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# Situation Report #61: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

March 26, 2020

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## Situation:

Case count as of March 26, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Worldwide total</b>	<b>487,257</b>	<b>+56,994</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>+2,479</b>
<b>Europe</b>	261,963	+35,052	14,673	+1,950
<b>China</b>	81,285	+67	3,287	+06
<b>Middle East</b>	37,717	+3,223	2,326	+165
<b>Asia &amp; Oceania</b>	22,948	+1,796	366	+35
<b>Africa</b>	2,645	+392	71	+12
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	8,639	+1,724	146	+36
<b>North America</b>	72,060	+14,740	1,076	+275
<b>United States</b>	68,481	+14,053	1,041	+268
<b>Canada</b>	3,849	+957	35	+07

- 170 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 858 (this includes eight resolved cases and 13 deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 10,965 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- In order to increase capacity in the health system, the ministry has given general approval to all public hospitals under subsection 4(2) of the Public Hospitals Act to operate and use an institution, building or other premises or place ("premises") for the purposes of a hospital, provided that certain conditions are met. Further details can be found in the attached memo.

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## Rapport sur la situation n° 61 : COVID-19

Ministère de la Santé | Direction de la gestion des situations d'urgence pour le système de santé

26 mars 2020

### Situation

Nombre de cas au 26 mars 2020				
Région	Nombre de cas	Changement par rapport à hier	Décès	Changement par rapport à hier
<b>Total mondial</b>	<b>487 257</b>	<b>+56 994</b>	<b>21 945</b>	<b>+2 479</b>
<b>Europe</b>	261 963	+35 052	14 673	+1 950
<b>Chine</b>	81 285	+67	3 287	+06
<b>Moyen-Orient</b>	37 717	+3 223	2 326	+165
<b>Asie et Océanie</b>	22 948	+1 796	366	+35
<b>Afrique</b>	2 645	+392	71	+12
<b>Amérique latine et Caraïbes</b>	8 639	+1 724	146	+36
<b>Amérique du Nord</b>	72 060	+14 740	1 076	+275
<b>États-Unis</b>	68 481	+14 053	1 041	+268
<b>Canada</b>	3 849	+957	35	+07

- 170 nouveaux cas ont été déclarés aujourd'hui en Ontario, ce qui met le total cumulatif à 858 (incluent huit cas résolus et 13 décès).
- En Ontario, 10 965 personnes subissent des examens et attendent les résultats.

## Mesures prises

- Afin d'augmenter la capacité du système de santé, le Ministère a donné une autorisation générale à tous les hôpitaux publics en vertu du paragraphe 4(2) de la *Loi sur les hôpitaux publics* afin qu'ils puissent exploiter et utiliser un établissement, bâtiment ou autre local ou lieu (« local ») à des fins hospitalières, pour autant que certaines conditions soient remplies. Des détails à ce sujet se trouvent dans la note de service en annexe.

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## Situation Report #60: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
Branch

March 25, 2020

### Situation:

Case count as of March 25, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Worldwide total</b>	<b>430,263</b>	<b>+40,261</b>	<b>19,466</b>	<b>+2,381</b>
<b>Europe</b>	226,911	+25,443	12,723	+1,992
<b>China</b>	81,218	+47	3,281	+04
<b>Middle East</b>	34,494	+3,367	2,161	+156
<b>Asia &amp; Oceania</b>	21,152	+1,269	331	+11
<b>Africa</b>	2,253	+425	59	+01
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	6,915	+639	110	+23
<b>North America</b>	57,320	+9,071	801	+194
<b>United States</b>	54,428	+8,270	773	+190
<b>Canada</b>	2,892	+801	28	+04

- 100 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to

688 (this includes eight resolved cases and 13 deaths).

