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**20 APR, 2021**, Unique FM, [Pandémie et vaccination](#), *De Dre Lise M. Bjerre.*

**19 APR, 2021**, TV Rogers, [tvrogers.com](#)

*The interview starts at 23 minutes and lasts about 9 minutes with Dre Lise M. Bjerre.*

**19 APR, 2021**, CBC, [New lockdown restrictions explained](#)

*Dr. Doug Manuel goes behind the latest modelling behind numbers for us and what more Ottawa can do to get its COVID-19 case count down.*

**17 APR, 2021**, Le Droit, [Autopsie d'une troisième vague, un relâchement trop hâtif](#)

*Le virologue et professeur en médecine de l'Université d'Ottawa, Hugues Loemba, partage ce constat, mais accorde également une partie du blâme à la population qui a baissé la garde lorsque les restrictions ont été adoucies en février et en mars. «On a vu les terrasses bondées de gens, mais ce n'est pas juste ce qu'on voit. Les terrasses, c'est une chose. Il y a aussi tout ce qu'on ne voit pas, là où les gens se regroupent pour faire des activités. Il y en a peut-être qui se sont retrouvés à faire des partys et tout ça», avance le Dr Loemba.*

**16 APR, 2021**, CBC, [Ottawa covid-19 modelling](#)

*Dr. Doug Manuel, a senior scientist with The Ottawa Hospital who does the modelling of local numbers, projects that the city will see a daily record of 480 new COVID-19 cases in a week from now, as a safe estimate.*

**15 APR, 2021**, Journal de Montréal, [Un-manque-criant-de-dentistes-dans-le-nord](#)

*« On éteint des feux, on ne fait pas de prévention », renchérit la Dre Darlene Kitty, présidente du Conseil des médecins, dentistes et pharmaciens (CMDP) de la région. Les soins offerts sont urgents et non esthétiques.*

**12 APR, 2021**, The Rob Snow Show, <http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaView/?>

COVID variants and Ontario stay-at-home measures

- Dr. Doug Manuel

**12 APR, 2021**, Ottawa Citizen, [It's demoralizing, vaccine shoppers are declining astrazeneca](#)

*Vaccine shopping is real, said Dr. Elizabeth Muggah, president of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. “People have looked at the risks, but not the benefits. This (AstraZeneca vaccine) gives 100 per cent protection against severe disease and death,” she said.*

**12 APR, 2021**, CBC, [Zones chaudes et code postal pour les 18-50 ans](#)

*« C'est une décision absolument bénéfique! », affirme la Dre Lise Bjerre, épidémiologiste et*

*titulaire de la Chaire en médecine familiale de l'Université d'Ottawa et de l'Institut du Savoir Montfort. « Le taux de positivité est le facteur qui mène le bal en ce moment. »*

### **10 APR, 2021, CBC, [Spring break travel in Ottawa during Covid-19](#)**

*That means no trips to the family cottage and keeping kids close to home, according The Ottawa Hospital's **Dr. Doug Manuel**, who does the modelling of the local COVID-19 numbers. "We see movement and mobility as, this is how the variants spread," he said. "So the idea is staying close to home, staying at home."*

### **10 APR, 2021, Ici Radio-Canada Première, [Ordre rester maison en Ontario](#)**

*Cela signifie qu'il faut oublier les voyages au chalet familial, et garder les enfants près de la maison, selon le **Dr Doug Manuel** de l'hôpital d'Ottawa, chargé de la modélisation des données locales de la COVID-19.*

### **9 APR, 2021, Ici Radio-Canada Première, [Abus et liste d'attente](#)**

*Il n'en est rien, rappelle le médecin et professeur à l'université d'Ottawa **Hugues Loemba**. « Les gens vaccinés doivent porter un masque et respecter toutes les mesures,» souligne-t-il.*

### **8 APR, 2021, UOttawa, [Besoin d'un expert?](#)**

**Dr Hugues Loemba**

### **7 APR, 2021, CBC, [Ottawa variants increasing exponentially](#)**

*In the last two weeks of March, between 25 and 37 per cent of all new COVID-19 cases involved variants of concern, but wastewater information indicates they make up around 50 to 60 per cent of the viral load, according to **Doug Manuel**, a senior scientist at The Ottawa Hospital.*

