



# Grey Bruce Health Unit

2021 Community Planning and Partnership Meeting

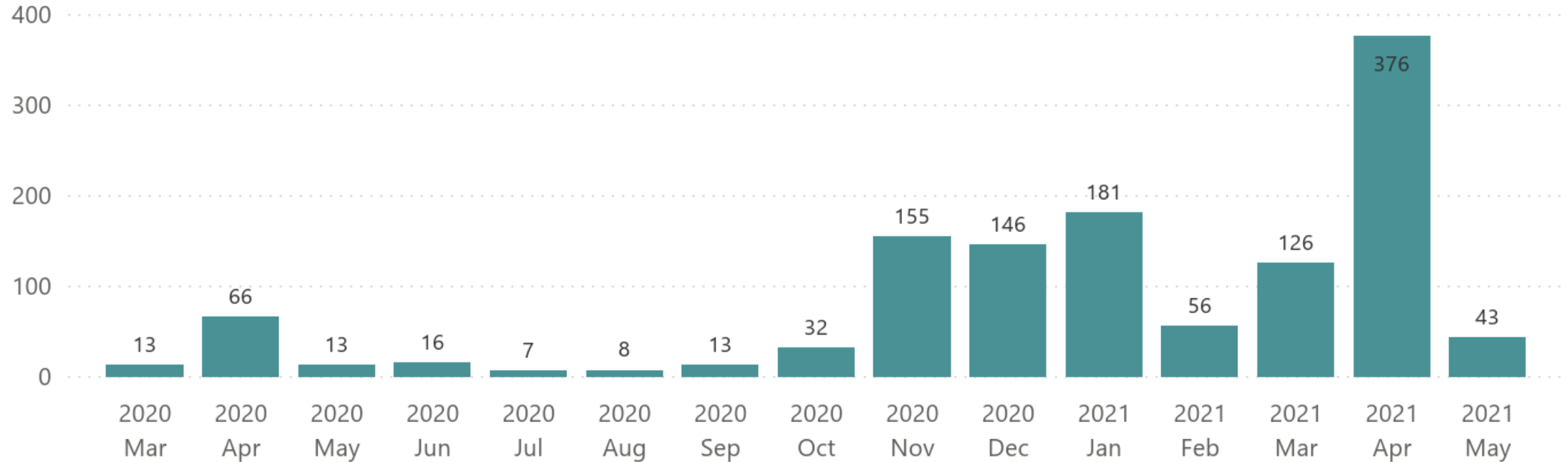
COVID-19 Update  
May 11 2021

# Overview

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# COVID-19 Cases in Grey and Bruce

Confirmed Cases in Grey Bruce by Month Reported



**1251**

Total Confirmed Cases

**40**

Active Cases

**3**

Local Cases Hospitalized

+6

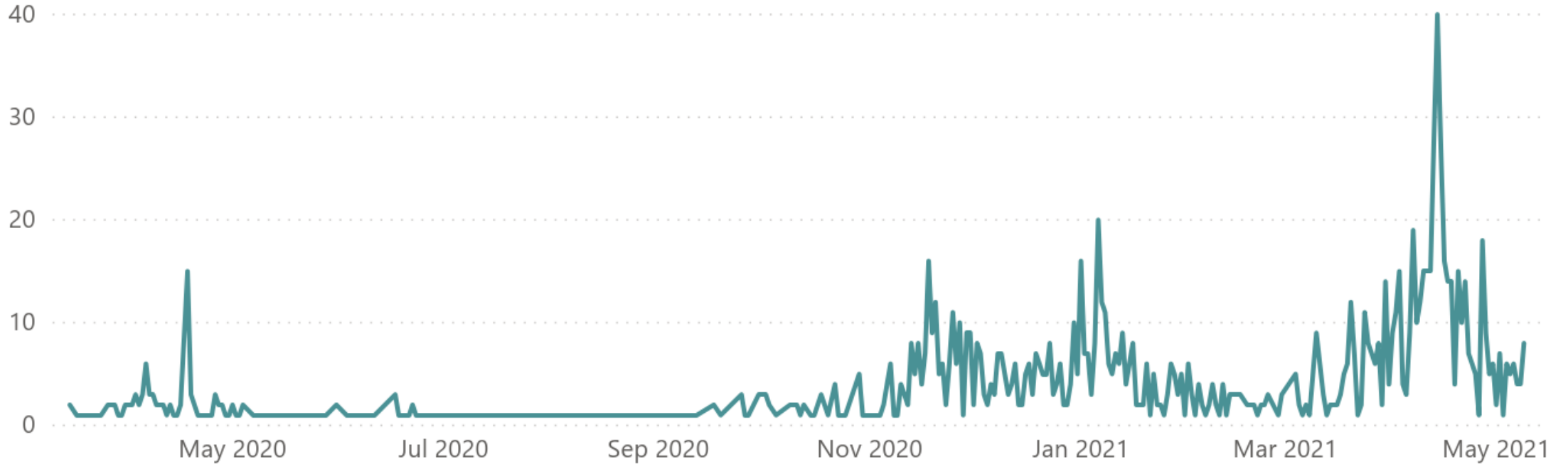
cases hospitalized from outside of region