- In Ontario, there are 10,489 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- Today the Government of Canada [announced an Emergency Order](#) under the Quarantine Act that requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. All individuals permitted to enter Canada are subject to this Order, with the exception of certain persons who cross the border regularly to ensure the continued flow of goods and services, and those who provide essential services.
- Health Canada has published [guidance on optimizing the use of masks and respirators during the COVID-19 outbreak](#). This includes:
  - guidance on the use of expired N95 respirators and masks; and
  - guidance on the use of commercial-grade respirators for medical purposes.
- The Order in Council to close non-essential businesses has been attached to today's Situation Report. The Ministry of the Solicitor General has advised that if municipalities (or health units) have questions about the Emergency Order closing non-essential business, they should contact the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre at the following email address: [PEOCDO01@ontario.ca](mailto:PEOCDO01@ontario.ca)
  - For businesses with questions, the line for them to contact is: Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659. Help is available Monday to Sunday, from 8:30am – 5:00pm.
- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Ontario College of Pharmacists have prepared statements regarding drug prescribing and in particular hydroxyCQ prescribing. Please see further information [here](#).
- The Public Health Management Guidance document has been updated and a new Quick Reference document on Testing and Clearance has been created. Both are attached in today's Situation Report.
- Several websites have been created for COVID-19 that act as a portal for trusted and legitimate information and resources and have been shared below.
  - [COVID-19 Information Portal](#)
  - [COVID-19 EBSCO Resource Page](#)
  - [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\)](#)
- The Command Table met today, a summary has been attached.
- The Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued the attached directive for Ambulance Services and Paramedics under the Ambulance Act.

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## Rapport sur la situation n<sup>o</sup> 60 : COVID-19

Ministère de la Santé | Direction de la gestion des situations d'urgence pour le système de santé

25 mars 2020

### Situation

Nombre de cas au 25 mars 2020				
Région	Nombre de cas	Changement par rapport à hier	Décès	Changement par rapport à hier
<b>Total mondial</b>	<b>430 263</b>	<b>+40 261</b>	<b>19 466</b>	<b>+2 381</b>
<b>Europe</b>	226 911	+25 443	12 723	+1 992
<b>Chine</b>	81 218	+47	3 281	+04
<b>Moyen-Orient</b>	34 494	+3 367	2 161	+156
<b>Asie et Océanie</b>	21 152	+1 269	331	+11
<b>Afrique</b>	2 253	+425	59	+01
<b>Amérique latine et Caraïbes</b>	6 915	+639	110	+23
<b>Amérique du Nord</b>	57 320	+9 071	801	+194
<b>États-Unis</b>	54 428	+8 270	773	+190
<b>Canada</b>	2 892	+801	28	+04

- 100 nouveaux cas ont été déclarés aujourd'hui en Ontario, ce qui met le total cumulatif à 688 (incluent huit cas résolus et 13 décès).
- En Ontario, 10 489 personnes subissent des examens et attendent les résultats.

### Mesures prises

- Le gouvernement du Canada a [annoncé aujourd'hui l'adoption d'un décret d'urgence](#) en vertu de la Loi sur la mise en quarantaine qui oblige toute personne entrant au Canada par voie aérienne, maritime ou terrestre à s'auto-isoler pendant 14 jours, qu'elle présente ou non des symptômes de la COVID-19. Toutes les personnes autorisées à entrer au Canada sont

assujetties à ce décret, à l'exception de certaines personnes qui traversent régulièrement la frontière pour assurer la circulation continue des biens et des services, et de celles qui fournissent des services essentiels.

- Santé Canada a publié des [lignes directrices sur l'optimisation de l'utilisation des masques et des respirateurs pendant l'éclosion de COVID-19](#). Ceci comprend:
  - des conseils sur l'utilisation des masques et respirateurs N95 expirés; et
  - des conseils sur l'utilisation d'appareils respiratoires de qualité commerciale à des fins médicales.
- Le décret visant à fermer les entreprises non essentielles est joint au rapport d'aujourd'hui. Le ministère du Solliciteur général a indiqué que les municipalités (ou bureaux de santé) qui ont des questions sur le décret d'urgence qui ferme les entreprises non essentielles devraient les envoyer au Centre provincial des opérations d'urgence à l'adresse [PEOCDOO1@ontario.ca](mailto:PEOCDOO1@ontario.ca).
  - Les entreprises qui ont des questions doivent appeler la Ligne Info-Entreprises pour mettre fin à la propagation au 1 888 444-3659 qui peut fournir de l'aide du lundi au dimanche de 8 h 30 à 17 h.
- L'Ordre des médecins et chirurgiens de l'Ontario et l'Ordre des pharmaciens de l'Ontario ont préparé des déclarations concernant la prescription de médicaments, en particulier l'hydroxychloroquine. D'autres renseignements se trouvent [ici](#).
- Le guide de gestion de la santé publique a été mis à jour et un nouvel aide-mémoire sur le dépistage et la décharge a été créé. Les deux documents sont joints à ce rapport.
- Plusieurs sites Web portant sur la COVID-19 constituent des portails pour obtenir des renseignements et ressources fiables et légitimes. Ce sont :
  - [COVID-19 – Portail d'information](#)
  - [COVID-19 – Page de ressources d'EBSCO](#)
  - [COVID-19 \(Nouveau coronavirus\)](#)
- Le Groupe de commandement s'est réuni aujourd'hui. Le compte-rendu se trouve en annexe.
- Le Médecin hygiéniste en chef en Ontario a émis une directive aux services d'ambulances et auxiliaires médicaux en vertu de la loi sur les ambulances. (version française en cours de traduction)

