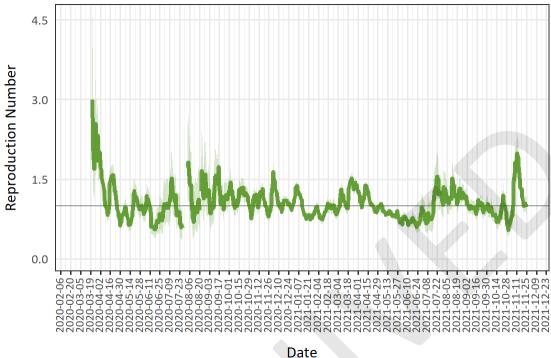
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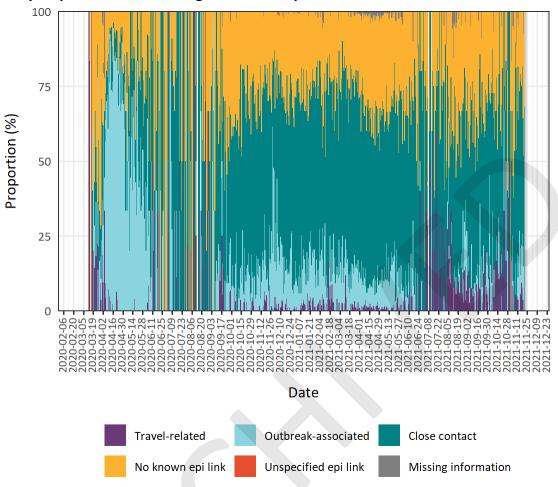
## **Reproduction Number: Durham Region Health Department**

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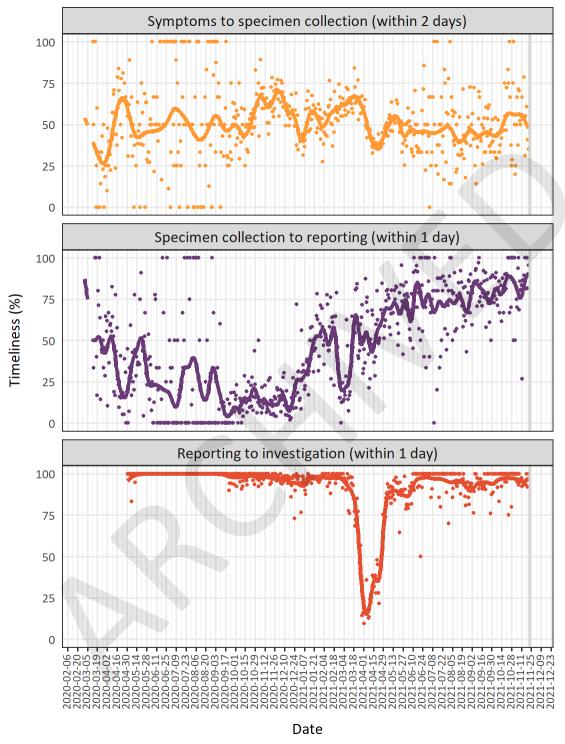
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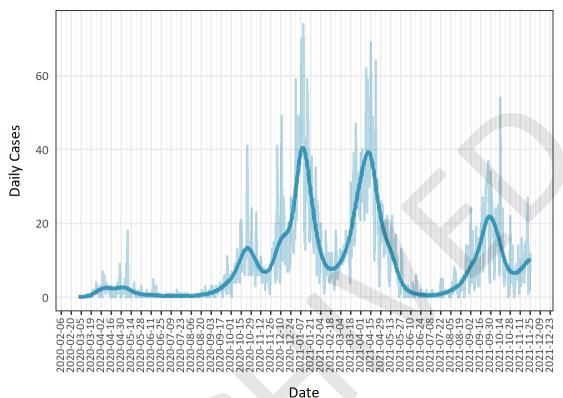
## **Timeliness: Durham Region Health Department**



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# Eastern Ontario Health Unit

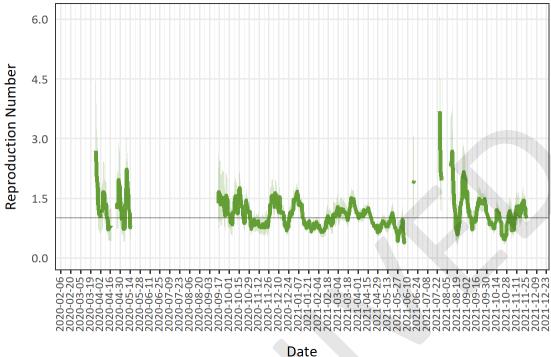
## **Epidemic Curve: Eastern Ontario Health Unit**



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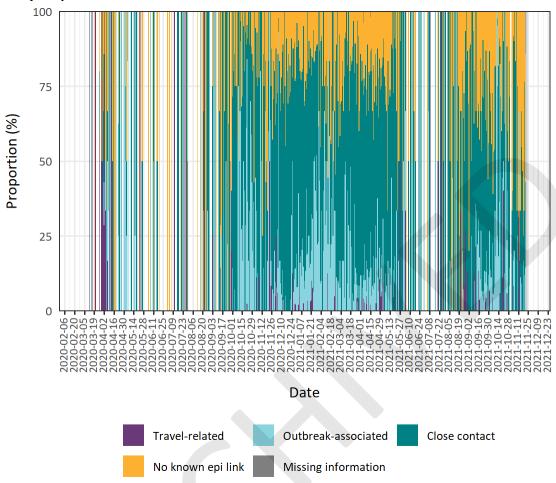
#### **Reproduction Number: Eastern Ontario Health Unit**

Nov 25 Re = 0.99, 95% CI: 0.78-1.24



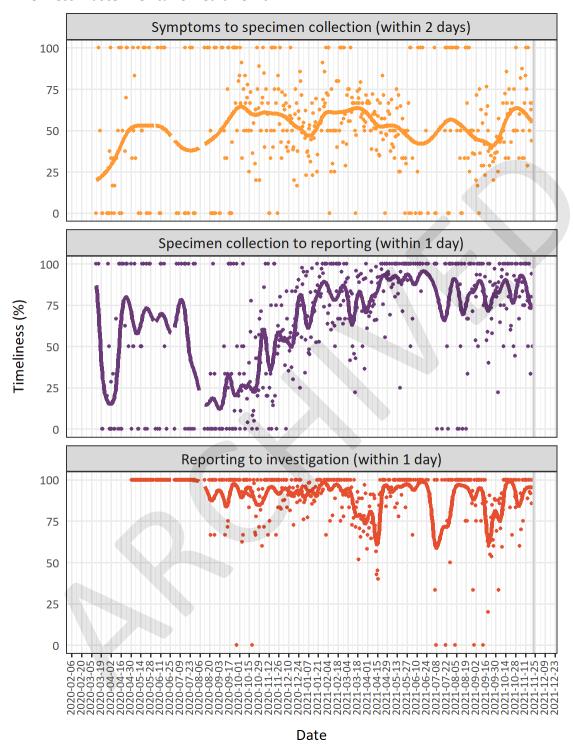
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## **Likely Acquisition: Eastern Ontario Health Unit**



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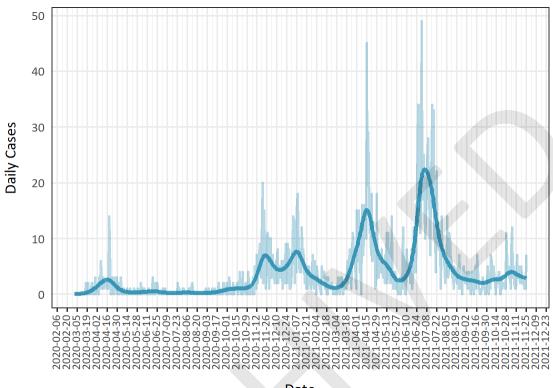
#### **Timeliness: Eastern Ontario Health Unit**



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# **Grey Bruce Health Unit**

# **Epidemic Curve: Grey Bruce Health Unit**

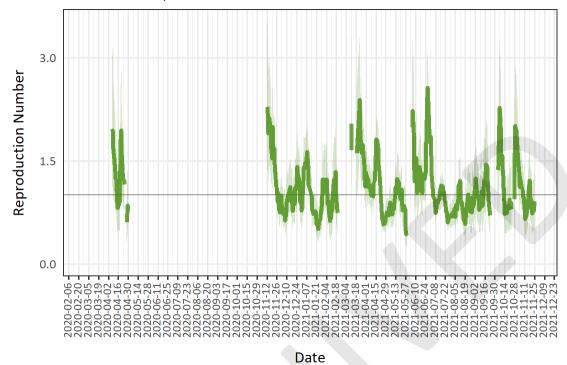


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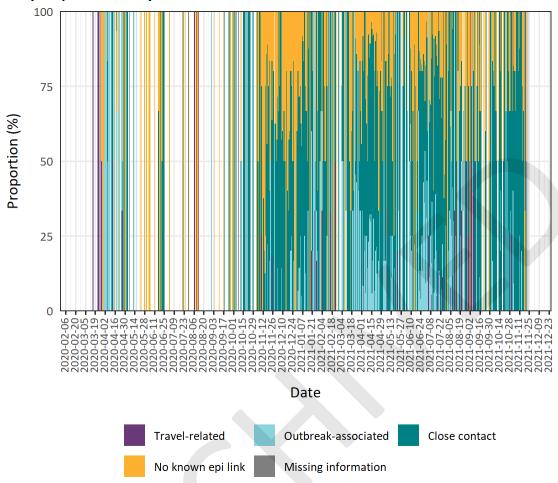
## **Reproduction Number: Grey Bruce Health Unit**

Nov 25 Re = 0.92, 95% CI: 0.56-1.40



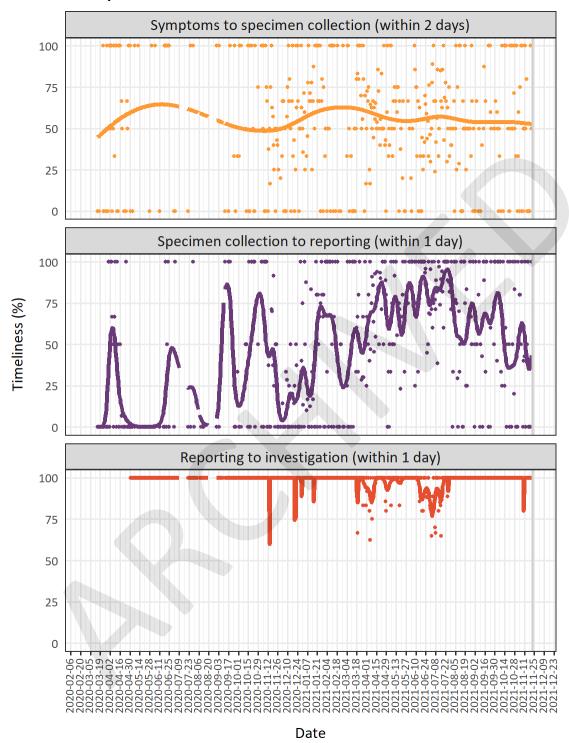
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## Likely Acquisition: Grey Bruce Health Unit



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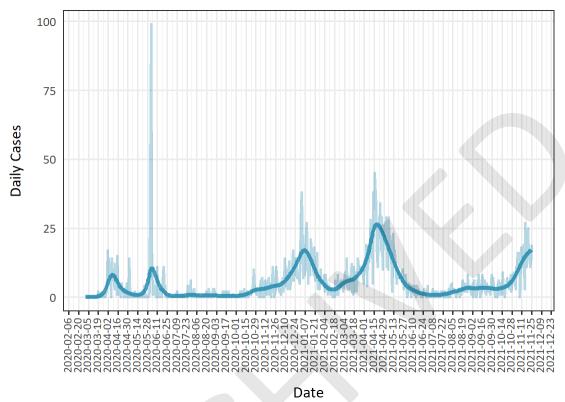
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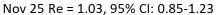
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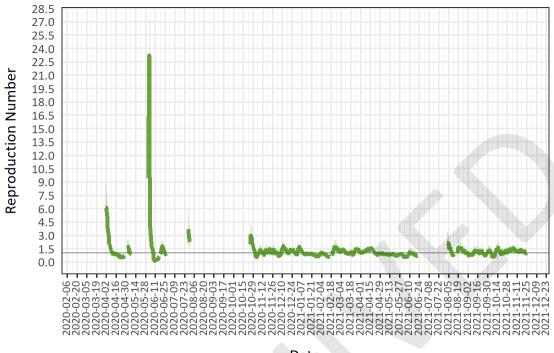
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#### **Reproduction Number: Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit**

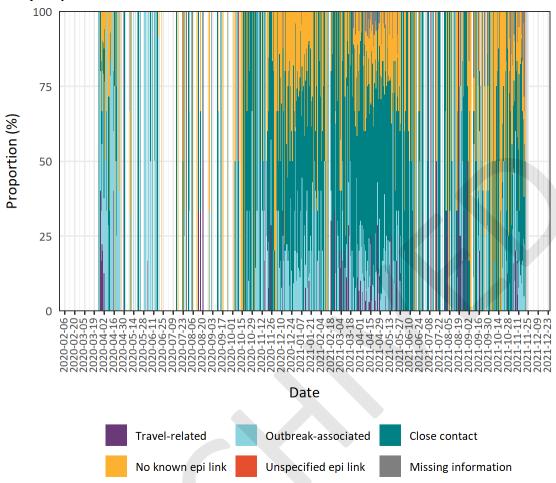




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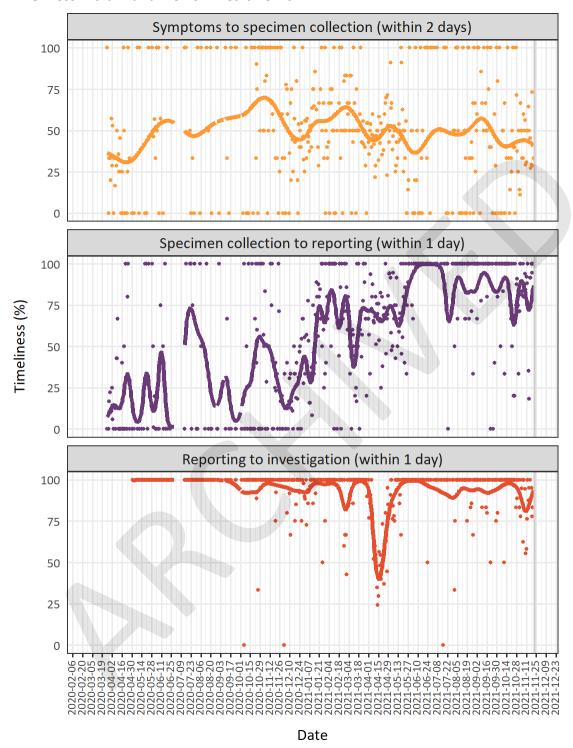
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## Likely Acquisition: Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit



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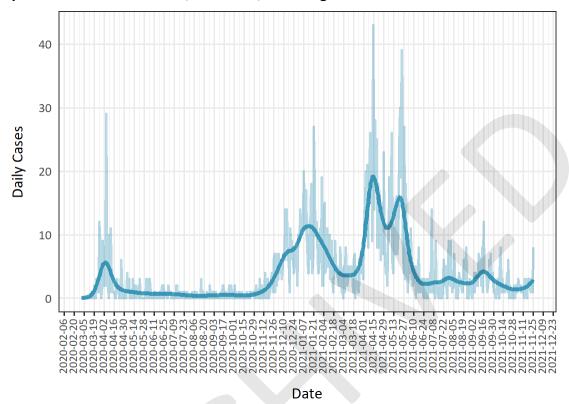
#### **Timeliness: Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit**



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# Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

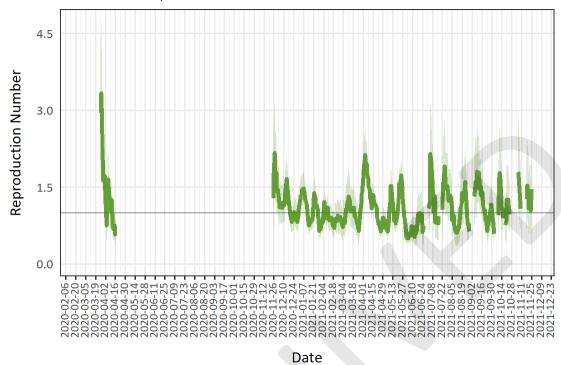
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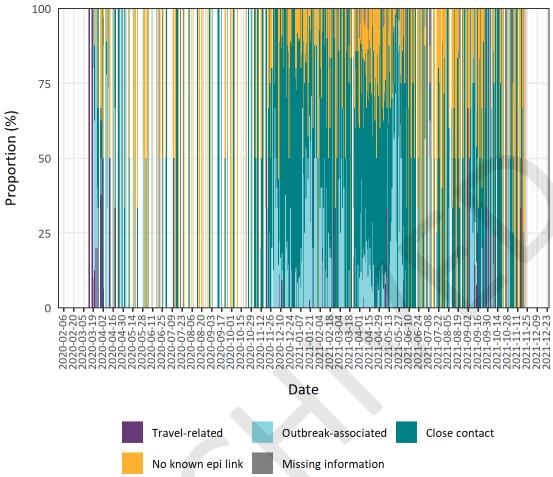
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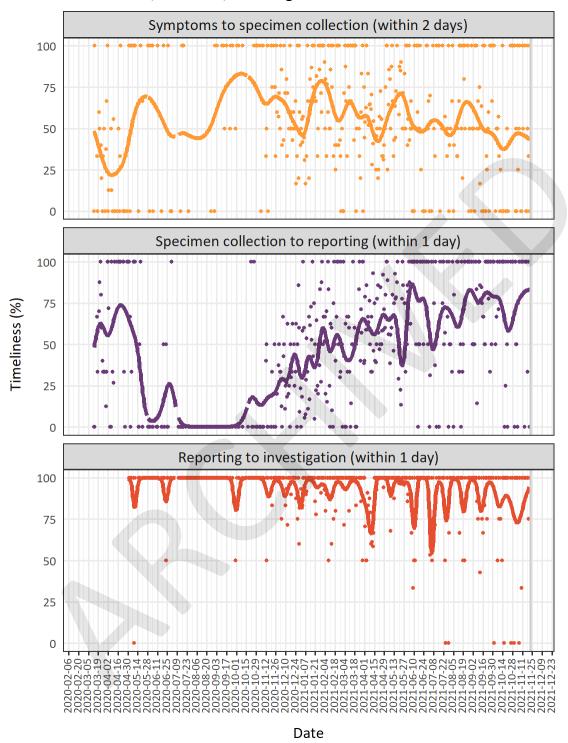
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Likely Acquisition: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit



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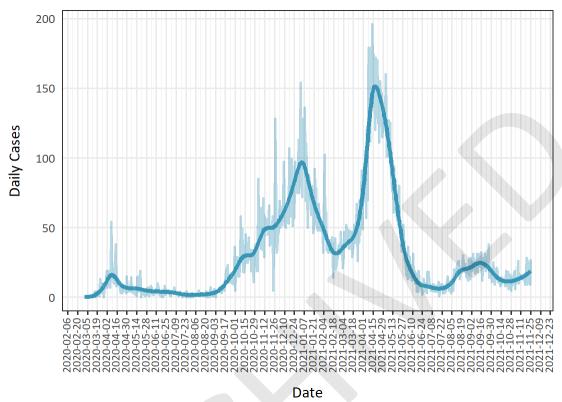
### Timeliness: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit



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# Halton Region Public Health

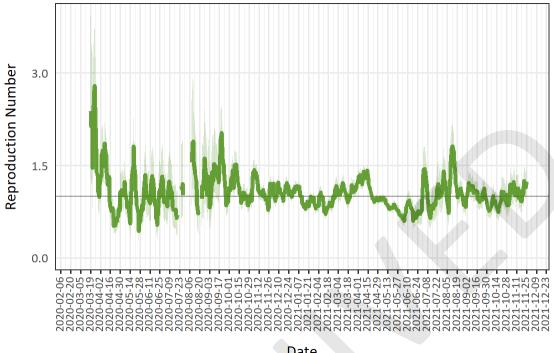
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### **Reproduction Number: Halton Region Public Health**

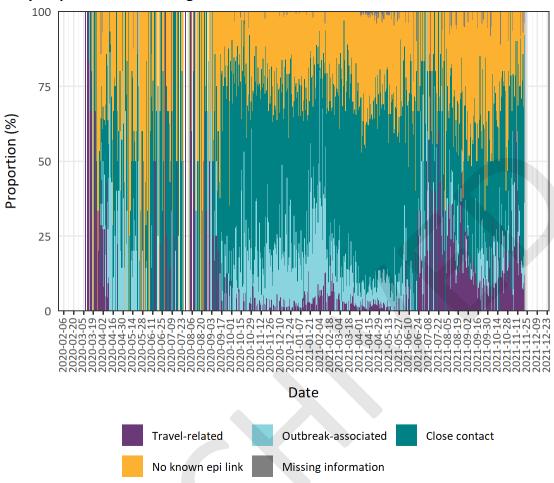
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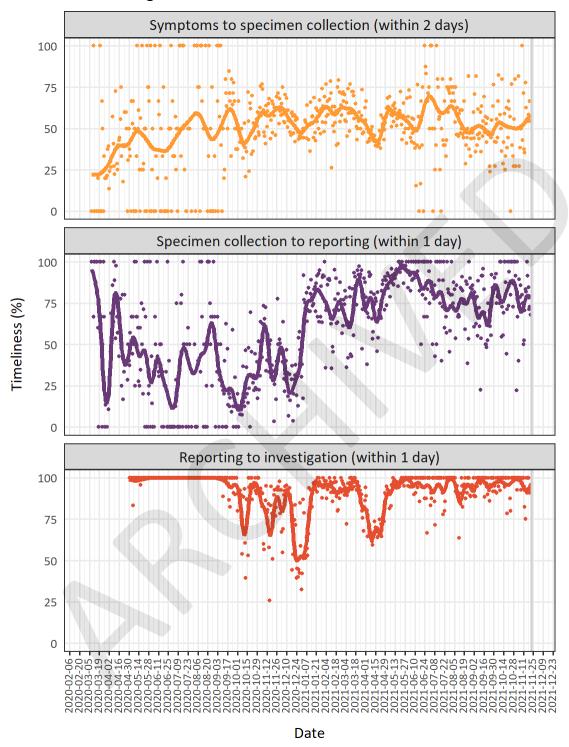
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### **Likely Acquisition: Halton Region Public Health**



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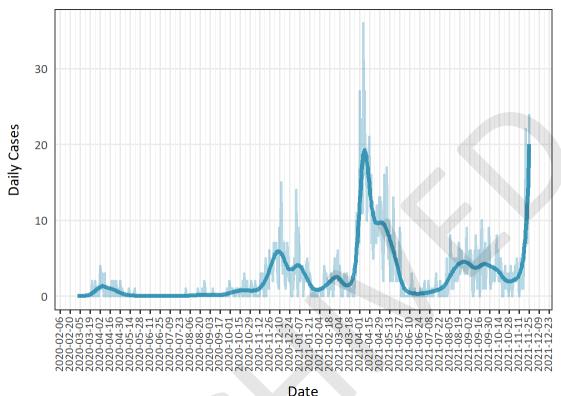
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# Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

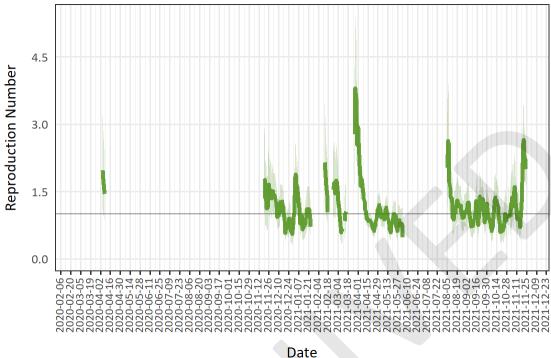
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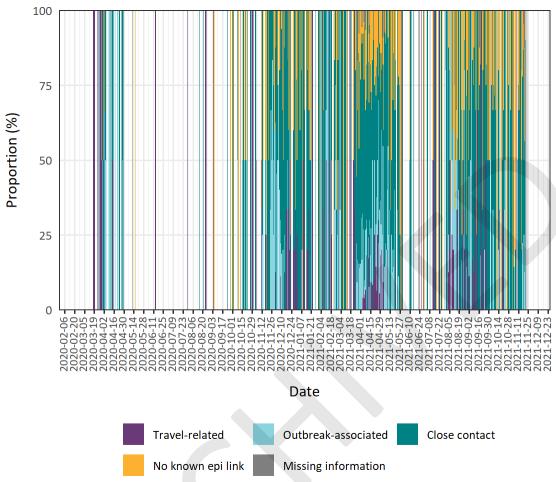
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Nov 25 Re = 2.06, 95% CI: 1.69-2.49



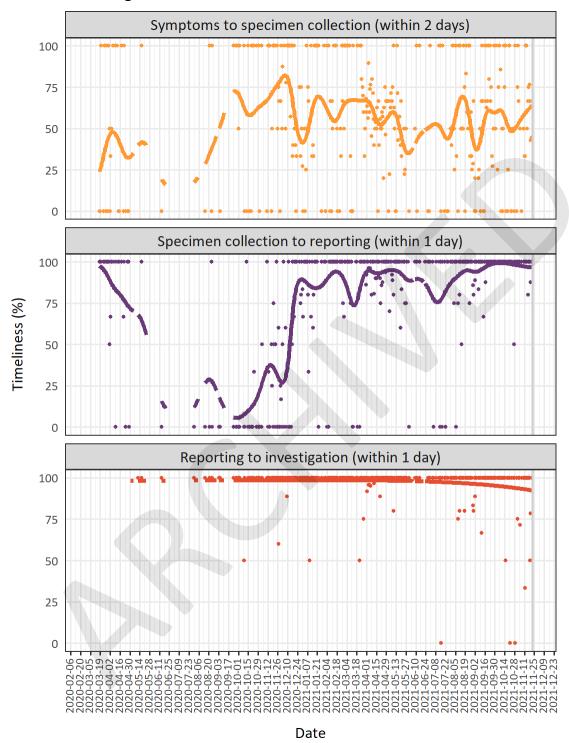
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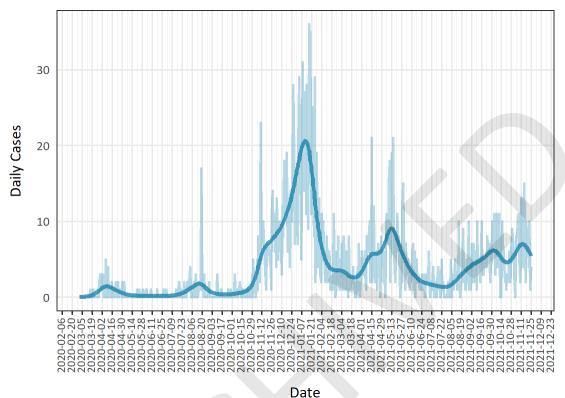
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# Huron Perth Public Health

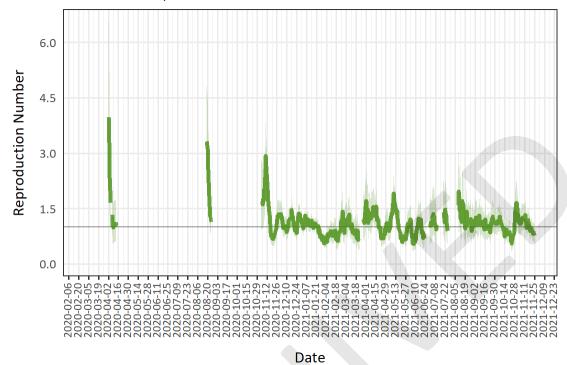
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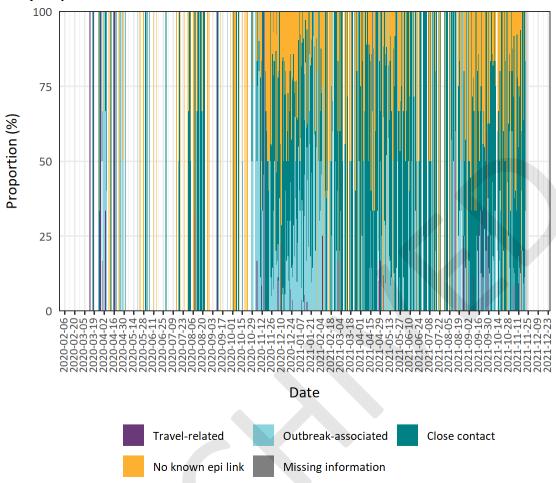
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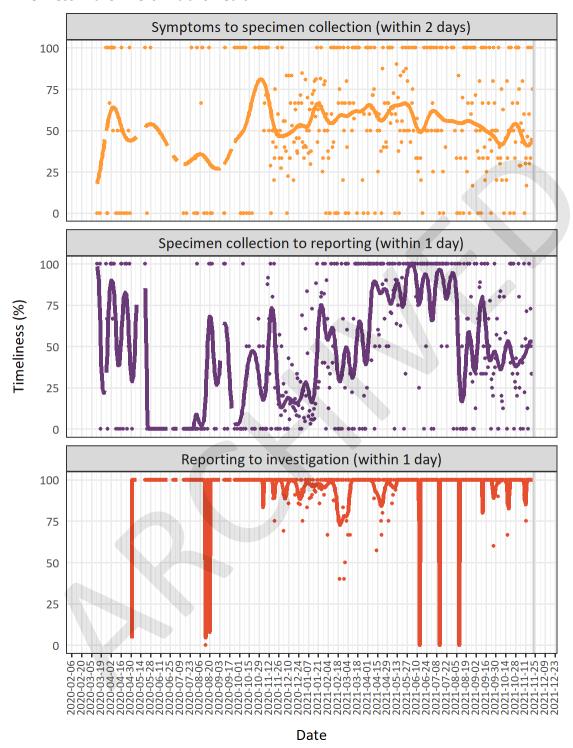
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### Likely Acquisition: Huron Perth Public Health



