

**Baber's Responding Fact Sheet w/ References**

Claim	Government Fact Sheet	Baber Response with References
Overdoses	38% increase is reported - Data taken from Ontario Drug Policy Research presented the only first 15 weeks of COVID	<p>Data taken from Ontario Drug Policy Research is also noted to project an increase of 50% from the prior year this is post the first 15 weeks of COVID</p> <p>"If the number of opioid-related deaths continues to increase at the weekly pandemic rate for the rest of 2020, it is anticipated that there will be 2,271 opioid-related deaths in the province by the end of the year. This would represent a <b>50% increase</b> from the year prior (1,1512 opioid-related deaths in 2019)."</p> <p>Reference:  <a href="https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/o/2020/opioid-mortality-covid-surveillance-report.pdf?la=en">https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/o/2020/opioid-mortality-covid-surveillance-report.pdf?la=en</a></p>
Suicides	No increase in suicides from January 2020 to June 2020	<p>Increase in suicidal thought is documented by the Canadian Mental Health Association</p> <p>Increase in projections of suicides noted in article published by McIntyre &amp; Lee (2020)</p> <p>References:  <a href="https://cmhawww.ca/news/new-nationwide-survey-finds-ontarians-mental-health-eroding/">https://cmhawww.ca/news/new-nationwide-survey-finds-ontarians-mental-health-eroding/</a>  <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7236718/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7236718/</a>  <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/06/10/the-life-and-death-covid-19-curve-no-one-is-talking-about.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/06/10/the-life-and-death-covid-19-curve-no-one-is-talking-about.html</a></p>
Hospital occupancy	<p>Provided GTA only numbers (89.6% GTA PHU Occupancy)</p> <p>Did not provide comparisons to previous years</p>	<p>Provided province wide numbers (81.6%)</p> <p>Compared to previous years (e.g., Dec 1-16 2018 was 91.21%)</p> <p>Reference:                      Provided numbers that came directly from the Ministry of Health</p>
COVID-19 mortality rate	<p>Presented Case Infection Rates (CRF) that estimates proportion of deaths among identified confirmed cases</p> <p>Final CRF is aggregated across all ages (2.27%)</p>	<p>Presented Infection Fatality Rate (IFR) according to age that estimates cases across all infected individuals from the CDC. The WHO asserts that "the true severity of a disease can be described by the IFR"</p> <p>Presented age comparisons and noted that 4% of all deaths in Ontario are under age 60</p> <p>With 388 patients in ICU today that is roughly 1 ICU patient per hospital</p> <p>References:  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html</a>  <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/</a>  <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/long-term-care-homes">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/long-term-care-homes</a>  <a href="https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/estimating-mortality-from-covid-19">https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/estimating-mortality-from-covid-19</a></p>