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## Situation Report #59: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
Branch

March 24, 2020

### Situation:

Case count as of March 24, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Europe</b>	201,468	+24,695	10,731	+1,482
<b>China</b>	81,171	+78	3,277	+07
<b>Middle East</b>	31,127	+2,850	2,005	+135
<b>Asia &amp; Oceania</b>	19,883	+1,233	320	+33
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	6,276	+1,229	87	+21
<b>North America</b>	48,249	+11,332	607	+124
<b>United States</b>	46,158	+10,749	583	+121
<b>Canada</b>	2,091	+583	24	+03

- 85 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 588 (this includes eight resolved cases and eight deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 10,074 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

### Actions Taken:

- To further contain the spread of COVID-19, the [Ontario Government](#) will order the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces effective as of today, March 24th at 11:59 p.m. This closure will be in effect for 14 days with the possibility of extending this order as the situation evolves. A full list of businesses that are permitted to stay open is available [here](#).
- Guidance for Food Premises has been uploaded to the ministry's [website](#).

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## Rapport sur la situation n° 59 : COVID-19

Ministère de la Santé | Direction de la gestion des situations d'urgence pour le système de santé

24 mars 2020

### Situation

Nombre de cas au 24 mars 2020				
Région	Nombre de cas	Changement par rapport à hier	Décès	Changement par rapport à hier
Europe	201 468	+24 695	10 731	+1 482
Chine	81 171	+78	3 277	+07
Moyen-Orient	31 127	+2 850	2 005	+135
Asie et Océanie	19 883	+1 233	320	+33
Amérique latine et Caraïbes	6 276	+1 229	87	+21
Amérique du Nord	48 249	+11 332	607	+124
États-Unis	46 158	+10 749	583	+121
Canada	2 091	+583	24	+03

- 85 nouveaux cas ont été déclarés aujourd'hui en Ontario, ce qui met le total cumulatif à 588 (incluent huit cas résolus et huit décès).
- En Ontario, 10 074 personnes subissent des examens et attendent les résultats.

### Mesures prises

- Afin de limiter davantage la propagation de la COVID-19, le [gouvernement de l'Ontario](#) décrète la fermeture obligatoire de tous les lieux de travail non essentiels pour lutter contre la propagation de la COVID-19 à compter d'aujourd'hui, mardi 24 mars à 23 h 59. Cette fermeture est pour une période de 14 jours, avec la possibilité de la prolonger en fonction de l'évolution de la situation. La liste complète des entreprises qui sont autorisées à rester ouvertes se trouve [ici](#).
- Le Guide sur la COVID-19 pour les dépôts d'aliments se trouve sur le [site Web](#)



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## Situation Report #58: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
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March 23, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 23, 2020:
  - China: 81,093 cases; 3,270 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 18,650 cases; 287 deaths (South Korea - 111)
  - Europe: 176,773 cases; 9,249 deaths (Italy – 5,476 / Spain – 2,182)
  - Middle East: 28,277; 1,870 deaths (Iran – 1,812)
  - Africa: 1,472 cases; 50 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 5,047 cases; 66 deaths
  - North America: 36,917 cases
    - United States – 35,409 cases; 462 deaths
    - Canada – 1,508 cases; 21 deaths
- 78 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 503 (this includes eight resolved cases and six deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 8,417 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

### Actions Taken:

- Guidance for Consumption and Treatment Services is included in this Situation Report. French translation is ongoing and these documents will be uploaded to the ministry's website tomorrow.