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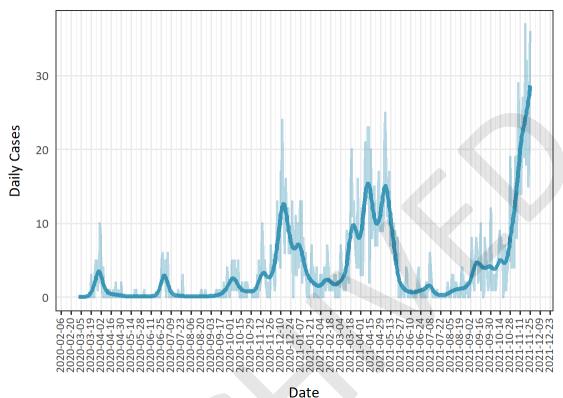
#### **Timeliness: Huron Perth Public Health**



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# Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health

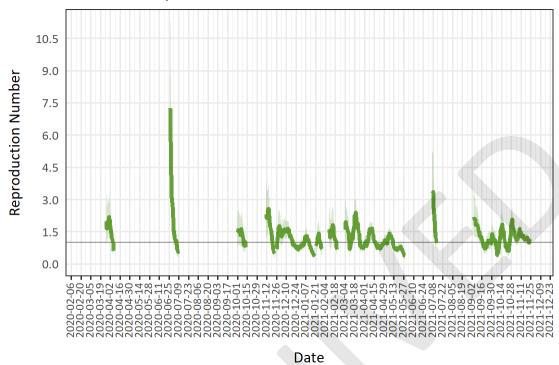
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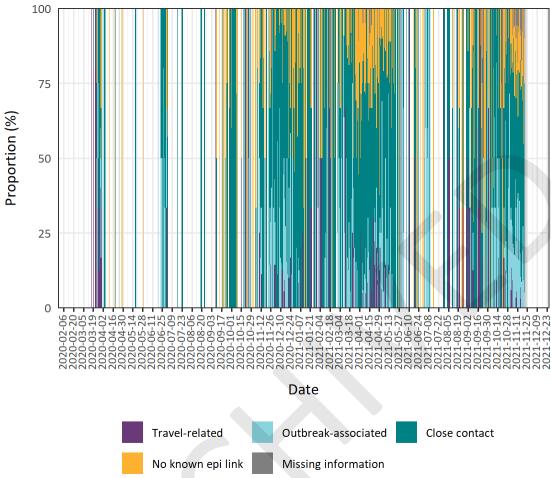
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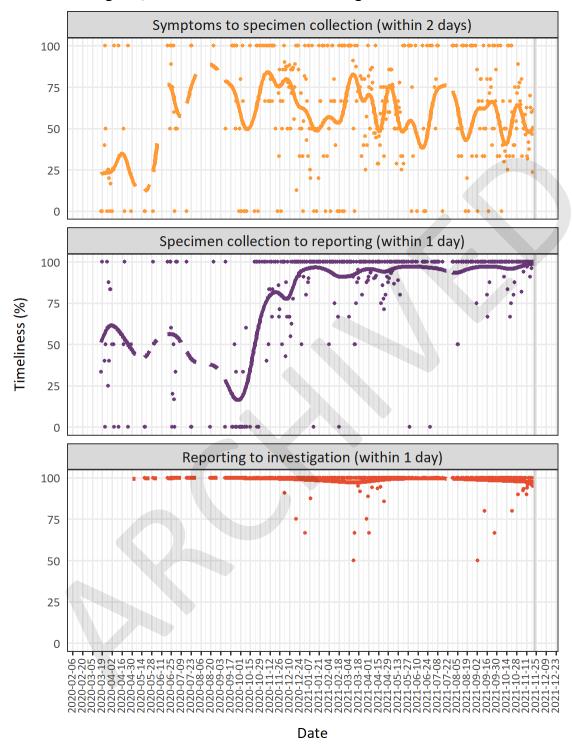
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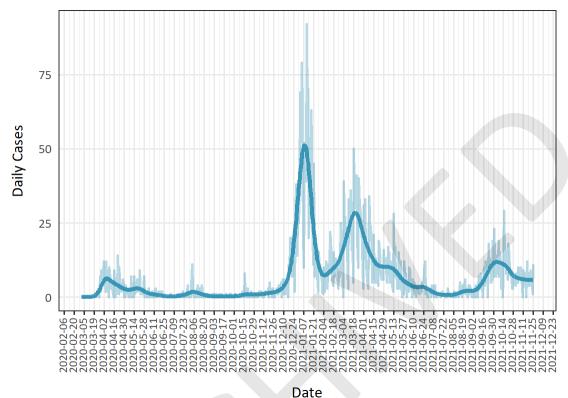
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# Lambton Public Health

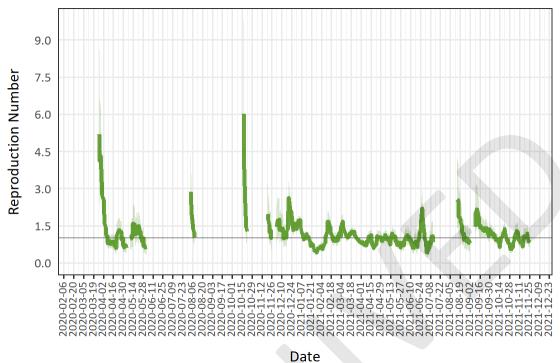
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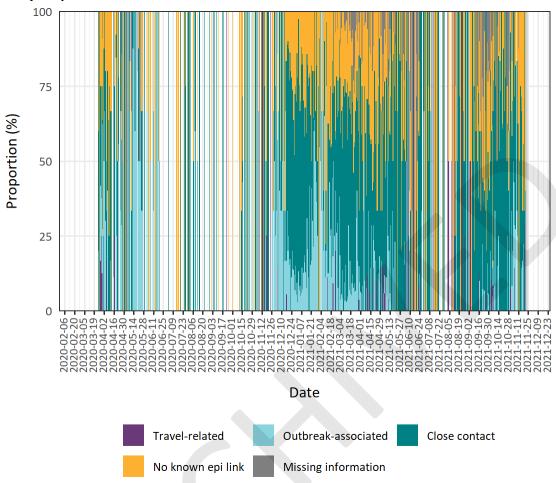
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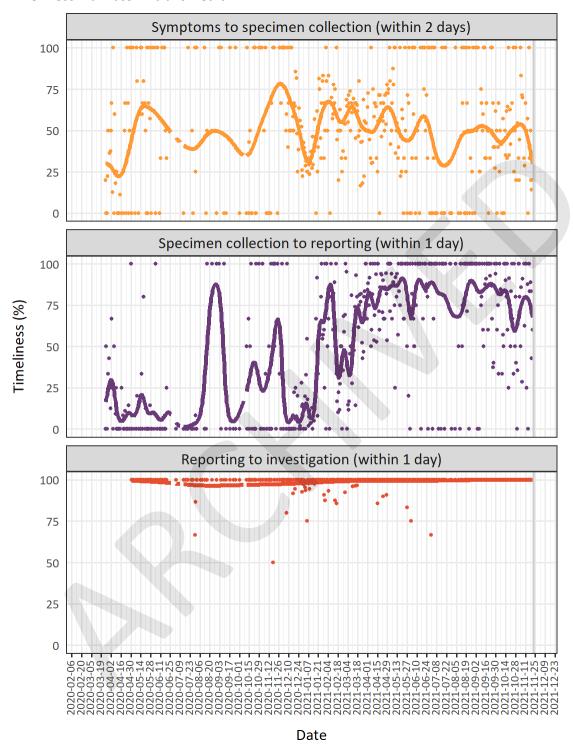
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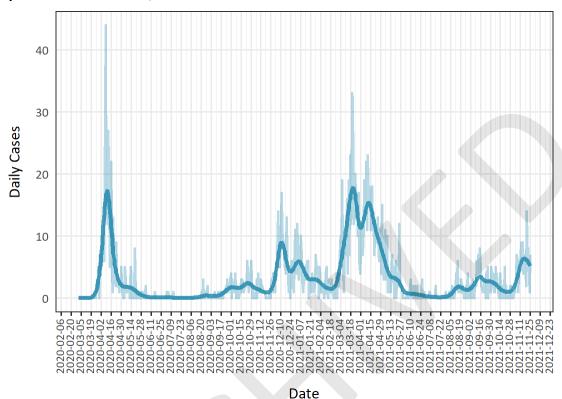
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# Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

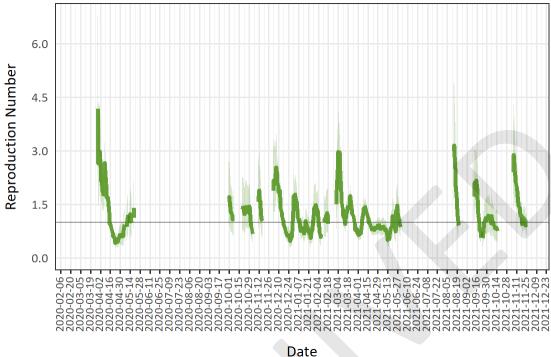
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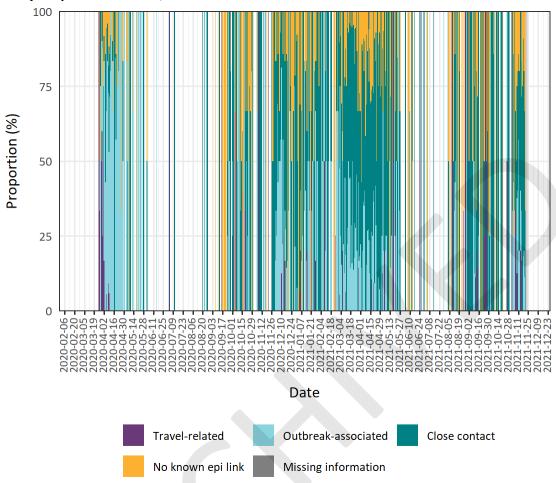
### Reproduction Number: Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

Nov 25 Re = 0.93, 95% CI: 0.67-1.25



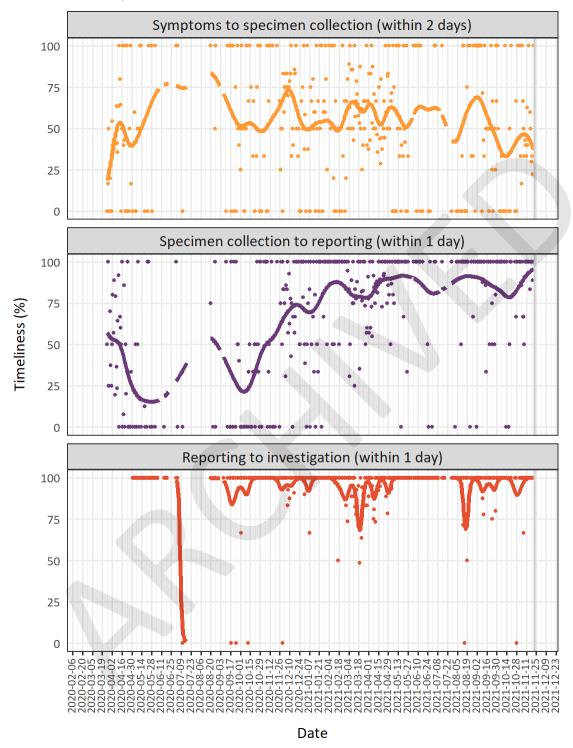
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Likely Acquisition: Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit



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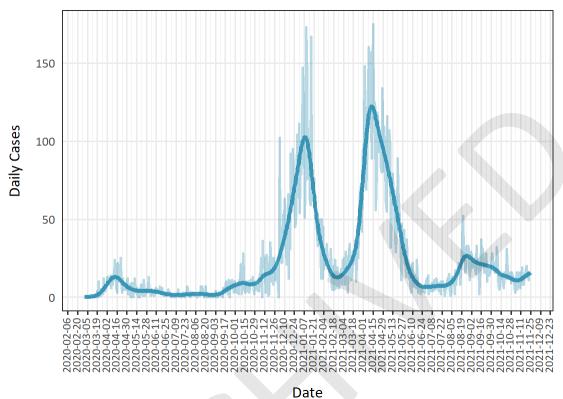
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# Middlesex-London Health Unit

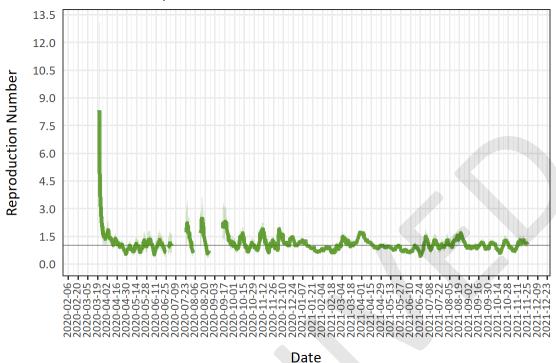
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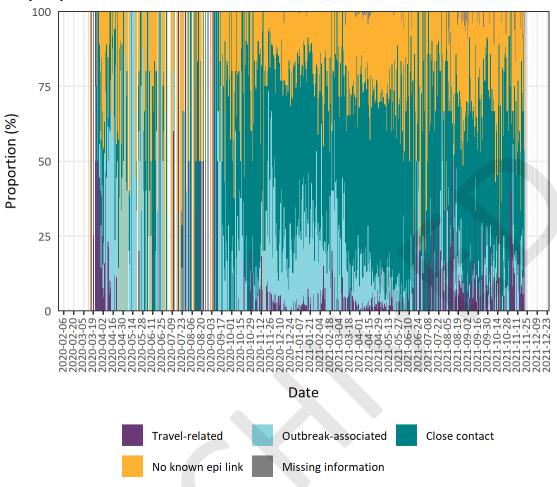
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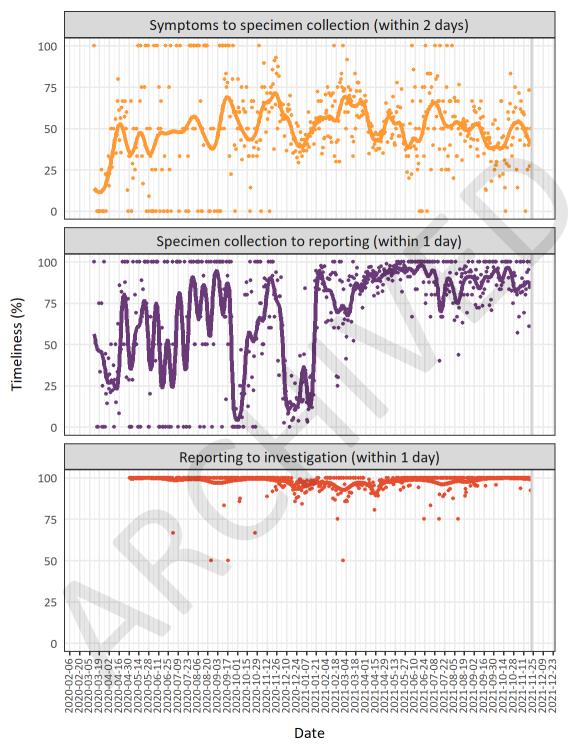
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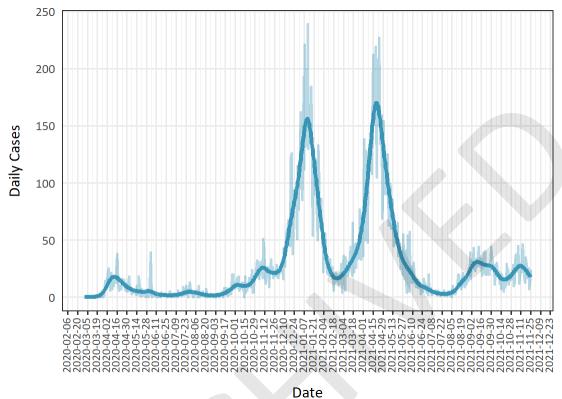
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# Niagara Region Public Health