### **3 APR, 2021, Radio-Canada, [Ontario doit protéger ses travailleurs essentiels](#)**

*Le **Dr Hugues Loemba**, clinicien-chercheur, virologue et professeur à l'Université d'Ottawa, rappelle qu'il faudra attendre quelques semaines avant de voir l'effet des nouvelles mesures imposées par le gouvernement Ford. Chose certaine, selon lui, il était temps d'agir, car l'Ontario était en train de l'échapper.*

### **3 APR, 2021, Ici Radio-Canada Première, <http://mms.tveyes.com>**

*Reconfinement en Ontario : pas assez, disent des médecins et travailleurs essentiels*

**- Dr Hugues Loemba**

### **1 APR, 2021, Ottawa Citizen, [Don't leave family physicians out of the covid vaccine program](#)**

*One of the more perplexing questions about Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout is why family doctors have been left out. It's a question **Dr. Elizabeth Muggah**, president of the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and her members have been pondering for a while. And they can't figure it out.*

**1 APR, 2021**, Ottawa Citizen, [Ontario pulls emergency brake but questions remain about whether it is enough](#)

*Given the variants, Ottawa epidemiologist Dr. Doug Manuel, who sits on the Science Table, said he is concerned moving into grey zone-type restrictions will not do enough to bring cases down to a manageable level.*

**31 MAR, 2021**, TVA Nouvelle, [L'Ontario s'en va vers la catastrophe](#)

*Selon le Dr Hugues Loemba, virologue et professeur à l'Université d'Ottawa, malgré les appels des médecins et des autres experts à resserrer les mesures, la province «est en train de l'échapper» alors qu'elle n'est qu'au début de la troisième vague.*

**30 MAR, 2021**, City News, [UOttawa epidemiologist anticipates steady rise in covid-19 cases based on current trends](#)

*Dr. Doug Manuel feels the handling of the virus was going well in February, but the rates are continuing to increase steadily and will continue to do so. He anticipates it is likely the daily COVID-19 case count will reach its highest level within a few weeks.*

**30 MAR, 2021**, CBC, [The rise of Covid-19 cases](#)

*Doug Manuel, senior scientist at The Ottawa Hospital, says the contact tracing system will begin to break down if the number of cases outstrips a health agency's ability to track them.*

**30 MAR, 2021**, CBC, [Pandemic opportunities](#)

*For Dr. Doug Manuel, a researcher with The Ottawa Hospital who does the modelling of the local numbers, a worsening outlook also seems pretty obvious. "The likelihood of us running into difficulties if we don't do anything is very high," Manuel said. "So it's a question of when do we want to make those restrictions? Now or later?"*

**30 MAR, 2021**, Global News, [Ottawa coronavirus update](#)

*Dr. Doug Manuel, an epidemiologist with The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, tweeted Tuesday showing projections that COVID-19 hospitalizations in the city could hit an "all-time high" in the next two weeks.*

**29 MAR, 2021**, CBC, [Covid-19 cases are rising](#)

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**28 MAR, 2021**, iHeartRadio, [Ottawa woman catches covid-19 at Civic campus after vaccine delays](#)

*According to the provincial rollout, hotspots across Ontario will receive extra doses of the vaccine. Ottawa Hospital Senior Scientist Dr. Doug Manuel says the approach makes sense. "You want to target people at highest risk, so that's one of the considerations. Geography is actually a really good way of targeting people at high risk," Manuel said.*

**26 MAR, 2021**, 96.1 Renfrew Today . Ca, [VTAC celebrates one year serving residents](#)

*Dr. Jonathan Fitzsimon, the Medical Lead of VTAC and Chief of Medicine at Arnprior Regional Health says when VTAC was launched there was a great deal of uncertainty about the longer-term impact of the pandemic and where it would lead us, but our team knew we had to focus on ensuring residents had immediate access to care for urgent health concerns that are both related and unrelated to COVID-19.*

**26 MAR, 2021**, The Community Press, [Renfrew county virtual triage and assessment centre marks one year since it launched](#)