- To further contain the spread of COVID-19, the [Ontario Government](#) will order the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces effective as of Tuesday, March 24th at 11:59 p.m. This closure will be in effect for 14 days with the possibility of extending this order as the situation evolves. A full list of businesses that are permitted to stay open will be released tomorrow.
- Health Canada has released an FAQ document regarding Subsection 56(1) Class Exemption for Patients, Practitioners and Pharmacists Prescribing and Providing Controlled Substances in Canada during the Coronavirus Pandemic. It has been attached to today's Situation Report.
- Clarification around the Hospital Redeployment order (Regulation 74/20 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act) can be found [here](#).
- A summary of today's Command Table meeting is attached.

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## Rapport sur la situation n<sup>o</sup> 58 : COVID-19

Ministère de la Santé | Direction de la gestion des situations d'urgence pour le système de santé

21 mars 2020

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### Situation

- Nombre de cas au 23 mars 2020 :
  - Chine : 81 093 cas; 3 270 décès
  - Asie et Océanie : 18 650 cas; 287 décès (Corée du Sud - 111)
  - Europe : 176 773 cas; 9 249 décès (Italie – 5 476 / Espagne – 2 182)
  - Moyen-Orient : 28 277; 1 870 décès (Iran – 1 812)
  - Afrique : 1 472 cas; 50 décès
  - Amérique latine et Caraïbes : 5 047 cas; 66 décès
  - Amérique du Nord : 36 917 cas
    - États-Unis – 35 409 cas; 462 décès
    - Canada – 1 508 cas; 21 décès

78 nouveaux cas ont été déclarés aujourd'hui en Ontario, ce qui met le total cumulatif à 503 (incluent huit cas résolus et six décès).

- En Ontario, 8 417 personnes subissent des examens et attendent les résultats.

## Mesures prises

- Des conseils concernant les Services de consommation et de traitement sont inclus dans ce rapport sur la situation. La traduction en français est en cours et ces documents seront téléchargés sur le site Web du Ministère demain.
- Afin de limiter davantage la propagation de la COVID-19, le [gouvernement de l'Ontario](#) décrète la fermeture obligatoire de tous les lieux de travail non essentiels pour lutter contre la propagation de la COVID-19 à compter du mardi 24 mars à 23 h 59 et pour une période de 14 jours, avec la possibilité de la prolonger en fonction de l'évolution de la situation. Une liste complète des commerces et entreprises qui seront autorisés à rester ouverts sera publiée demain.
- Santé Canada a publié une FAQ concernant le paragraphe 56(1), portant sur l'exemption à la catégorie de patients ainsi que de praticiens et pharmaciens qui prescrivent et fournissent des substances contrôlées au Canada pendant la pandémie de coronavirus. Elle est jointe (en anglais seulement) au rapport sur la situation d'aujourd'hui.
- Des clarifications concernant le décret sur la réaffectation du personnel hospitalier (Règlement 74/20 pris en vertu de la *Loi sur la protection civile et la gestion des situations d'urgence*) se trouvent [ici](#).
- Le résumé de la réunion du Groupe de commandement d'aujourd'hui se trouve en annexe (en anglais seulement).

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# Situation Report #57: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
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March 22, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 22, 2020:
  - China: 81,054 cases; 3,261 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 16,971 cases; 239 deaths (South Korea - 104)
  - Europe: 156,595 cases; 7,881 deaths (Italy – 4,825 / Spain – 1756)
  - Middle East: 24,963; 1,604 deaths (Iran – 1,556)
  - Africa: 1,149 cases; 31 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 4,151 cases; 51 deaths
  - North America: 28,339 cases
    - United States – 27,021 cases; 344 deaths
    - Canada – 1,318 cases; 19 deaths
- 36 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 412 (this includes eight resolved cases and five deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 8360 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- Ministry reminds organizations in the health system that:
  - all employees who have travelled outside of Canada should self-isolate for a period of 14 days starting from their arrival in Ontario
  - health care workers should not attend work if they are sick
  - if are particular workers who are deemed critical, by all parties, to continued operations of an organization, these groups should undergo regular screening, use of appropriate PPE and active self-monitoring.
- Ontario has issued a temporary [order](#) that would give hospitals the ability to cancel and postpone services to free-up space and valuable staff, identify staffing priorities, and develop, modify and implement redeployment plans.
- Ontario has launched a [website](#) to act as a central point for businesses and organizations who can supply emergency products and innovative solutions to support our response to Covid-19.
- Ontario has [announced](#) that some child care centres will open to enable health care and other frontline workers, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, police, and correctional officers.

