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# COVID-19 PROJECT: LIVED EXPERIENCES



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project aims to highlight the stories of the lived experiences of racialized and immigrant people living in Peel Region during the pandemic. This project responds to the immediate need to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the health of underserved, urban, racialized and immigrant populations who bear a disproportionate risk of ill health.

## PROJECT UPDATES

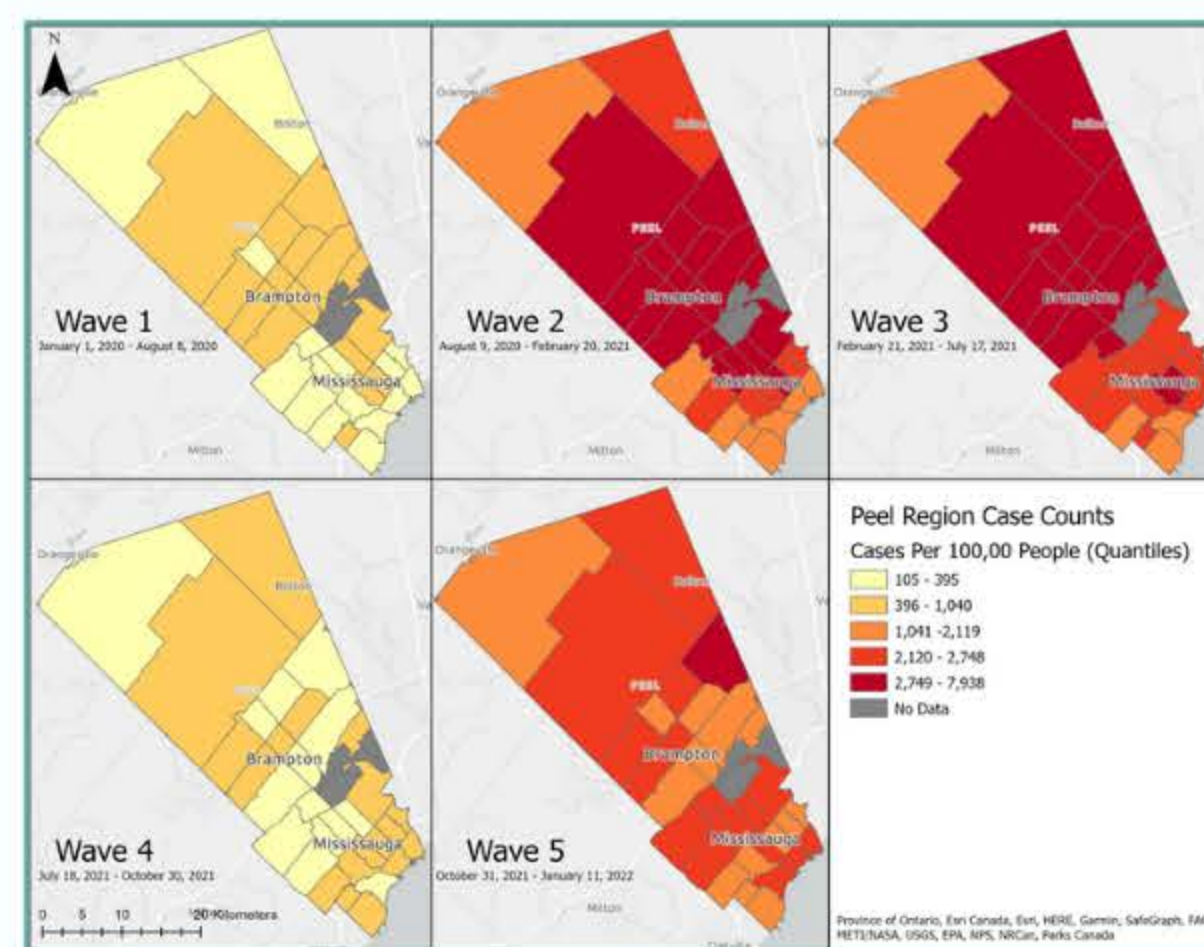
We recruited residents from racialized and immigrant communities through organizations in Peel Region, who shared our recruitment posters as posters, emails, and on social media.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the stories and journeys of racialized and immigrant people during the pandemic
2. To understand how communities, organizations, and health agencies respond to the pandemic
3. To support the development of resident-informed programming and initiatives



More than 70 people came forward to be interviewed about their experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic. A team of UTM social scientists is now analyzing the results of those interviews.



We examined how COVID-19 case numbers compared in 5 waves across postal code areas in Peel Region. A team of UTM geographers is building a Story Map about what the 5 waves of COVID-19 in Peel Region postal code areas.

## METHODOLOGY

- Conversational interviews with Peel residents
  - Lasting 45 min- 1.5 hrs., via Zoom or phone calls
  - A diverse team of research assistants, with multiple language capabilities
- Mapping case rates and vaccine coverage using Peel Region data and statistics
- Interviews with community organizations and healthcare agencies

We recognize that postal code areas alone do not give us details about what the pandemic was like in neighbourhoods and how community groups came together to help one another. A team of researchers at the Centre for Connected Communities is leading the UTM scholars to better understand what community-centred resilience looks like in Peel Region.