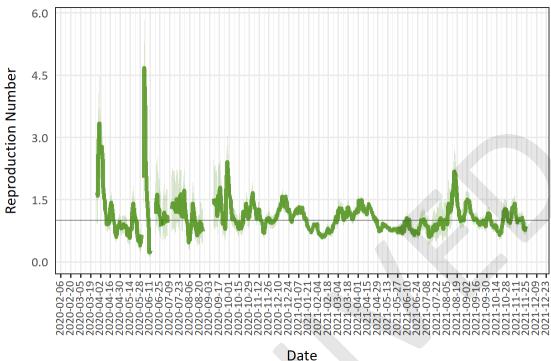
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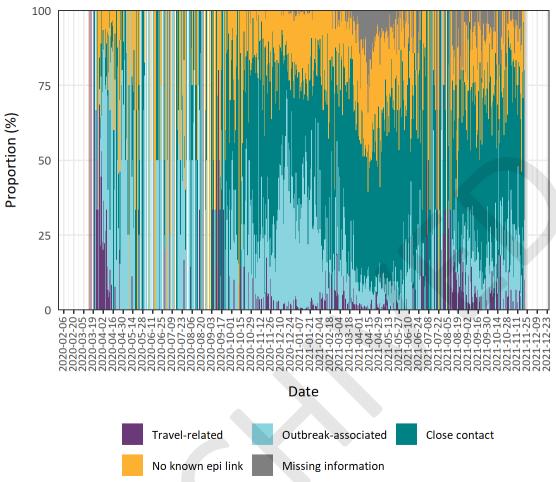
### **Reproduction Number: Niagara Region Public Health**

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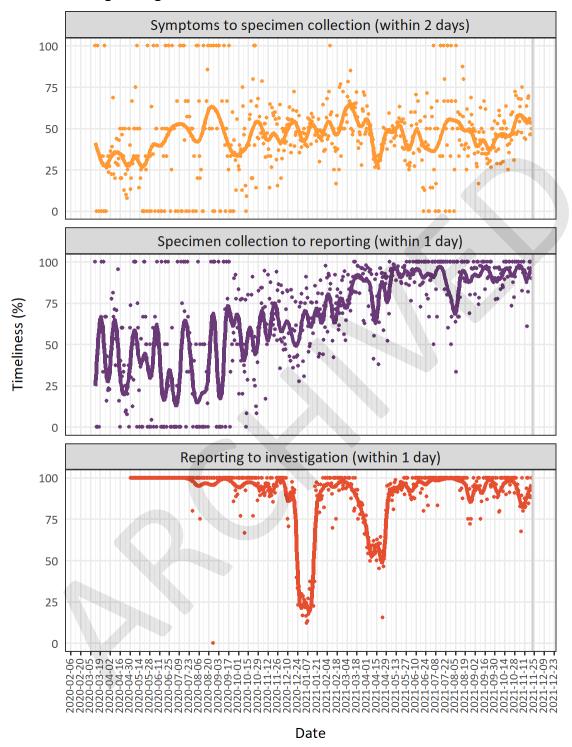
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### **Likely Acquisition: Niagara Region Public Health**



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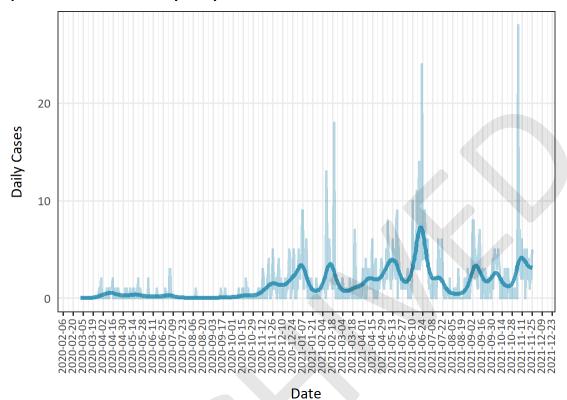
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# North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

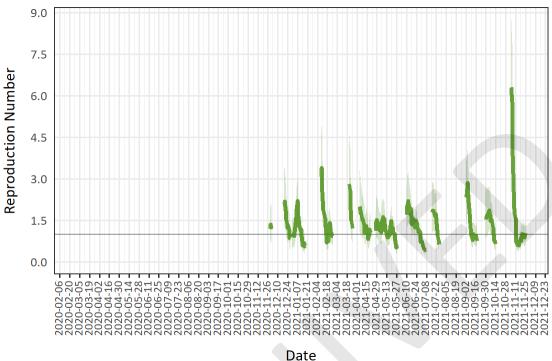
# **Epidemic Curve: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit**



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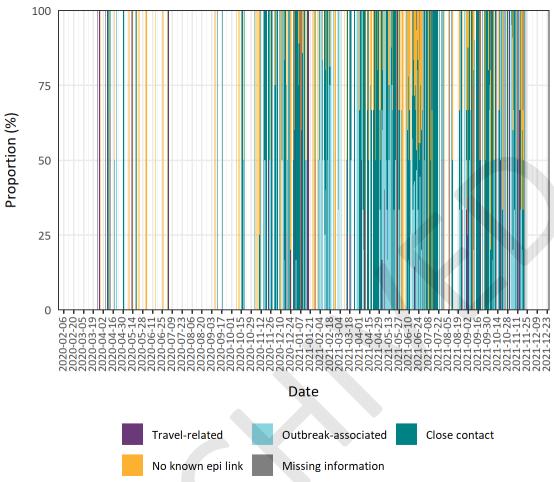
## **Reproduction Number: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit**

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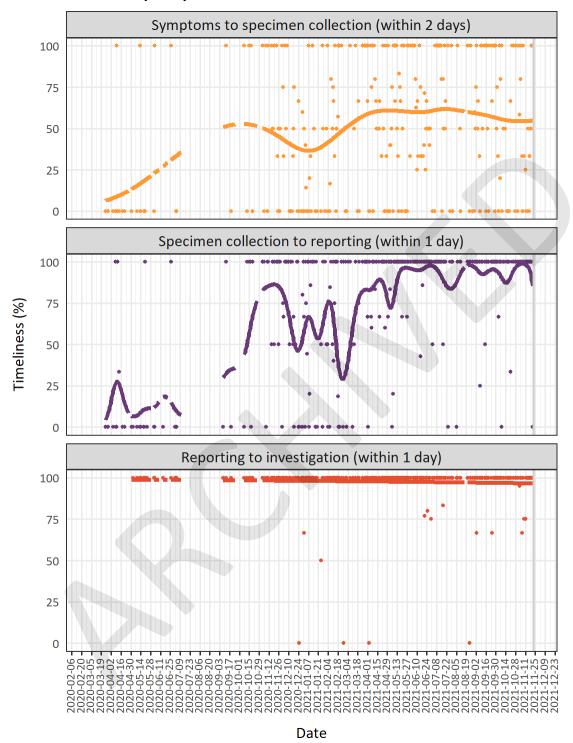
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Likely Acquisition: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit



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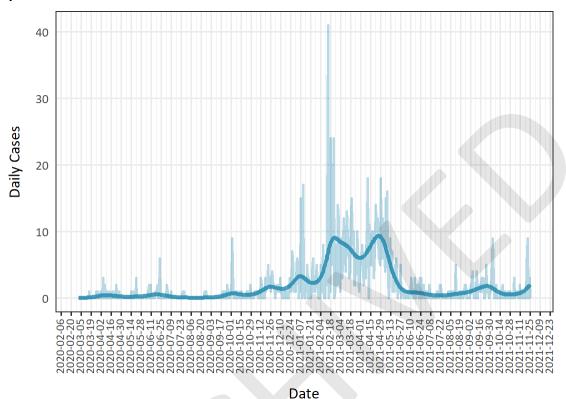
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# Northwestern Health Unit

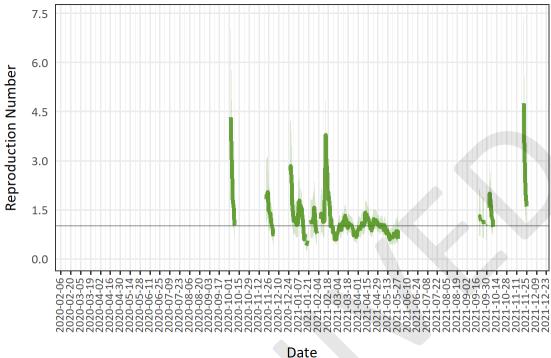
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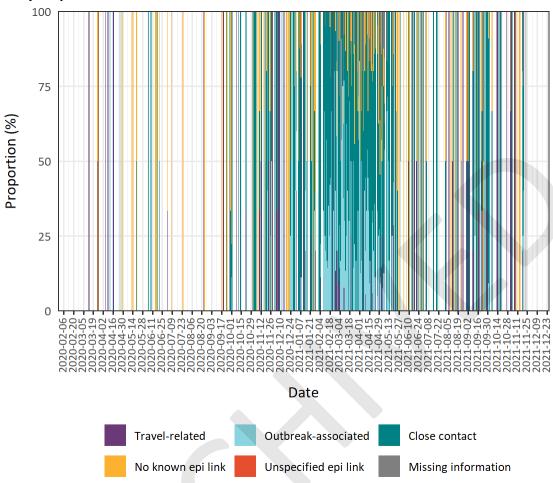
#### **Reproduction Number: Northwestern Health Unit**

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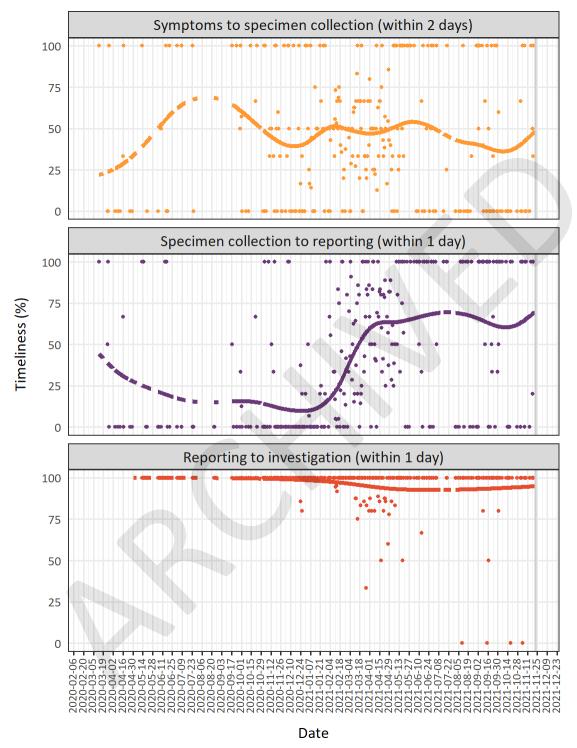
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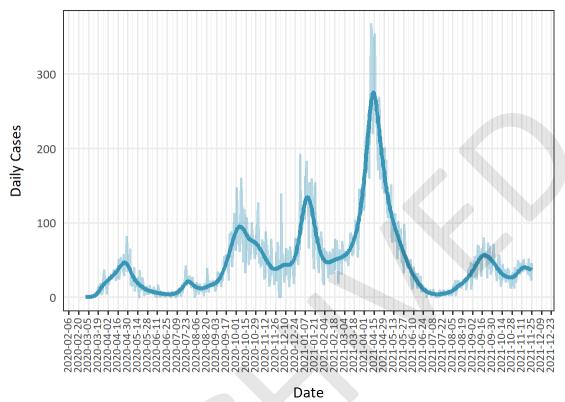
#### **Timeliness: Northwestern Health Unit**



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# Ottawa Public Health

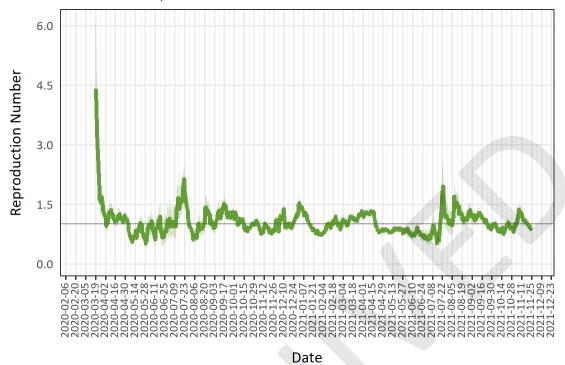
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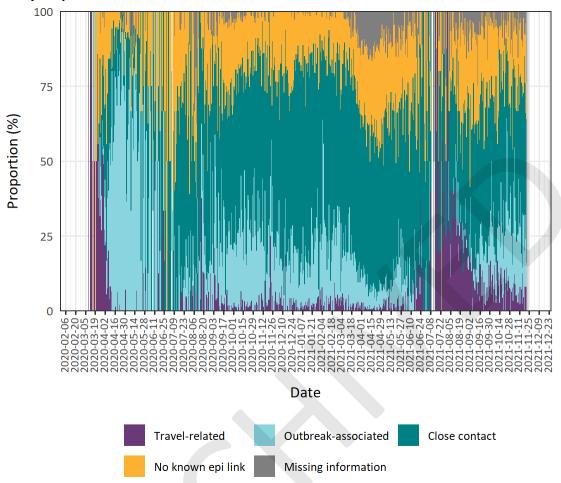
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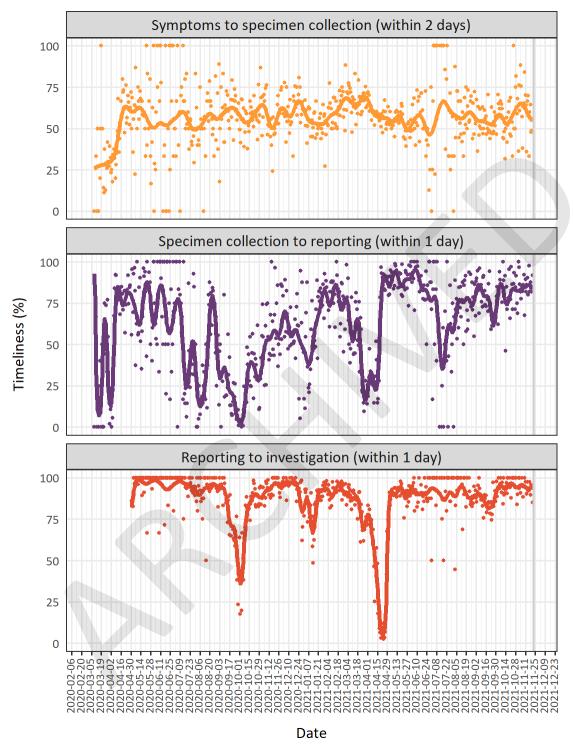
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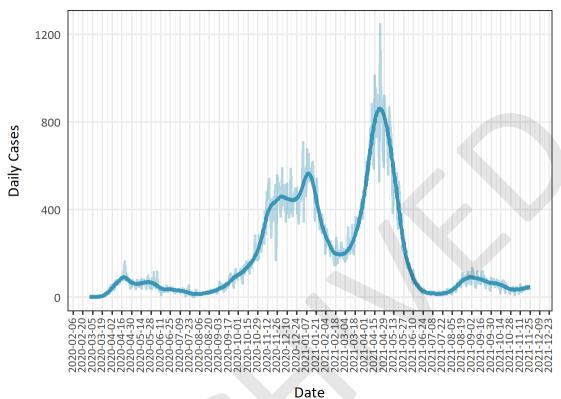
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# Peel Public Health