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**26 MAR, 2021**, EurekAlert, [Official publication releases](#)

*« A project spearheaded by a researcher at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine has been awarded \$9 million in Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funding to create a national network for better researching and responding to the global threat COVID-19 variants pose. » Dr. Amy Hsu, Dr. Doug Manuel*

**26 MAR, 2021**, News Medical Life Sciences, [New project receives 249 million CIHR funding to track global threat of COVID-19 variants](#)

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**26 MAR, 2021**, Radio-Canada, [Les cibles de dépistage dans les écoles](#)

*« On doit cibler ces régions qui ont une grande transmission communautaire et y faire les tests de dépistage rapides de manière efficace. »*

*-Docteur Hugues Loemba, virologue*

**26 MAR, 2021**, Ottawa Citizen, [Province loosens restrictions amid new evidence that risk of death from covid variants is 60% higher](#)

*...But Ottawa physician and scientist Dr. Doug Manuel, who sits on the science advisory table, said cases are likely to continue to increase in Ottawa without stricter restrictions that reduce peoples' mobility.*

## **24 MAR, 2021, MSN, [L'Ontario devrait-il reporter ou annuler la semaine de relache](#)**

*Le virologue **Hugues Loemba**, chercheur et clinicien à l'Hôpital Montfort d'Ottawa, note que «les élèves contaminés peuvent aussi être une grosse source de transmission communautaire auprès de leurs proches, auprès de leurs parents et leurs grands-parents.»*

## **24 MAR, 2021, Radio-Canada, [Semaine de relache pour les écoles lors de la Covid-19, une grande question](#)**

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## **24 MAR, 2021, CBC, [Covid-19 vaccine roll out](#)**

*Dr Liz Muggah, president of the College of Family Physicians, says allowing family docs to vaccinate their patients would go a long way in combating vaccine hesitancy. If only they could get their hands on the COVID-19 vaccines.*

## **23 MAR, 2021, CBC, [Leeds, Grenville & Lanark in red zone](#)**

*Dr. Doug Manuel, a senior scientist at The Ottawa Hospital, said navigating loosened restrictions can be tricky. There's typically a greater chance for more contact in crowded places. "There's potential to have a superspread event or have a very rapidly spreading outbreak. There's the potential there in the green zone where there wouldn't be when you were on lockdown," Manuel said.*

## **23 MAR, 2021, Radio-Canada, [Avec le beau-temps, la crainte du relâchement avec la covid-19](#)**

*Le Dr Hugues Loemba, virologue et chercheur à l'Hôpital Montfort et professeur agrégé de médecine à l'Université d'Ottawa, est d'avis que l'heure n'est pas au relâchement, parce que les variants sont de plus en plus présents dans la communauté et qu'ils représentent une menace de par leur contagiosité et leur dangerosité.*

## **22 MAR, 2021, The McGill Daily, [Quebec must adopt Joyce's principle](#)**

*Dr. Darlene Kitty, an Eeyou family physician in Chisasibi, a Cree community in northern Quebec, states that there have been numerous reports and investigations which prove that systemic racism exists within the province – including the Viens Commission.*

## **21 MAR, 2021, CTV News, [Covid-19 vaccine eligibility expands](#)**

*"It's going up. I think the question is now moving into red zone, are we going to flatten that out?" said Dr. Doug Manuel about COVID-19 in Ottawa. "I'm concerned that red is not going to hold us, especially with the new variant and that we're going to continue to increase."*

## **21 MAR, 2021, CTV News, [Covid-19 cases likely to go up under current red zone restrictions in Ottawa scientist warns](#)**

*And senior scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Dr. Doug Manuel suggests the Red-Control zone restrictions are "not going to hold" the transmission rates in Ottawa.*

**19 MAR, 2021, 680 News, [Modified grey zone restrictions could be announced for Toronto & Peel today](#)**

*Of the government introducing an increased capacity for indoor dining in establishments under the Red Zone, Yoni Freedhoff – Associated Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Ottawa – said now is not the right time. “Evidence on variants and transmission definitely does not yet suggest that this is a wise/safe plan,” Freedhoff tweeted.*