

# **COVID-19 High alert zones**

**An analysis of the neighbourhoods in Toronto to help Toronto Police Department fight against the virus outbreak**

# INTRODUCTION

- **Location** : Toronto, Canada
- Toronto Police Department
- Strategic Plan and Overview
- **Problem** : To identify the neighbourhoods in the city which are highly prone to have a virus outspread.
- Neighbourhood with high population and more busy venues
- **Success criteria**: The classification into priority zones should be advantageous and easy to analyse.
- It should have the capability to enable new information whenever available

# DATA DESCRIPTION

	Neighbourhood	Population	Land Area	Density	Population %	Commuting	Latitude	Longitude
1	Agincourt	44577	12.45	3580	4.6	11.1	43.785353	-79.278549
2	Alderwood	11656	4.94	2360	-4.0	8.8	43.601717	-79.545232
3	Alexandra Park	4355	0.32	13,609	0.0	13.8	43.650758	-79.404308
4	Allenby	2513	0.58	4333	-1.0	5.2	43.711351	-79.553424
5	Amesbury	17318	3.51	4,934	1.1	16.4	43.706162	-79.483492
6	Armour Heights	4384	2.29	1914	2.0	10.8	43.743944	-79.430851
7	Banbury	6641	2.72	2442	5.0	6.1	43.742796	-79.369957
8	Bathurst Manor	14945	4.69	3187	12.3	13.4	43.763893	-79.456367
9	Bay Street Corridor	4787	0.11	43,518	3.0	17.1	43.664457	-79.387189
10	Bayview Village	12280	4.14	2,966	41.6	14.4	43.769197	-79.376662

## Data sources :

- Wikipedia pages
- Foursquare.com

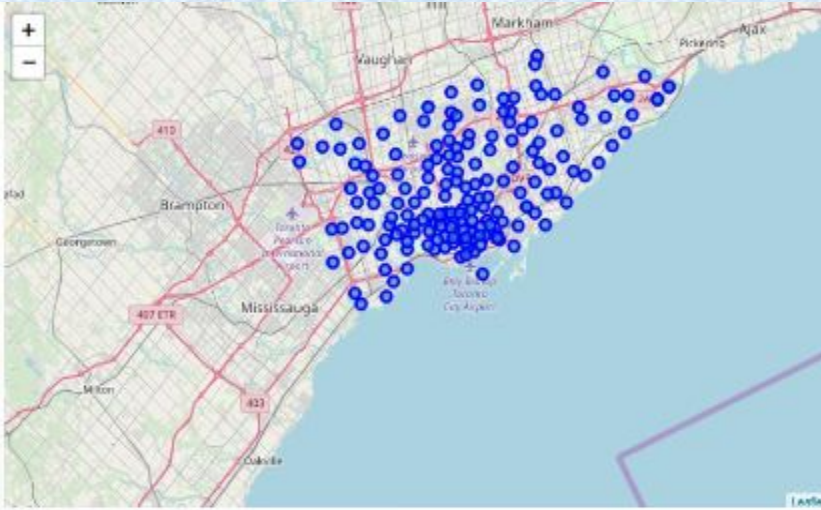
## Data preprocessing:

- The Data needs to be cleaned
- The data must be structured to the suitable format

## Data Requirements:

- Neighbourhood information ( Name, coordinates, population)
- Venue information ( name, coordinates)

# METHODOLOGY



## Data scrapping technique:

- To scap the neighbourhoods data from the wikipedia page
- Structure the scrapped data

## Foursquare.com

- Retrieving venue information from the API

## K-means Clustering :

- Machine learning classification technique
- segment and cluster similar neighbourhoods
- grouping based on most common venues