**4**

Deaths

# COVID-19 Cases in Grey and Bruce

Confirmed Cases in Grey Bruce by Date Reported



1251

Total Confirmed Cases

40

Active Cases

308

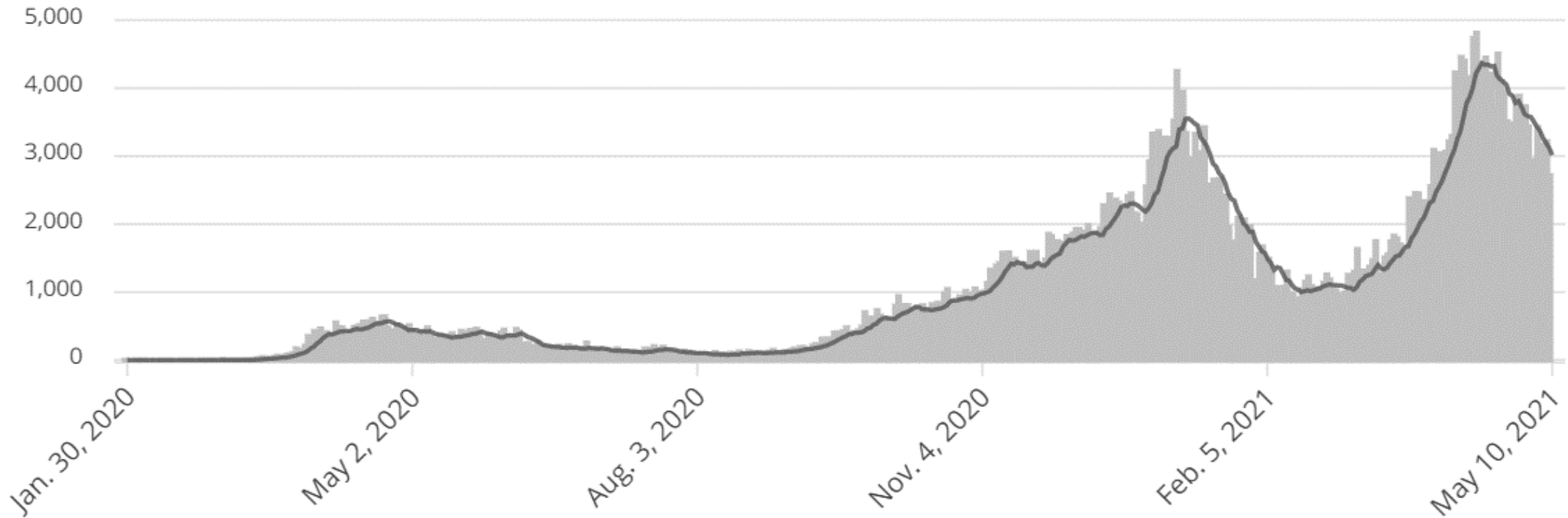
Total Cases  
Variants of Concern

20

Active Cases  
Variants of Concern

# COVID-19 Cases in Ontario

Number of New Cases in Ontario



**497,092**  
Total Cases

**2,073**  
New Cases

**97,668**  
Total Cases  
Variants of Concern

**1,782**  
Number of Patients Currently  