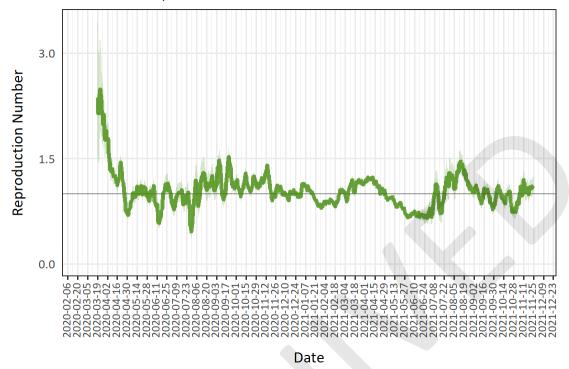
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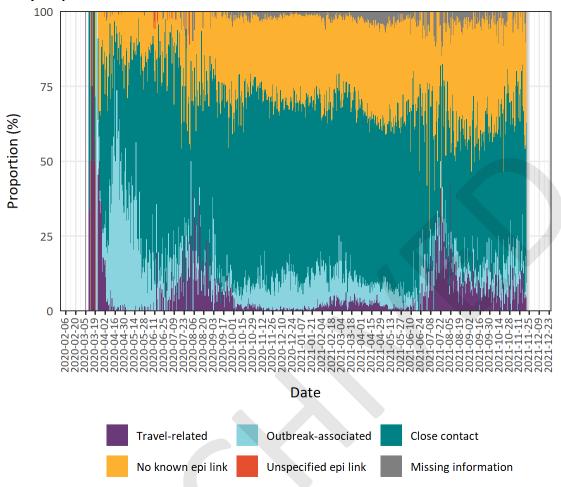
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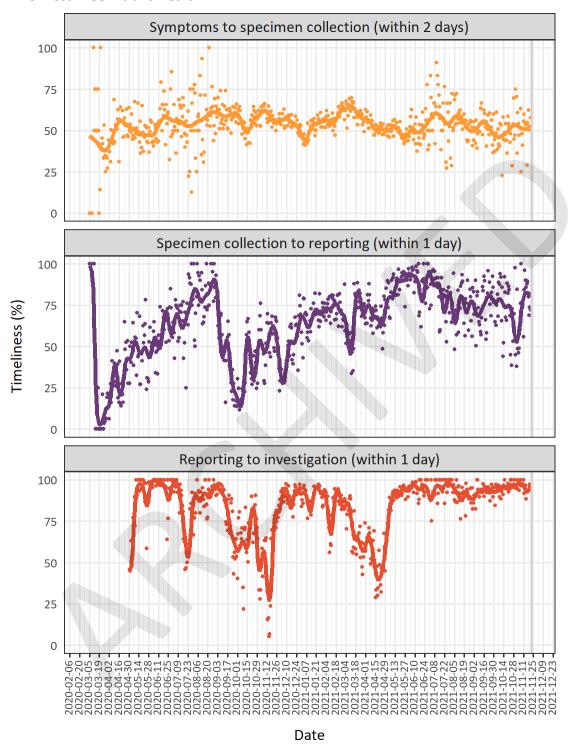
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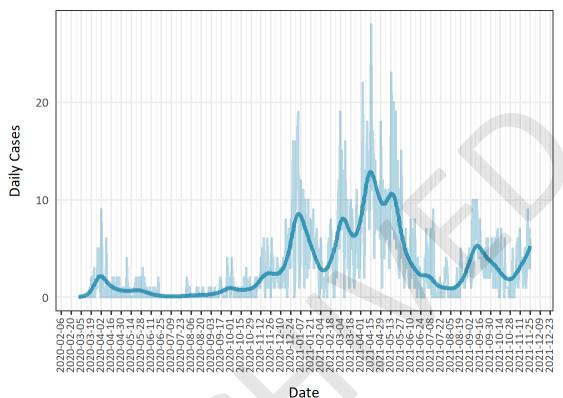
#### **Timeliness: Peel Public Health**



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# Peterborough Public Health

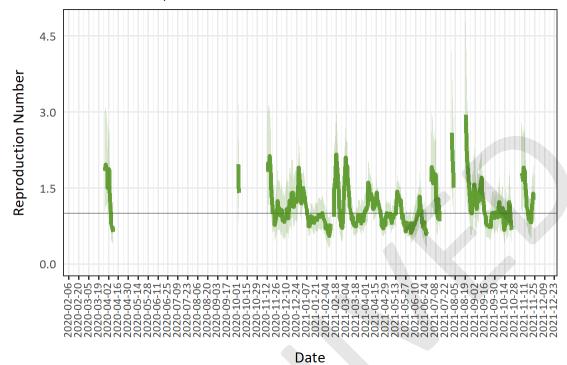
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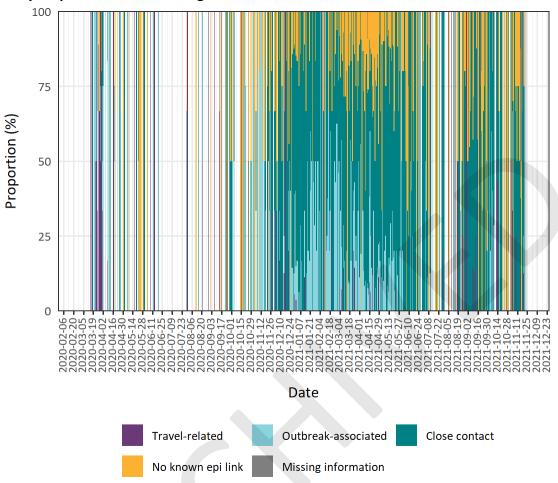
## **Reproduction Number: Peterborough Public Health**

Nov 25 Re = 1.26, 95% CI: 0.88-1.74



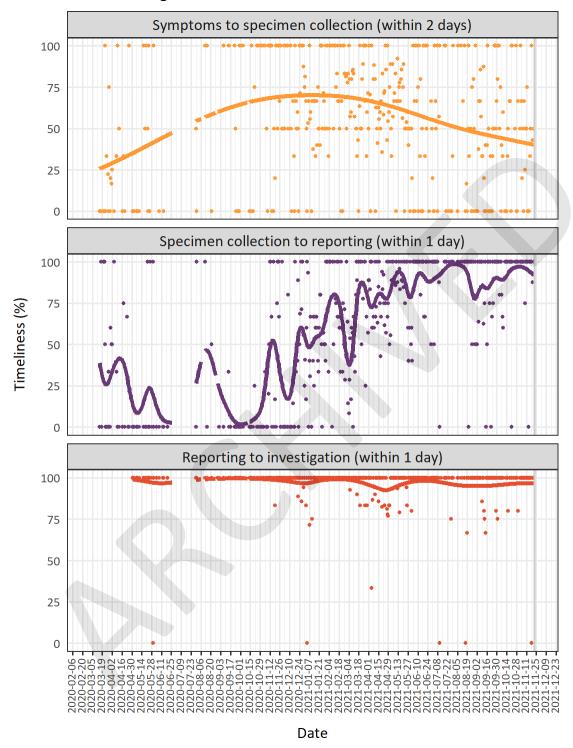
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## Likely Acquisition: Peterborough Public Health



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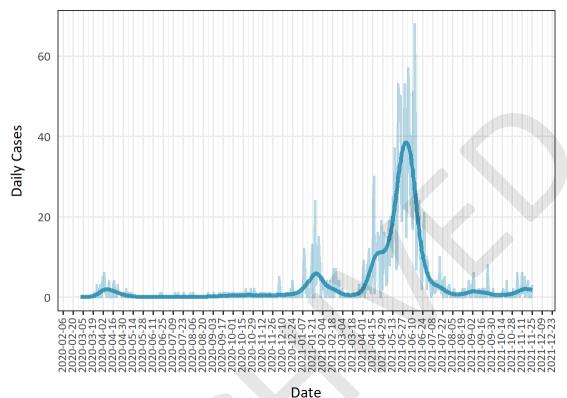
# **Timeliness: Peterborough Public Health**



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# Porcupine Health Unit

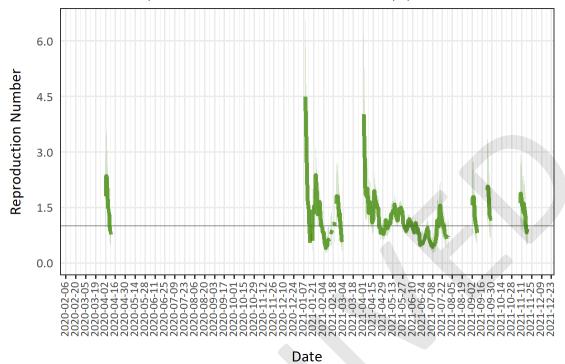
# **Epidemic Curve: Porcupine Health Unit**



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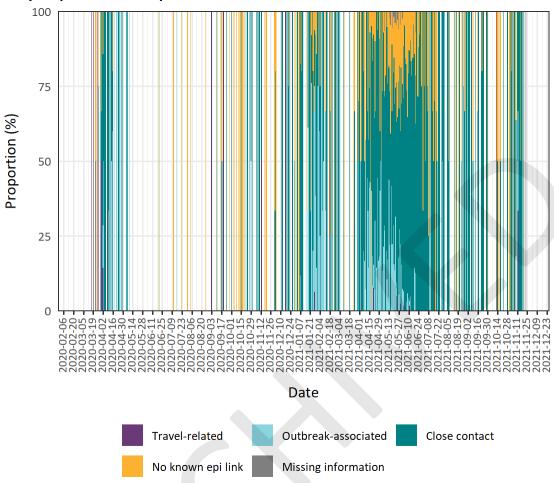
## **Reproduction Number: Porcupine Health Unit**

Nov 25 Re not provided: fewer than 12 cases in the 7 days prior to this date



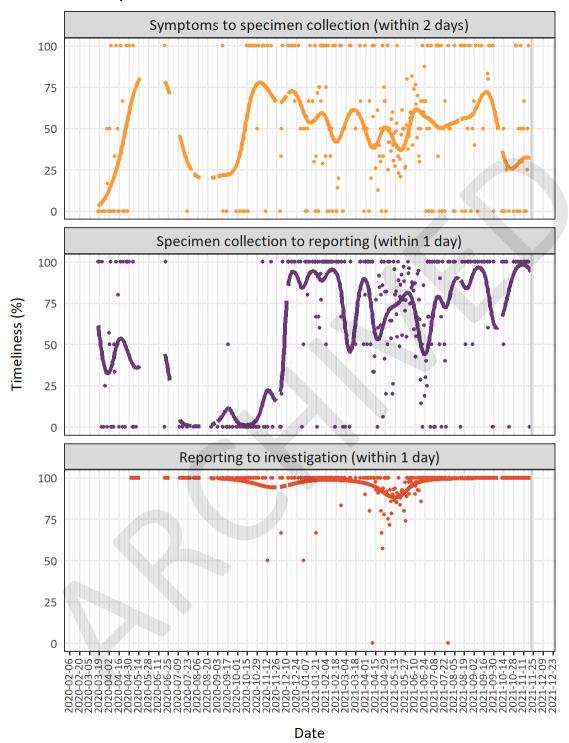
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## **Likely Acquisition: Porcupine Health Unit**



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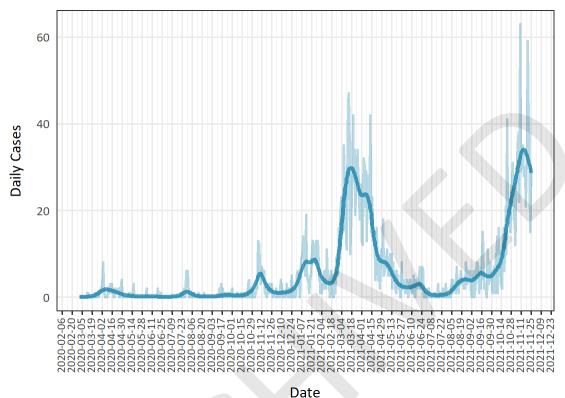
## **Timeliness: Porcupine Health Unit**



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# Public Health Sudbury & Districts

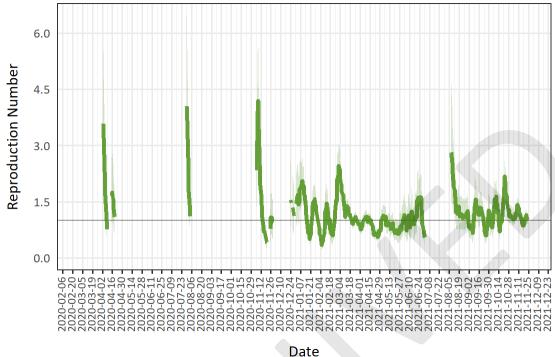
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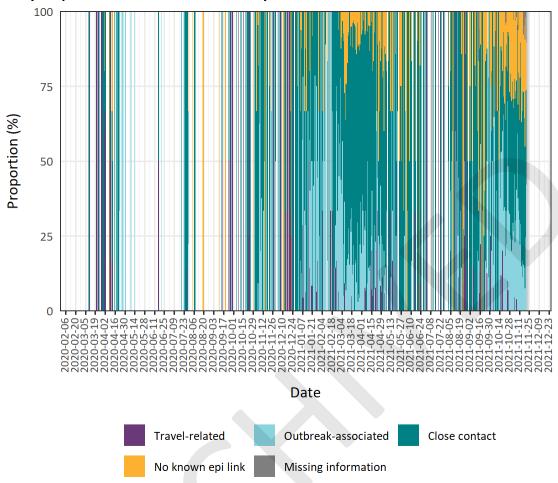
## **Reproduction Number: Public Health Sudbury & Districts**

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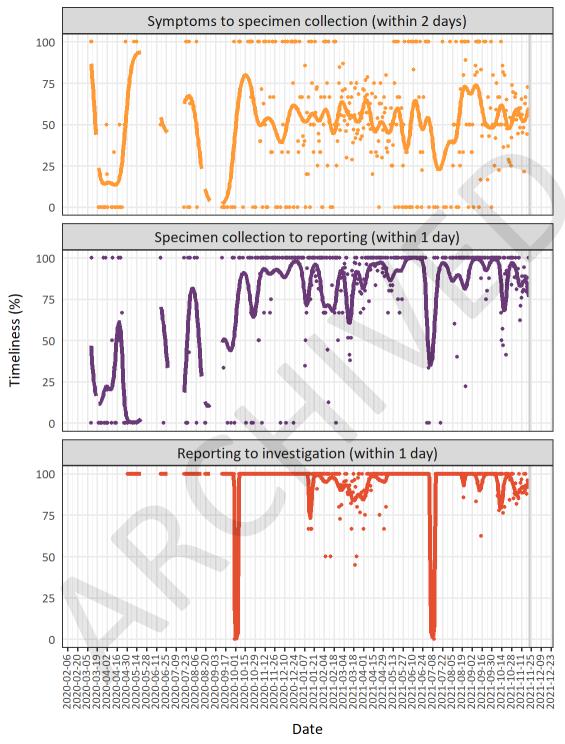
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## Likely Acquisition: Public Health Sudbury & Districts