## Scoring weightage:

- 50% each for population and the common venues in the neighbourhood



# RESULT

## Clustering the neighbourhoods:

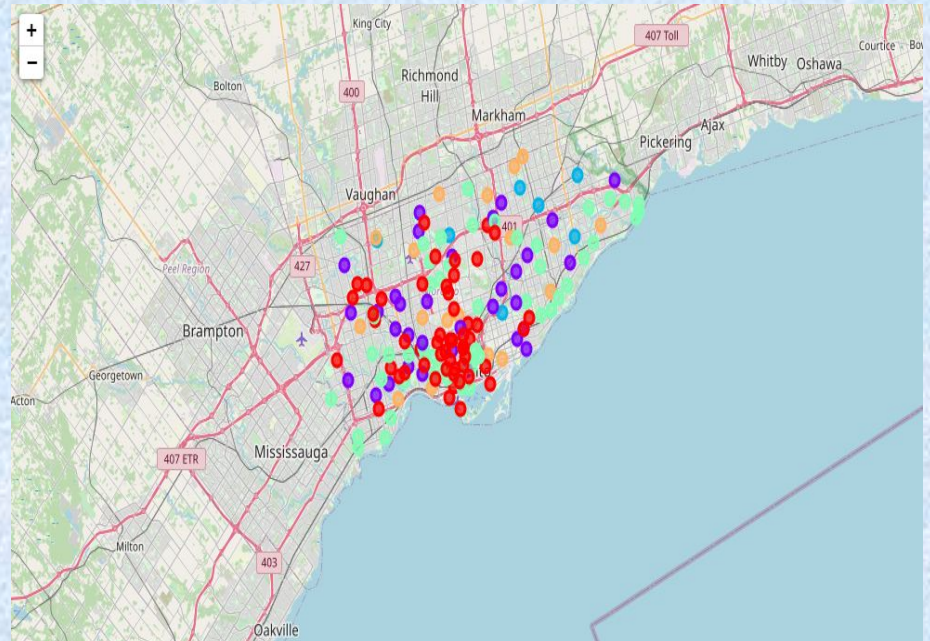
- Clustering the neighbourhoods based on the most common venues

## Total score:

- A score is calculated for each neighbourhood based on the venue score ( based on the top 10 common venues) and the normalised population score.
- Higher the score, higher the virus outbreak threat

## High priority cluster:

- The clusters obtained as the result help in indicating the priorities of the clusters



# DISCUSSION

	Neighbourhood	Population	Land Area	Density	Population %	Commuting	Latitude	Longitude	Population Score	Venue Score	Total Score	Cluster Labels
0	Old East York	52220	7.94	6577	-4.6	22.0	43.699971	-79.332520	2.161626	0.7	1.430813	2
5	Malvern	44324	8.86	5003	1.5	13.6	43.809196	-79.221701	1.834774	0.7	1.267387	2
1	Woburn	48507	13.34	3636	-1.5	13.3	43.759824	-79.225291	2.007928	0.0	1.003964	2
2	Elia (Jane and Finch)	48003	7.66	6267	-10.0	13.0	43.757253	-79.517697	1.987065	0.0	0.993533	2
27	High Park North	22746	2.18	10,434	-1.6	27.5	43.657383	-79.470961	0.941562	1.0	0.970781	1

## Result review:

- the top high priority zones are identified with respect to the total score generated. According to the total score, the top 5 high priority zones are: Old East York, Malvern, Woburn, Elia(Jane & Finch) and High Park North.
- The third cluster has the highest scores, hence it has to be prioritised.

## Other observations:

- The top neighbourhoods of each cluster could also be considered as virus hotspots, since they are the ones with high population and also more busy venues.
- The zones can be assigned as per the clusters formed: Red zone: Cluster 2,3 and 5  
Orange zone: Cluster 1 and 4

# CONCLUSION

## **Analysis summary:**

- the top 5 high priority zones are: Old East York, Malvern, Woburn, Elia(Jane & Finch) and High Park North
- Red Zone: Cluster 2,3 and 5
- Orange Zone: Cluster 1 and 4

## **Additional note:**

- Rerun of program is encouraged to get the latest information.
- Updated or additional information on the infected people in each neighbourhood will help analyze better.

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