

Age_Band Number_of_Positive_Cases

20 and unc 46

30s 53

40s 30

50s 13

60s 6

No_Fixed_Address_Indicator	Number_of_Positive_Cases
No	133
Yes	15

Race	Number_of_Positive_Cases
Another Race Category	3
Black	19
Blank (Null)	18
East Asian	7
Indigenous	14
Latino	2
Middle Eastern	3
Prefer Not to Answer	2
South Asian	5
White	75

Sex	Number_of_Positive_Cases
Female	5
Male	143

INFORMATION NOTE – ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, MODERNIZATION DIVISION

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PURPOSE

- To provide information on the publication of four 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) related corrections datasets, and additional supporting metadata, as part of the Ministry of the Solicitor General ('the ministry') commitment to the Open Data initiative. The datasets contain demographic information on inmates who tested positive for COVID-19 in Ontario's Provincial Correctional Institutions.

CURRENT STATUS

- In order to proactively respond to interest of the public in the release of information on the COVID-19 status in Ontario's provincial correctional institutions, four datasets have been developed by the Corporate Health Care and Wellness Branch (CHCWB):
 - COVID-19 Positive Inmates in Ontario Provincial Correctional Institutions by Age
 - COVID-19 Positive Inmates in Ontario Provincial Correctional Institutions by No Fixed Address Indicator;
 - COVID-19 Positive Inmates in Ontario Provincial Correctional Institutions by by Race; and
 - COVID-19 Positive Inmates in Ontario Provincial Correctional Institutions by by Sex
- These files contain information on the total number of inmates tested positive for COVID-19 in Ontario's Provincial Correctional Institutions grouped by inmate's age, by the indicator providing information whether an inmate does or does not have a fixed address, by race and by sex, respectively (from March 19, 2020 to current).
- As a result of the impact of COVID-19, the ministry struck the COVID-19 Coordinated Response Table (COVID-19 CRT). COVID-19 CRT provides a direct line to the Senior Management Committee (SMC) and was put in place to expedite products related to COVID-19.
- In addition, an Open Data submission form and data dictionary (metadata file) that accompany the data sets have been developed by CHCWB in collaboration with the Innovation, Data and Technology Advancement (iDaTA) Branch based on the format and requirements of the Open Data Directive and reviewed by Ontario Digital Service, Cabinet Office (ODS) (see Appendix for details)

- Modernization Division, with guidance provided by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office, has assessed the data for risk of re-identification and took the necessary steps to de-identify it to a level that is acceptable for public release. Considerations have been given to the information provided by data itself and situations where small cell counts may exist, as well as situations when data is being combined with other datasets and the dataset was deemed as safe to be publicly released.
- The package, including the dataset and supplementary information, has undergone a risk assessment and data accuracy check by the ministry's Legal Services Branch, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office and Communications Branch.
- The package has been approved by the director of CHCWB and the director of iDaTA.

BACKGROUND

Open Data Initiative

- In October 2013, the Ontario Government announced Ontario's Open Government initiative, which includes three pillars:
 - Open data: making government data available so that citizens and businesses can develop new ideas, services and applications.
 - Open dialogue: providing citizens with more opportunities to provide meaningful input into government policies and programs.
 - Open information: making more government information open to the public on a proactive and ongoing basis.
- The Open Data Directive, released in 2015, promotes data management practices which enable the proactive and ongoing release of government data and is to be implemented in a manner that is consistent with existing legal obligations, restrictions and requirements, including the *Simpler, Faster, Better Services Act, 2019*, the *Archives and Recordkeeping Act, 2006*, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990*, the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, the *French Language Services Act, 1990*, and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, or other applicable legislation.
- The Directive maximizes access to government data by requiring all data to be made public, unless it is exempt for legal, privacy, security, confidentiality or commercially-sensitive reasons. It sets out key principles and requirements for listing all data inventories, publishing Open Data, and preparing information systems to support ongoing Open Data requirements.
- The above-mentioned principles and requirements apply to all data created and managed by Ontario ministries and provincial agencies
- The ministry has committed to an ongoing annual contribution of datasets. To date, more than 25 datasets have been opened by the ministry as part of the Open Data Catalogue.
- A total of 833 datasets have been opened overall by the Ontario government.

Inmates who Tested Positive for COVID-19 in Ontario's Provincial Correctional Institutions


- COVID-19 was classified as a pandemic in March 2020 and as a result processes around infectious disease tracking in provincial correctional institutions has been enhanced to screen, treat and report on all possible cases.
- Guidance documents specific to COVID-19 were created and a formal tracking methodology was rolled out across all provincial correctional institutions in Ontario.


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Appendix Section

1. Datasets to be published

 COVID19_Positive_In
mates_OPCL_by_Sex.c

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mates_OPCL_by_Race

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 COVID19_Positive_In
mates_OPCL_by_Age.c

2. Data dictionary (English)

 
Inmate_Tested
Positive_COVID_OPCL

3. Data submission form – (English)

 
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