# Situation Report #56: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management

**Situation:**

- Case counts as of March 21, 2020:
  - China: 81,008 cases; 3,255 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 16,102 cases; 227 deaths (South Korea - 104)
  - Europe: 146,123 cases; 7,341 deaths (Italy – 4,825 / Spain – 1378)
  - Middle East: 24,508; 1,591 deaths (Iran – 1,556)
  - Africa: 1,051 cases; 26 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 3,425 cases; 37 deaths
  - North America: 24,669 cases
    - United States – 23,529 cases; 274 deaths
    - Canada – 1,140 cases; 13 deaths
- 58 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 377 (this includes six resolved cases and three deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 7239 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

**Actions Taken:**

- The Ministry of Health [announced](#) yesterday that to ensure that anyone in need of care can receive it, Ontario is waiving the three-month waiting period for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage. Additionally, the province will cover the cost of COVID-19 services for uninsured people who do not meet the criteria for OHIP coverage. Together, these measures will ensure that no one will be discouraged from seeking screening or treatment for COVID-19 for financial reasons.
- The Ministry of the Solicitor General [announced](#) a number of new measures to limited the spread of COVID-19 in the Correctional system.
- The Ontario College of Family Physicians continues to encourage family doctors to have signage outside the office asking patients to call the clinic before entering to allow for appropriate screening and direction. You can download an [editable signage](#).

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# Situation Report #55: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
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March 20, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 20, 2020:
  - China: 80,967 cases; 3,248 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 14,780 cases; 199 deaths (South Korea - 94)
  - Europe: 114,453 cases; 5,201 deaths (Italy – 3,405)
  - Middle East: 22,502; 1,453 deaths (Iran – 1,433)
  - Africa: 783 cases; 20 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 2,062 cases; 22 deaths
  - North America: 15,158 cases
    - United States – 14,312 cases; 208 deaths
    - Canada - 869 cases; 12 deaths
- 50 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 308 (this includes five resolved cases and two deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 5485 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- Guidance for Primary Care Providers has been updated and included in this Situation Report. French translation is ongoing and these documents will be uploaded to the ministry's website early next week.
- Guidance for Occupational Health and Safety has been uploaded to the ministry's [website](#).
- Some have reported issues with guidance documents on the website – please refresh the page or clear your browser cache to see the updated guidance documents that were posted yesterday.
- Public Health Ontario uploaded a [quick reference on hand hygiene](#).
- As part of the province's enhanced measures, the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and ServiceOntario, is extending the validity period of driving products, services and health cards. These changes reduce the need for in-person visits to ServiceOntario, International Registration Plan offices and DriveTest centres during the COVID-19 outbreak, helping to promote social distancing and contain the spread of the virus. See the news release [here](#).
- The Ministry of Health, Drugs and Devices Division has released a notice

(attached) regarding Ontario drug benefit program changes and guidance for dispensers during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

- Memo from the Command and report from the Collaborative Tables are attached.

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## Situation Report #54: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
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March 19, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 19, 2020:
  - China: 80,928 cases; 3,245 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 14,108 cases; 192 deaths (South Korea - 91)
  - Europe: 95,831 cases; 4,326 deaths (Italy – 2,978)
  - Middle East: 21,021; 1,304 deaths (Iran – 1,284)
  - Africa: 673 cases; 18 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 1,824 cases; 18 deaths
  - North America: 10,086 cases
    - United States – 9,368 cases; 154 deaths
    - Canada - 770 cases; 10 deaths
- 43 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 257 (this includes five resolved cases and two deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 3972 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

### Actions Taken:

- Guidance for the following sectors have been updated and uploaded to the ministry's [website](#): Home and Community Care, Long-Term Care (minor amendment), and Acute Care.  
Minor changes were made to the Guidance for Food Premises and has been

attached to this Situation Report.