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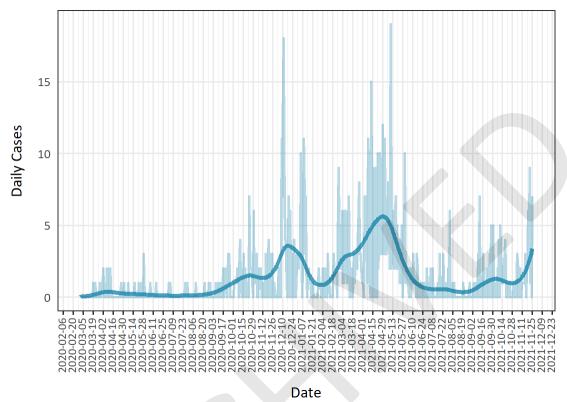
## **Timeliness: Public Health Sudbury & Districts**



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# Renfrew County and District Health Unit

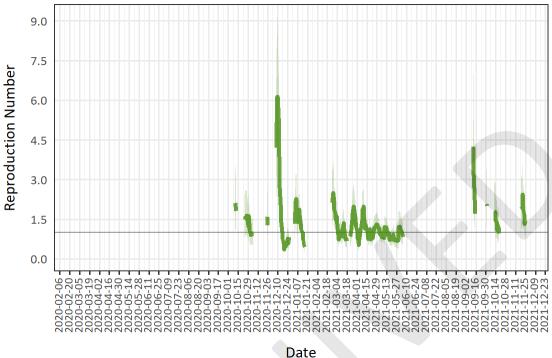
# **Epidemic Curve: Renfrew County and District Health Unit**



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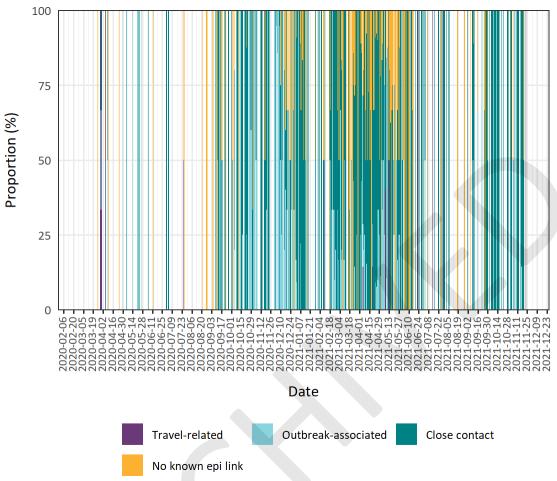
## **Reproduction Number: Renfrew County and District Health Unit**

Nov 25 Re = 1.45, 95% CI: 0.98-2.06



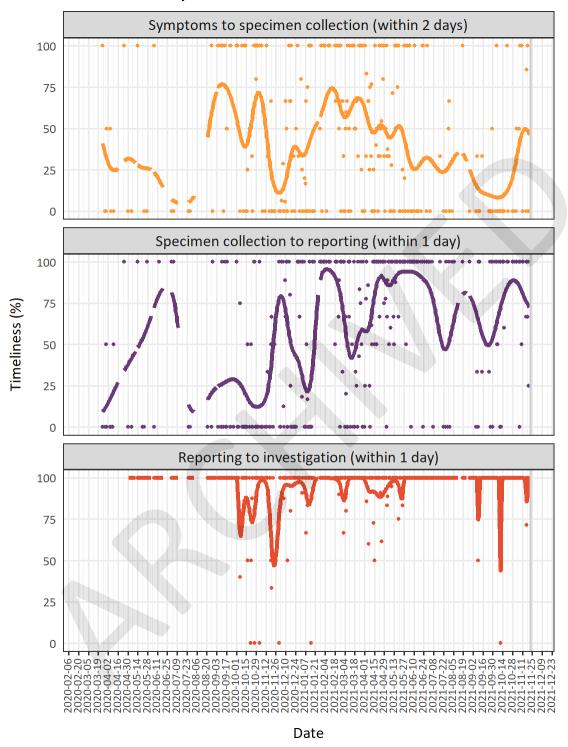
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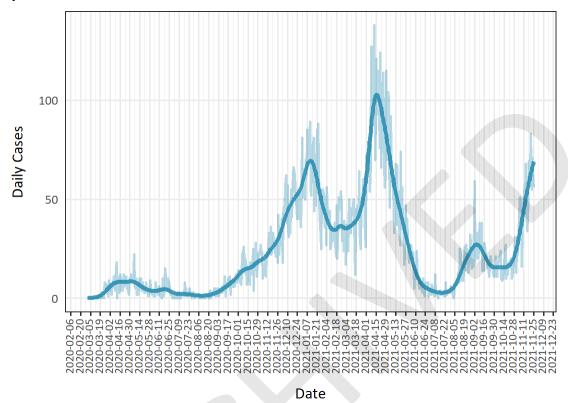
# **Timeliness: Renfrew County and District Health Unit**



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# Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

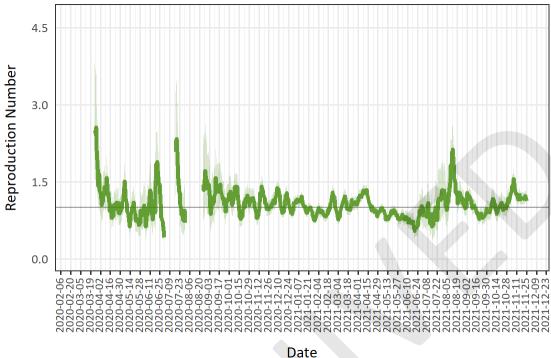
# **Epidemic Curve: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**



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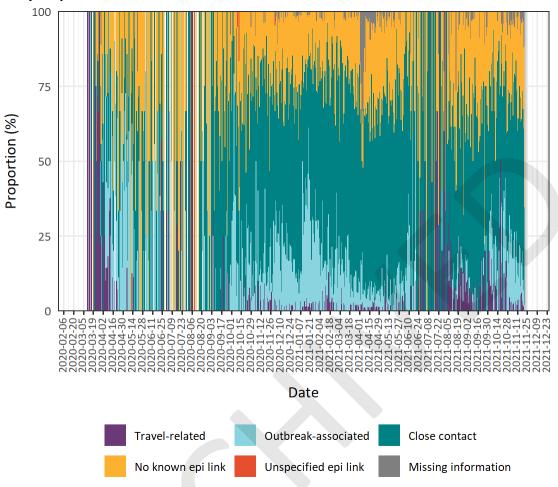
#### **Reproduction Number: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

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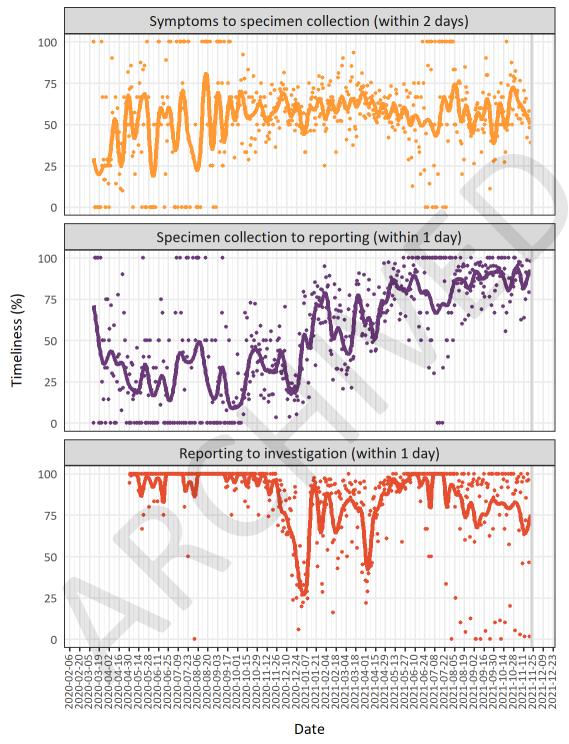
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Likely Acquisition: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



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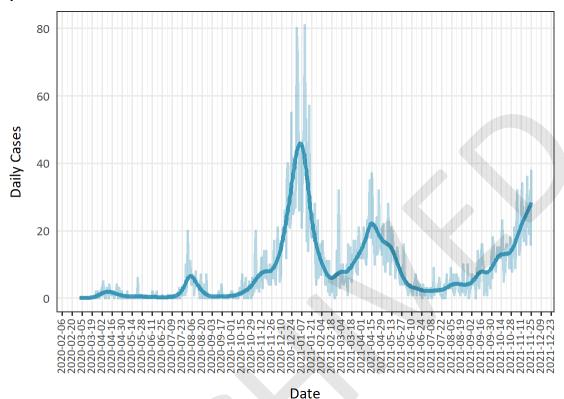
#### **Timeliness: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**



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# Southwestern Public Health

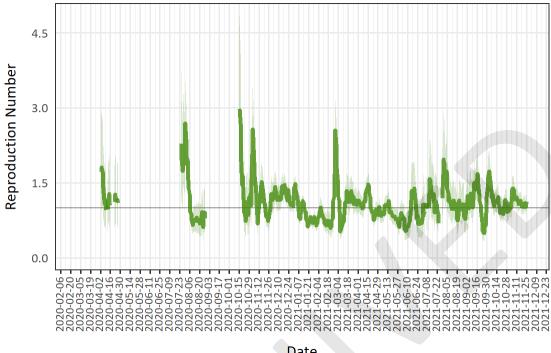
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#### **Reproduction Number: Southwestern Public Health**

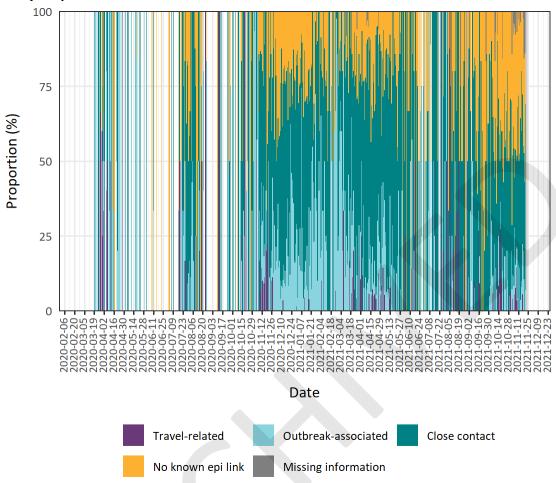
Nov 25 Re = 1.13, 95% CI: 0.98-1.30



Date

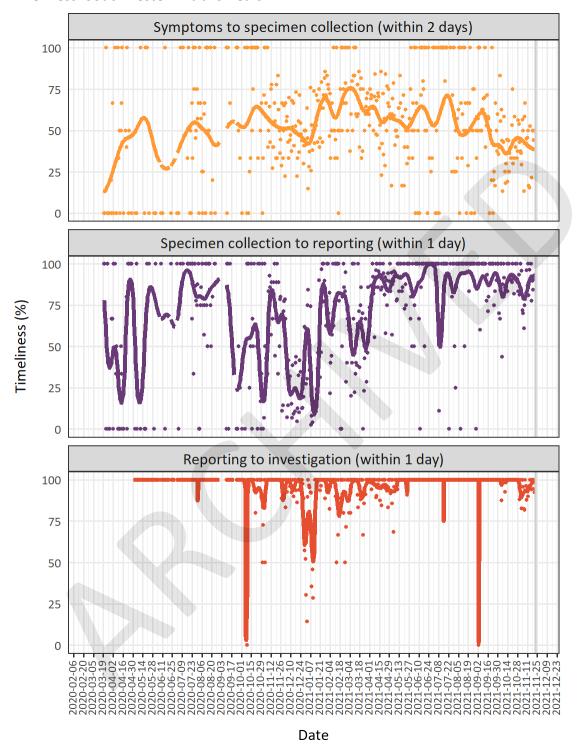
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## Likely Acquisition: Southwestern Public Health



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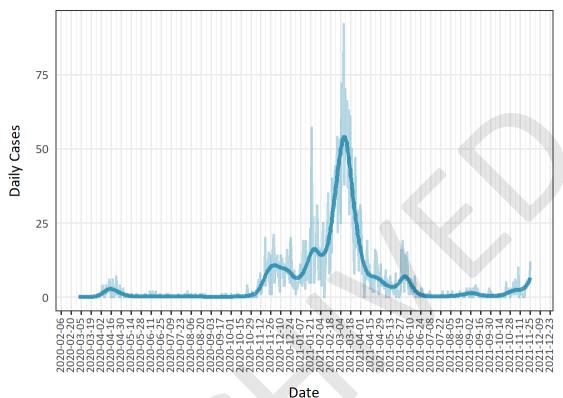
#### **Timeliness: Southwestern Public Health**



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# Thunder Bay District Health Unit

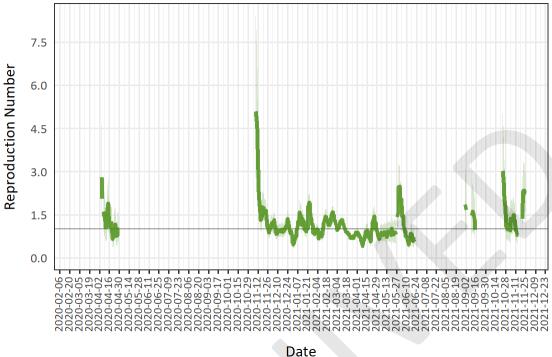
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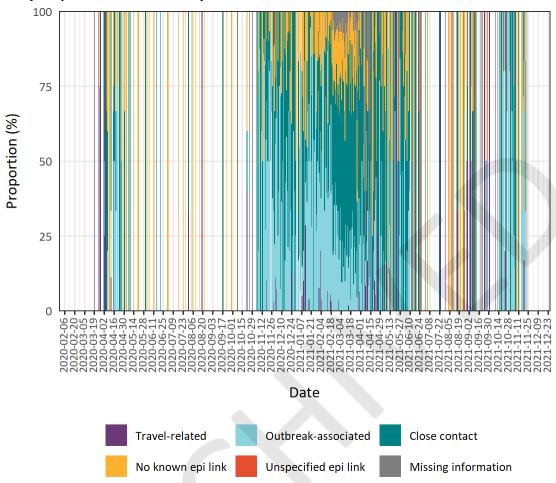
## **Reproduction Number: Thunder Bay District Health Unit**

Nov 25 Re = 2.21, 95% CI: 1.62-2.93



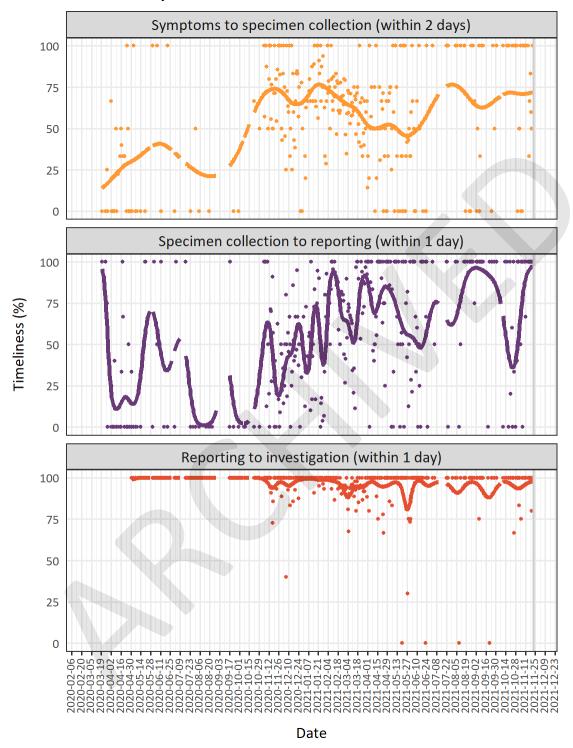
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## Likely Acquisition: Thunder Bay District Health Unit



