ANNOUNCEMENT [UPDATED]: The COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group dataset is changing!

- On **April 30** the current **Covid19Canada**[1] dataset will be retired and replaced with a new dataset that will be more relevant in the changing landscape of the pandemic in Canada.
- This upgraded dataset, titled **CovidTimelineCanada**[2], is part of our project to understand and preserve the history of the pandemic, **What Happened? COVID-19 in Canada**[3].

Why is our dataset changing?

- Since 2022, COVID-19 data availability in Canada has changed significantly. We felt it was time to refocus our data offerings to providing timely, actionable metrics for Canadians.
- Our existing dataset contains many quirks and oddities resulting from changes to reporting over the past two years. New datasets are available to help us correct many of these issues.

What is staying the same?

- We will continue to provide daily data updates for the foreseeable future. Individual provinces/territories may receive less frequent updates depending on how often they release new COVID-19 data.

What is changing?

- Our new dataset is focused on reporting the most relevant metrics: cases, deaths, testing, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and vaccination coverage, including third doses.
- Historical data updates will be more thoroughly incorporated into the daily update process, eliminating data oddities such as negative case numbers.
- Our new dataset will be in a simpler, standardized format (subject to change until April 30).
- We hope to add wastewater monitoring data in the near future, as this metric will be key to tracking population-wide COVID-19 incidence in the absence of widespread PCR testing.

What else do I need to know?

- Starting **April 15**, the new **CovidTimelineCanada**[1] dataset will be regularly updated.
- On **April 30**, the current **Covid19Canada**[2] dataset will be archived. No further updates will be made after this date.
- On **April 30**, only the new **CovidTimelineCanada**[3] dataset will be available via our **API**[4].
- Tools will be made available shortly to ease the transition between the two datasets.

Follow our website for updates (**https://opencovid.ca/**) or reach us by email (**ccodwg@gmail.com**)

Also check out our sister project, the **Canadian COVID-19 Data Archive**[5].

[1] https://github.com/ccodwg/Covid19Canada; [2] https://github.com/ccodwg/CovidTimelineCanada;
[3] https://whathappened.coronavirus.icu/; [4] https://opencovid.ca/api/;
[5] https://github.com/ccodwg/Covid19CanadaArchive