Hospitalized with COVID-19

# COVID-19 Cases in Children and Schools

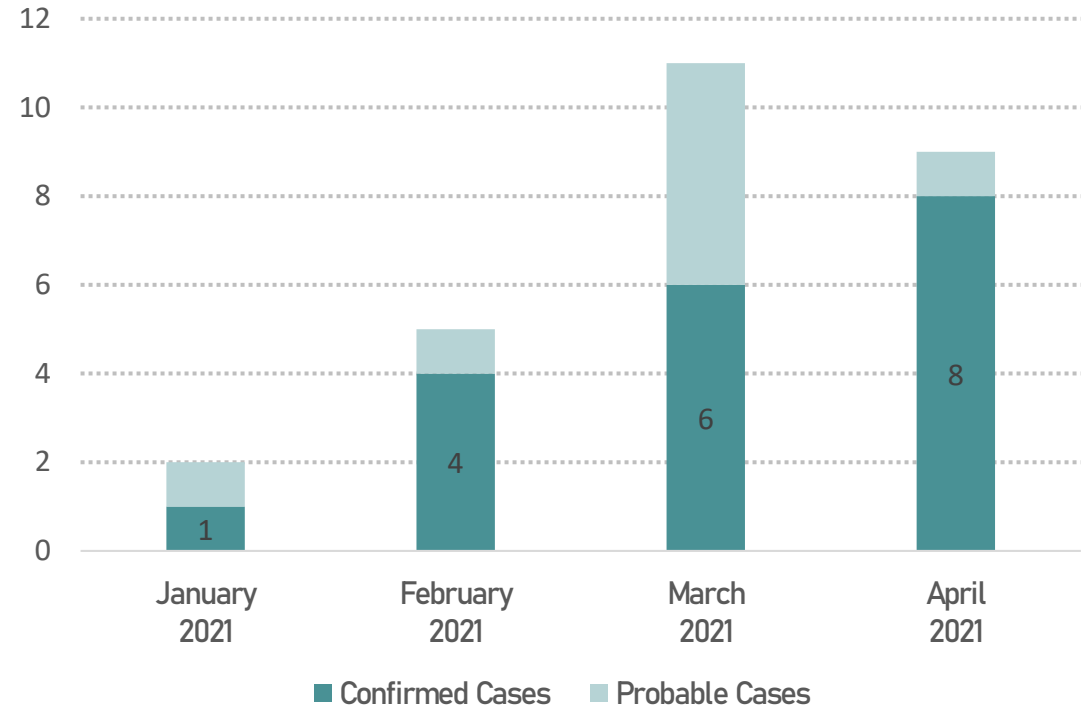
GBHU School Health Team follows up on all cases and contacts of COVID-19 in school-aged children

Symptomatic High-Risk Contacts are investigated as “Probable Cases” until deemed negative

Case details are reviewed to identify if there may be risk to the school

If potential risk identified, students in cohort are dismissed and advised on testing and isolation