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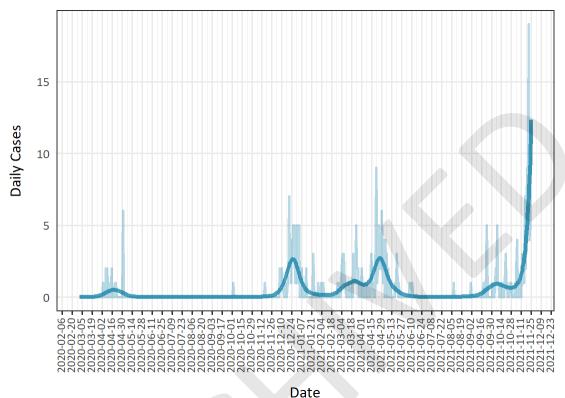
## **Timeliness: Thunder Bay District Health Unit**



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# Timiskaming Health Unit

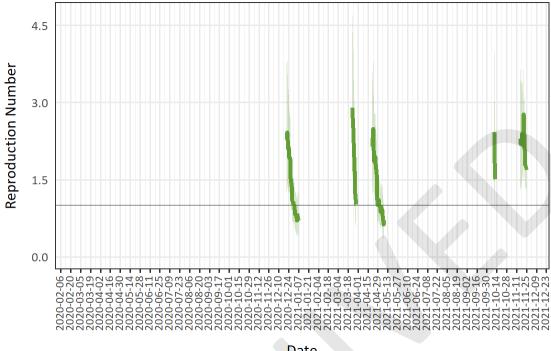
# **Epidemic Curve: Timiskaming Health Unit**



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## **Reproduction Number: Timiskaming Health Unit**

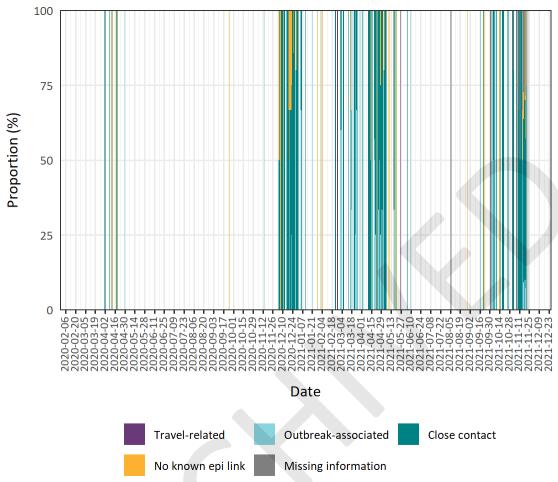
Nov 25 Re = 1.69, 95% CI: 1.31-2.14



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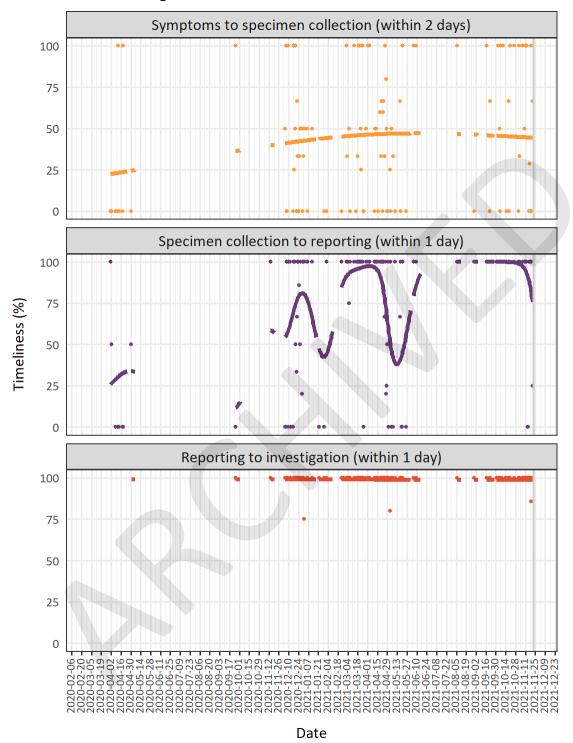
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## Likely Acquisition: Timiskaming Health Unit



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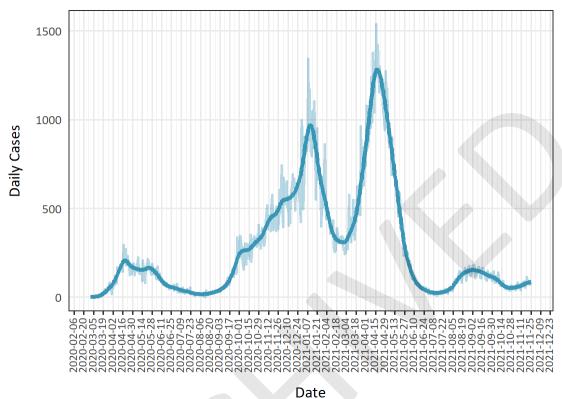
## **Timeliness: Timiskaming Health Unit**



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# **Toronto Public Health**

# **Epidemic Curve: Toronto Public Health**



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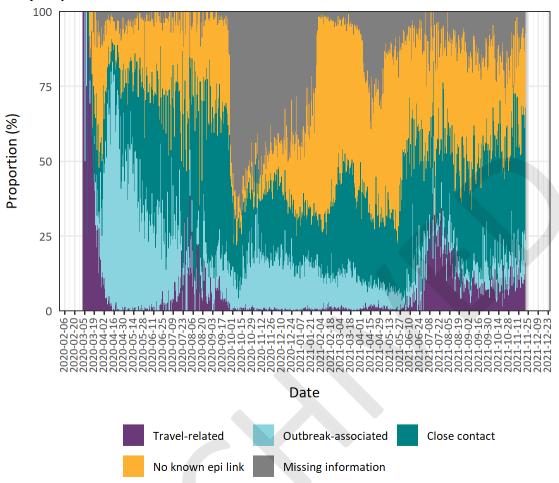
#### **Reproduction Number: Toronto Public Health**

Nov 25 Re = 1.10, 95% CI: 1.02-1.19



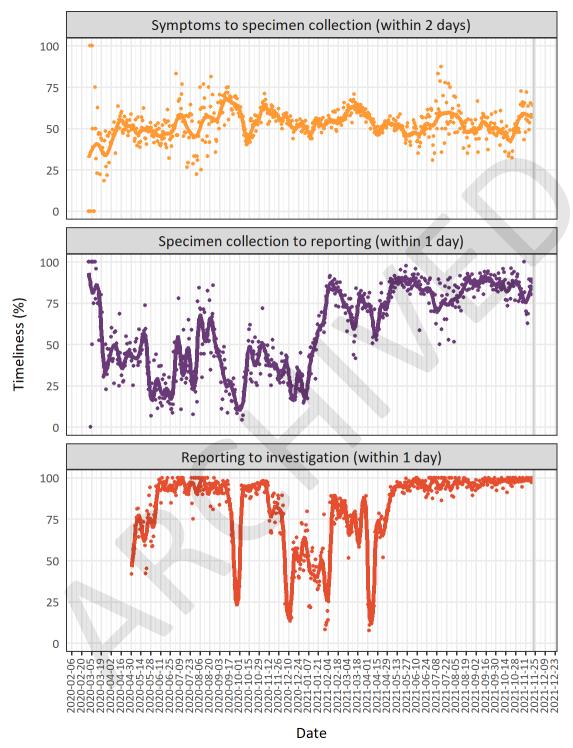
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## **Likely Acquisition: Toronto Public Health**



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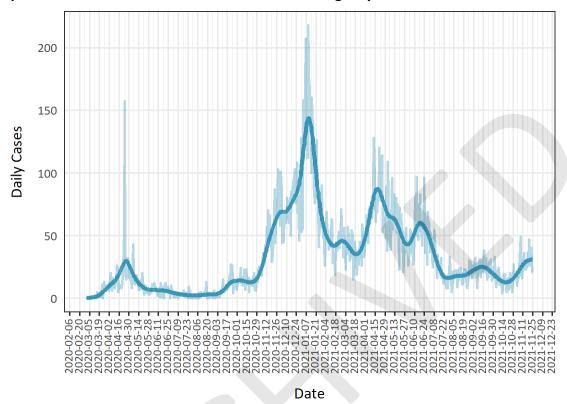
#### **Timeliness: Toronto Public Health**



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# Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services

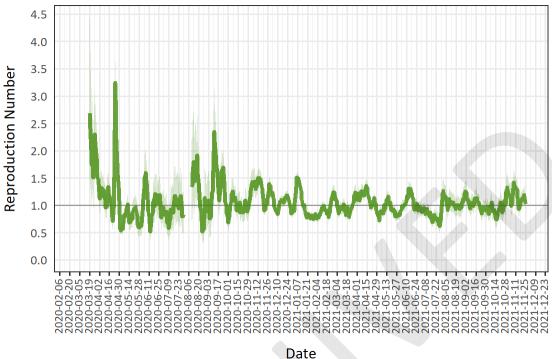
# **Epidemic Curve: Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services**



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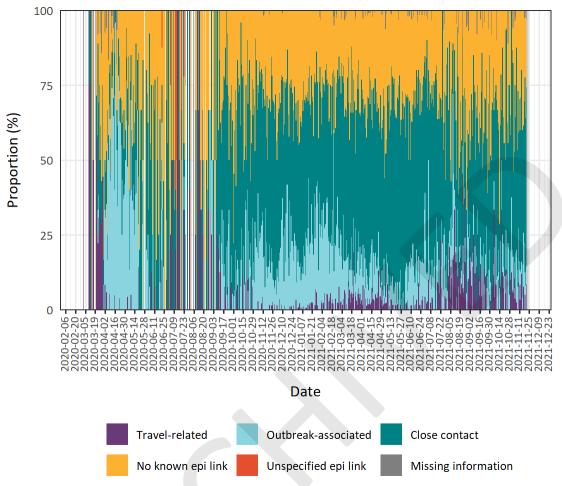
## **Reproduction Number: Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services**

Nov 25 Re = 1.02, 95% CI: 0.89-1.17



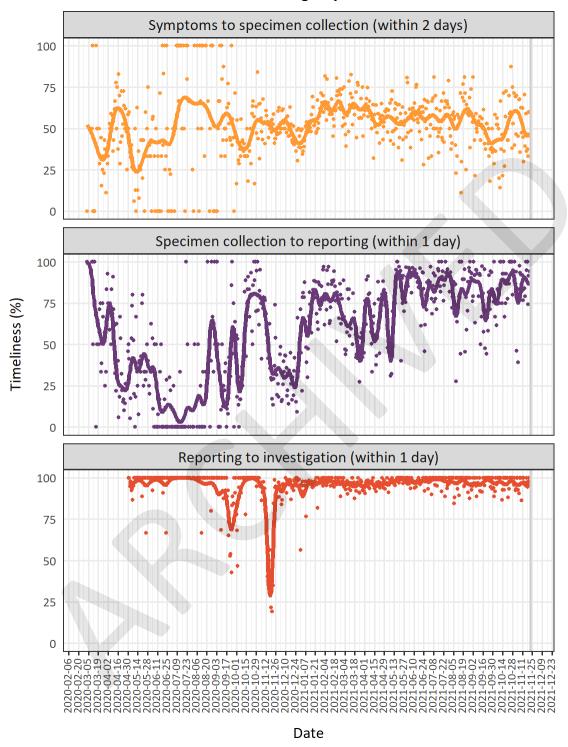
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Likely Acquisition: Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services



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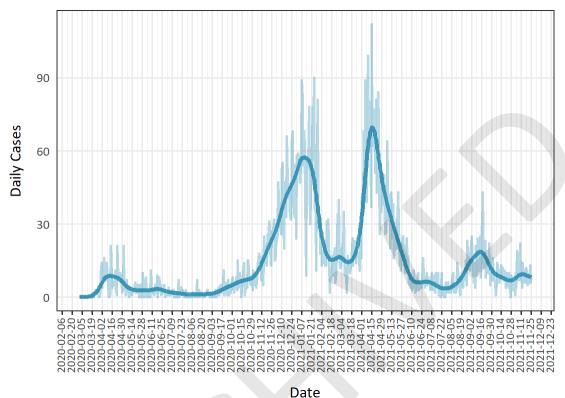
## **Timeliness: Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services**



Note: the date used in this graph is the case reported date

# Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

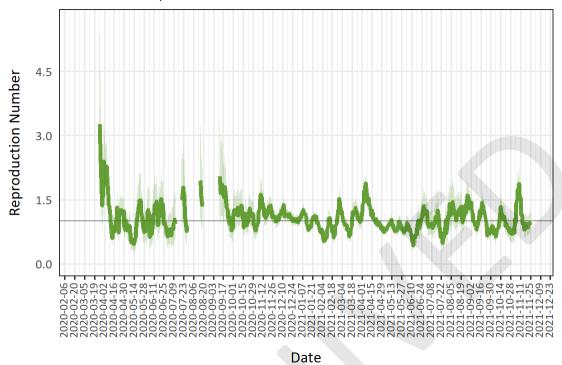
# **Epidemic Curve: Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health**



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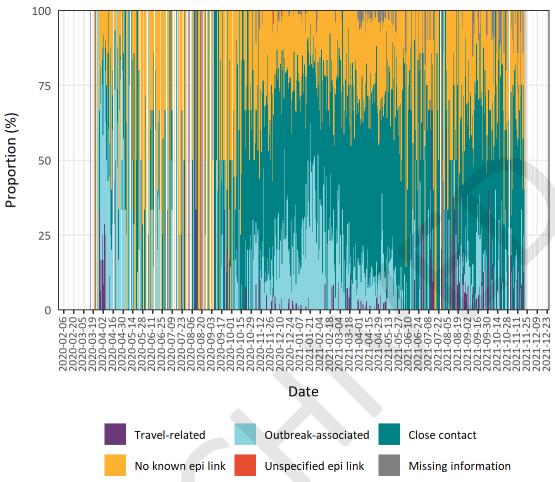
## Reproduction Number: Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Nov 25 Re = 0.91, 95% CI: 0.69-1.17