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) issued a directive to Regulated Health Care Providers regarding the need to ramp down elective surgeries and non-emergent activities in order to preserve system capacity to deal effectively with COVID-19.
- A memo has been issued to public and private hospitals advising visitation restriction, with some exceptions.
- Earlier today, the CMOH issued the attached memo regarding Health Worker Illness and Return to Work.
- A memo was sent earlier today to hospital CEOs and Emergency Departments requesting support for the adoption of the Acute Care Enhanced Surveillance system and the electronic Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale application in hospitals as soon as possible to support enhanced surveillance as part of the provincial COVID-19 response effort. A technical one pager has also been included.
- The Ministry of Health and Ontario Health have provided LHINs and approved agencies (e.g. approved hospitals) with information and guidance to expand virtually delivered home and community care services, as outlined under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*.

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## **Situation Report #53: COVID-19**

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March 18, 2020

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### **Situation:**

- Case counts as of March 18, 2020:
  - China: 80,894 cases; 3,237 deaths



- Asia & Oceania: 13,158 cases; 170 deaths (South Korea - 84)
- Europe: 80,355 cases; 3,445 deaths (Italy – 2,503)
- Middle East: 19,501; 1,152 deaths (Iran – 1,135)
- Africa: 591 cases; 14 deaths
- Latin America and Caribbean: 1,322 cases; 8 deaths
- North America: 6,924 cases
  - United States – 6,332 cases; 107 deaths
  - Canada - 614 cases; 8 deaths
- 22 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 211 (this includes five resolved cases and one death).
- In Ontario, there are 3380 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

### Actions Taken:

- Several important guidance documents, directives, and memorandums are attached to today's Situation Report:
  - Guidance documents for Food Premises and Personal Service Settings
  - The ministry's Emergency Health Services Division has released a memo regarding the Provincial Transfer Authorization Centre (PTAC). To further enhance Ontario's ability to track and manage COVID-19, the memo instructs all Ontario hospitals to obtain an interfacility transfer authorization number through PTAC for all interfacility transfers, including emergency transfers.
  - Canadian Blood Services is issuing an advisory to hospitals predicting the potential for shortages due to a significant number of collections cancellations related to COVID-19. Hospitals are asked to ensure the utilization of all blood components follow best practice. The National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products has developed a checklist and list of considerations. The National Emergency Blood Management Committee also developed a poster.
  - A Cyber advisory has been shared with the health system to highlight increased phishing and malicious activity using the COVID19/ CORONA Pandemic as a lure. It is strongly recommended that organizations follow email hygiene/ phishing best practices to defend against this increased activity.
  - A summary of today's Command Table meeting is attached.

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## Situation Report #52: COVID-19

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March 17, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 17, 2020:
  - China: 80,881 cases; 3,226 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 12,373 cases; 147 deaths (South Korea - 81)
  - Europe: 66,110 cases; 2,815 deaths (Italy – 2,158)
  - Middle East 452 cases; 9 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 1,045 cases; 7 deaths
  - North America: 5,011 cases
    - United States – 4,578 cases; 87 deaths
    - Canada - 433 cases; 5 deaths
- 9 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 186 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 1567 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The first death in Ontario potentially related to COVID-19 was reported today. The individual was a man in his 70s who was a close contact of a positive case and COVID-19 was recently identified after death. The coroner's investigation is ongoing and more will be known about the specific cause of death in the days ahead.