Number of Cohorts Dismissed by Month – January to April 2021



**27**  
Number of Cohorts  
Dismissed

**19** Confirmed Cases  
**8** Probable Cases

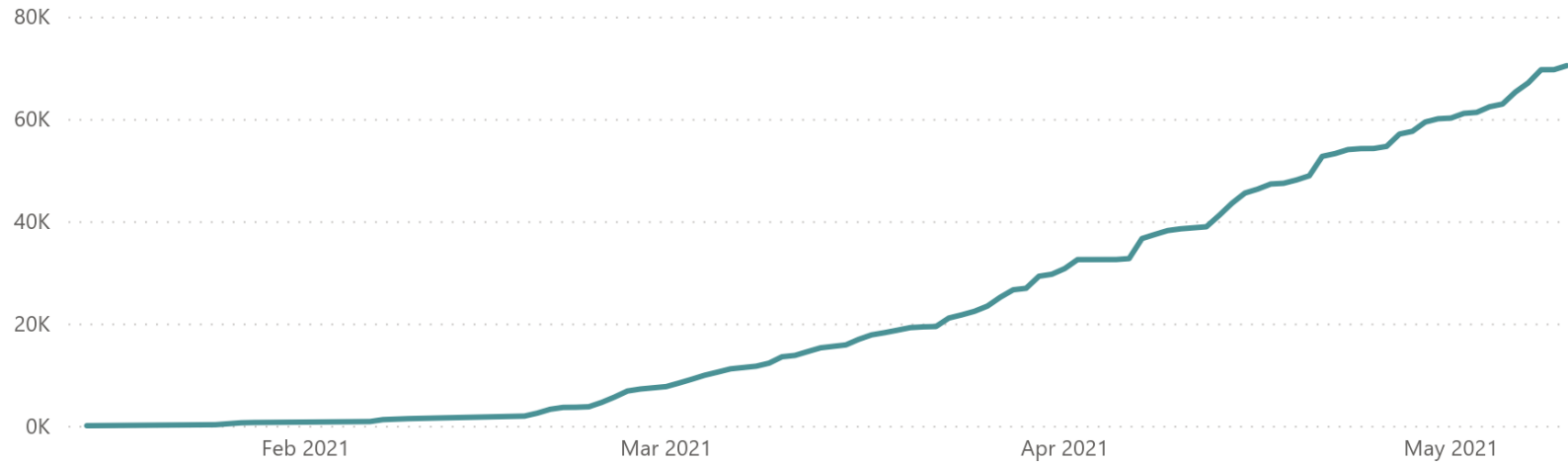
**3**  
Number of Outbreaks  
Declared

**1** Confirmed Outbreak  
**2** Suspect Outbreaks

# COVID-19 Vaccination in Grey and Bruce

## Cumulative Doses by Date Given

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GBHU vaccination rate consistent with Province

Educator-focused clinics completed April 14, May 8

<p><b>70596</b></p> <p>Total Doses Given</p>	<p><b>9134</b></p> <p>Doses Given Past 7 Days</p>	<p><b>47.5%</b></p> <p>Total Population (16+) with at least 1 Dose</p>	<p><b>4.3%</b></p> <p>Total Population (16+) with at 2 Doses <sup>7</sup></p>
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# Looking Forward

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plans

### Vaccine Shipments to increase Mid-May

- Phase 2 to be completed mid-May in Grey-Bruce
- Phase 3 to commence in June

### Phase 2 Essential Workers – Group 1 to begin May 13<sup>th</sup>

- Includes education sector, the majority of which have already been completed

### 16 Week Dose 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Interval

- Exceptions for those with certain medical conditions
- Most educators should be eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose prior to September return to school

### Vaccination for 12+

- Health Canada approval for Pfizer vaccine administration for children aged 12-18
- Provincial direction for administration of vaccine to those 12-18 not yet available



# Looking Forward

## Case and Contact Management

### Update Direction based on Circulating VOCs (Variants of Concern)

- New, more stringent case and contact management practices to counteract spread of VOCs in the community, lowering threshold for action
- Includes increased emphasis on the importance of proper PPE use in the workplace
- Directs household members of those with symptoms to stay home until a negative result is received
- Initiation of contact tracing and follow up for suspect cases (high-risk contacts of confirmed cases who begin showing symptoms, who do not yet have results available)

### Updated Direction based on Vaccination Status

- Exemptions for those who are fully vaccinated from isolation if identified as a high-risk contact of a confirmed case, or a family member of someone who is symptomatic

# Looking Forward

## Return to School

### Short-term, COVID-focused Return to School

- GBHU to continue to support schools in COVID-19 prevention and investigation, with short-term emphasis on renewed importance of early identification and testing through COVID-19 screening practices

### Longer-term, School-focused Return to School

- Impact of in-person learning for total wellbeing (physical, mental, social, emotional) of school-aged children and youth
- Resumption of key public health services, including routine immunizations, dental health clinics
- Ample opportunities for planning and partnership
- Keen interest to work with school communities to assess needs and aid in planning and implementation of “traditional” public health programming

# THANK YOU



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