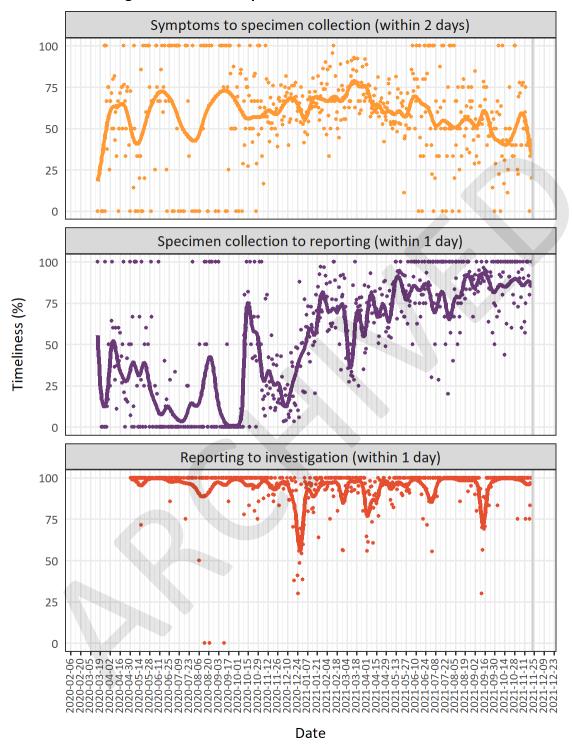
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Likely Acquisition: Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health



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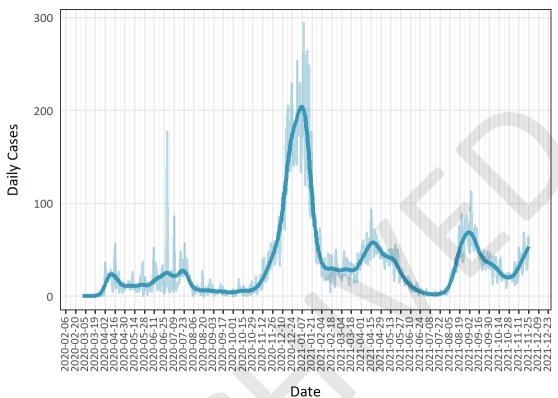
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# Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

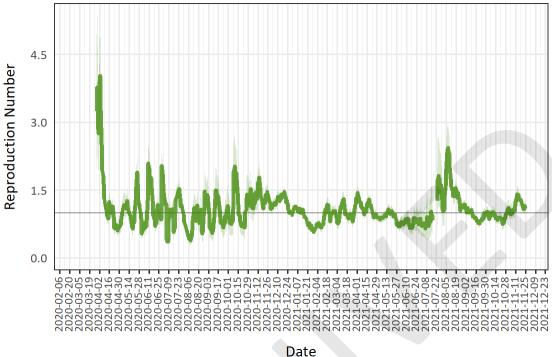
# **Epidemic Curve: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit**



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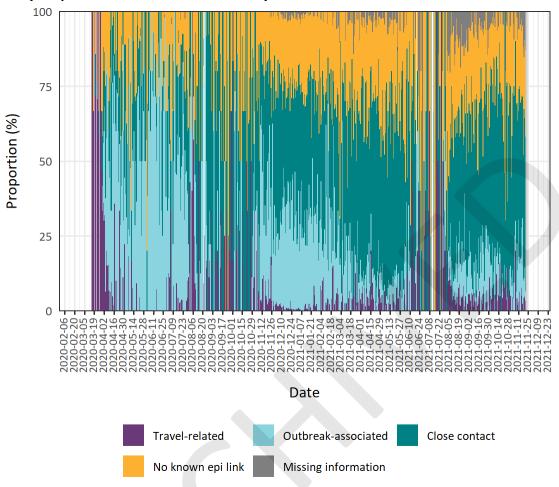
## **Reproduction Number: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit**

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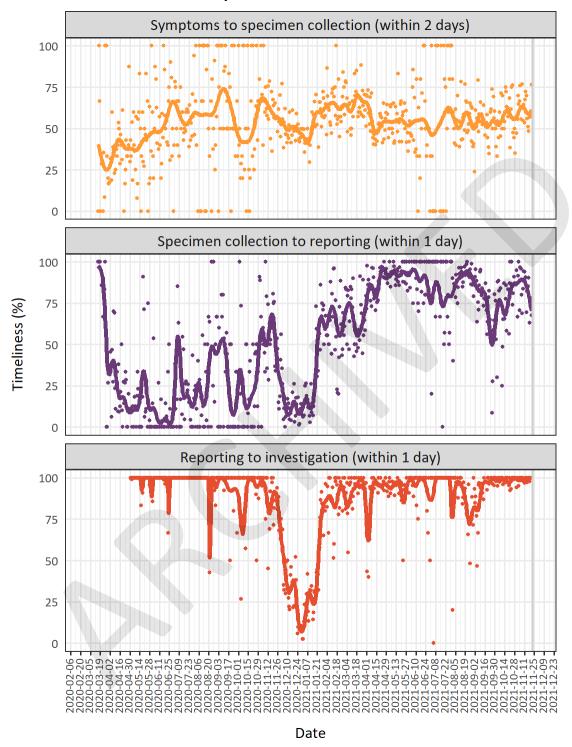
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Likely Acquisition: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit



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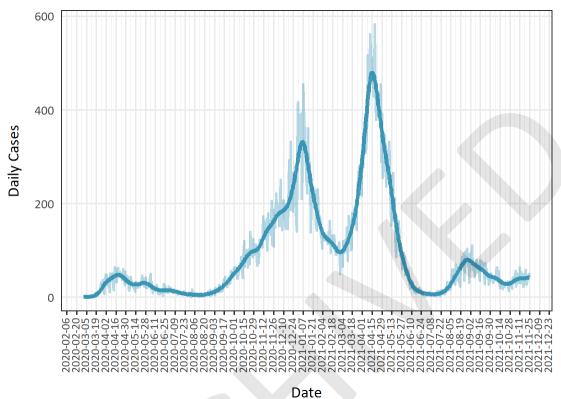
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# York Region Public Health

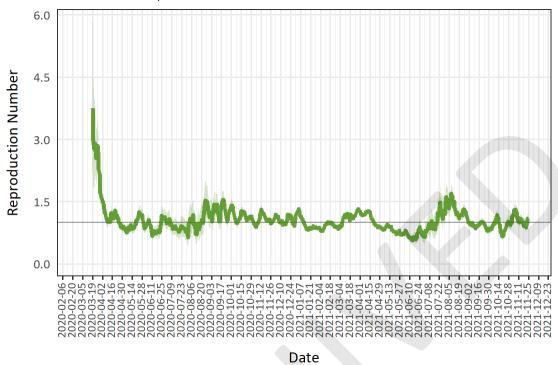
# **Epidemic Curve: York Region Public Health**



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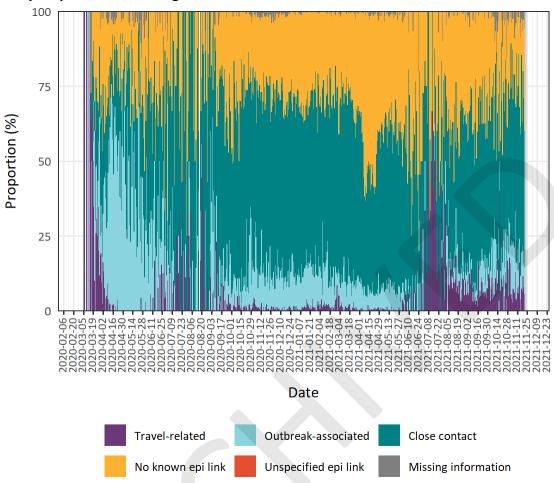
## **Reproduction Number: York Region Public Health**

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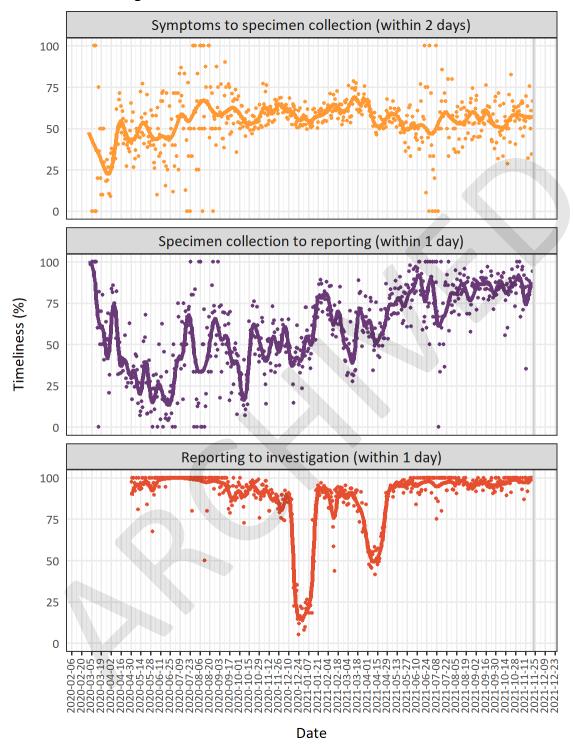
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## Likely Acquisition: York Region Public Health



Note: the date used in this graph is the case reported date

# **Timeliness: York Region Public Health**



Note: the date used in this graph is the case reported date

#### Methods

- The data for this report were based on:
  - Information successfully extracted from the Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM) for all PHUs by PHO as of November 24, 2021 at 1 p.m. for cases reported from February 1, 2021 onwards and as of November 22, 2021 at 9 a.m. for cases reported up to January 31, 2021.
- The date variable used in the figures for the epidemic curve and the reproduction number throughout this report refers to the date that a case first appeared in the compiled data set + 1 additional day. This corresponds to the "public reporting date" of each case at the provincial level.
  - In order to account for certain instances when there were long lags between when a case's specimen was collected and when their data was entered into CCM, we replaced the public reporting date with the specimen collection date + 3 days (the mode of the distribution from specimen collection to public reporting date). This replacement was made for cases whose delay between specimen collection and case creation was between 7 and 90 days.
  - In rare circumstances when this delay was more than 90 days, we did not make the date replacement.
  - Due to de-duplication efforts, cases from Toronto Public Health first appearing on February 10 and 11 and with a case created date in January were assigned a public reporting date based on case created date + 1.
- The date variable used in the figures for the likely acquisition and the timeliness metrics refers to the case reported date, which is the date the case was reported to the public health unit.
- Due to smaller case counts, we have combined the North West and North East regions into a single region in this report.
- The PHUs were categorized into regions as follows:
  - Toronto: Toronto Public Health
  - Central East: Durham Region Health Department, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Peel Public Health, Peterborough Public Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and York Region Public Health
  - Central West: Brant County Health Unit, City of Hamilton Public Health Services,
    Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, Halton Region Public Health, Niagara Region Public Health,
    Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services, and Wellington-DufferinGuelph Public Health
  - Eastern: Ottawa Public Health, Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, and Renfrew County and District Health Unit

- Northern: Northwestern Health Unit, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Algoma Public Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Porcupine Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, and Timiskaming Health Unit
- South West: Chatham-Kent Public Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Southwestern Public Health, and Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
- GTA health units include: Durham Region Health Department, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health, and York Region Public Health.
- With the exception of the time from case reported date to investigation start date, orientation of case counts by geography is based on the diagnosing health unit (DHU). DHU refers to the case's public health unit of residence at the time of illness onset and not necessarily the location of exposure. For the time from case reported date to investigation start date, responsible public health unit was used in order to align with the process for case management. Cases for which the responsible health unit was reported as the Ministry of Health (MOH) (to signify that the PHU is not responsible for case management, such as cases that are not residents of Ontario) have been excluded from the analyses.
- Epidemic curve: smoothed epidemic curves were estimated using generalized additive models of the daily number of cases.
- Reproduction number: the reproduction number was measured using the EpiEstim package in R.<sup>1</sup> The procedure uses daily reported case counts and a 7-day rolling window for estimation. The mean serial interval was set at 4.5 days with a standard deviation of 2.5 days, as adapted from published esimates.<sup>2,3</sup> EpiEstim uses a Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampling procedure, and the median represents the middle of the distribution of most probable values of the reproduction number. The reproduction number of a region was only calculated when there were at least 12 cases in that region in the last 7 days.
- Likely source of acquisition is determined by examining the epidemiologic link and epidemiologic link status fields in CCM and local systems. If no epidemiologic link is identified in those fields the risk factor fields are examined to determine whether a case travelled, was associated with an outbreak, was a contact of a case, had no known epidemiological link (sporadic community transmission) or was reported to have an unknown source/no information was reported. Some cases may have no information reported if the case is untraceable, was lost to follow-up or referred to FNIHB. Cases with multiple risk factors were assigned to a single likely acquisition source group which was determined hierarchically in the following order:
  - For cases with an episode date on or after April 1, 2020: Outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > travel > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown.
  - For cases with an episode date before April 1, 2020: Travel > outbreak-associated > close contact of a confirmed case > no known epidemiological link > information missing or unknown.

- Data for the three days prior to the extract date are not shown for this graph due to lags in data entry.
- Timeliness of reporting: smoothed curves were estimated using generalized additive models of the proportion of cases that were reported within the stated time frame. The dots in the graph represent the individual proportions for a given reported date. The duration elapsed from reporting to investigation was only measured from May 1st onwards, as this is the date that the directive to enter investigation start date was issued. Cases with missing or pending dates have been excluded from the denominator in this analysis.
  - For the time from case reported date to investigation start date, cases with a disposition status of referred to the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), lost to follow up, or untraceable were excluded from the analyses.
  - If there were no cases within 7 days of the case reported date, the smoothed curve for the proportion meeting the target is not shown.
  - Data for the three days prior to the extract date are not shown for this graph due to lags in data entry.
  - When CCM's Virtual Assistant is the first point of contact with the client, the timing of a partially complete Virtual Assistant is considered to be the investigation start date for the purpose of reporting. The Virtual Assistant is considered partially complete if, at a minimum, the terms of use have been accepted, at which point the client will have read an introductory text that explains why public health is reaching out. The Virtual Assistant will auto-populate the investigation start date field with the date the client accepts the Terms of Use.

#### Limitations

- This report includes confirmed cases of COVID-19 as per the Ontario Ministry of Health <u>case definition</u>. However, this report excludes persons with a positive detection of serum/plasma immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, which was added to the confirmed case definition on August 6, 2020. Case detection is strongly influenced by the provincial testing strategy, which may also influence the time elapsed between various steps in the testing and notification process.
- Cases of confirmed reinfection, i.e. where genome sequencing indicates the two episodes are caused by different viral lineages, added to the confirmed case definition on November 20, 2020, are counted as unique investigations.
- CCM is a dynamic disease reporting system, which allow ongoing updates to data previously
  entered. As a result, data extracted represent a snapshot at the time of extraction and may differ
  from previous or subsequent reports.
- The data only represent cases reported to public health units and recorded in CCM plus. As a
  result, all counts will be subject to varying degrees of underreporting due to a variety of factors,
  such as disease awareness and medical care seeking behaviours, which may depend on severity of
  illness, clinical practice, changes in laboratory testing, and reporting behaviours.

- The public reporting date lags the infection date; as such, public reporting dates likely represent infections that occurred approximately 10 days earlier.
- For reproduction number analyses, all cases since initial importation were presumed to be locally transmitted. Further, the estimates of the reproduction number are influenced by the choice of serial interval. As such, the reported estimates in the analysis are subject to change as additional data on the estimated serial interval are published.
- The epidemic curves in this report will not align with the curves provided in other reports due to the date chosen. In monitoring trends over time, the public reporting date was specifically chosen in order to identify early signals of increasing cases, which is challenging when using episode date or reported date due to lags in data entry and therefore the need for caution when reviewing case data for more recent days. As such, numbers from the epidemic curve should not be compared between this regional report and the daily/weekly epidemiologic summary.

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