### Actions Taken:

- The Premier of Ontario has declared an emergency under s.7.0.1(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. Under this declaration and its associated orders, the following establishments are legally required to close immediately:
  - All facilities providing indoor recreational programs;
  - All public libraries
  - All private schools as defined in the *Education Act*;
  - All bars and restaurants, except to the extent that such facilities provide takeout food and delivery;

- All theatres including those offering live performances of music, dance, and other art forms, as well as cinemas that show movies; and
- Concert venues.
- All organized public events of over fifty people are also prohibited, including parades and events and communal services within places of worship. These orders were approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and will remain in place until March 31, 2020, at which point they will be reassessed and considered for extension, unless this order is terminated earlier.
- These Orders in Council have been attached to the Situation Report.
- The province has also announced investing up to \$304 million to enhance the province's response to COVID-19, the details of which can be found in the [news release](#).
- The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada issued a committee opinion regarding COVID-19 during pregnancy. Information can be found on their [website](#).
- Guidance for Long-Term Care Homes and Independent Health Facilities have been updated and are available on the [Ministry of Health's](#) website. A checklist for Long-Term Care homes has also been uploaded.
- Public Health Ontario has updated their site related to [COVID-19 testing](#) including an updated list of accepted swab types.
- The Ontario Government [website](#) is being updated throughout to reflect the evolving situation including information from this morning's announcement around the province declaring a state of emergency.

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## Situation Report #51: COVID-19

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March 16, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 16, 2020:
  - China: 80,860 cases; 3,213 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 12,055 cases; 136 deaths (South Korea - 75)
  - Europe: 63,446 cases; 2,763 deaths (Italy – 2,158)
  - Middle East: 16,655 cases; 868 deaths (Iran - 853)
  - Africa: 371 cases; 7 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 713 cases; 5 deaths
  - North America: 4,507 cases
    - United States – 4,171 cases; 70 deaths
    - Canada - 336 cases; 4 deaths (all deaths are in British Columbia)
- 32 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 177 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 1537 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- Working closely with Telehealth Ontario, Ontario Health and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, the province has [announced](#) it is expanding TeleHealth service capacity to help address the increased daily call volumes and reduce call wait times.
- The Federal Government announced a number of new measures today including:
  - Canada will be closing its borders to foreign travellers. Exceptions will be made for air crews, diplomats, immediate family members and U.S. citizens.
  - Airlines will ban anyone who is showing symptoms of the virus from getting on a plane.
  - All international flights will be redirected to one of four airports in Canada (Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary).
- The Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health announced additional public health measures during today's press conference. Further details will be provided.
- Guidance for pharmacies has been updated and is available on the [Ministry of Health's website](#). Additional guidance documents will follow tomorrow.
- A summary of today's Command Table meeting is attached.

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## Situation Report #50: COVID-19

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March 15, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 15, 2020:
  - China: 80,844 cases; 3,199 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 11,171 cases; 131 deaths (South Korea - 75)
  - Europe: 51,486 cases; 2,330 deaths (Italy – 1,809)
  - Middle East: 15,378 cases; 738 deaths (Iran - 724)
  - Africa: 267 cases; 6 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 500 cases; 5 deaths
  - North America: 3,358 cases
    - United States – 3,111 cases; 62 deaths
    - Canada - 247 cases; 1 death
- 41 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 142 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 1316 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

### Actions Taken:

- The Minister of Health has released a statement regarding elective surgeries. This was followed by a memo from Deputy Minister Helen Angus, Dr. David Williams and Matthew Anderson (attached). The links to the statement are below:
  - EN: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/03/ontario-hospitals-asked-to-take-a-planned-approach-to-ramping-down-elective-surgeries.html>
  - FR: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/fr/2020/03/les-hopitaux-de-lontario-invites-a-adopter-une-approche-planifiee-pour-reduire-le-nombre-doperations.html>

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## Situation Report #49: COVID-19

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March 14, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 14, 2020:
  - China: 80,824 cases; 3,189 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 10,893 cases; 123 deaths (South Korea - 72)
  - Europe: 44,840 cases; 1,796 deaths (Italy – 1,441)
  - Middle East: 13,874 cases; 623 deaths (Iran - 611)
  - Africa: 154 cases; 4 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 273 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 2,875 cases
    - United States – 2,657 cases; 50 deaths
    - Canada - 218 cases; 1 death
- 22 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 101 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 939 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada announced that a third person from the Grand Princess cruise ship who is currently in quarantine at CFB Trenton has tested positive for COVID-19.

### Actions Taken:

- An initial COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool has been posted to the [Ontario Government](#) site. Individuals who suspect they have COVID-19 can consult this tool to determine whether and how to seek further care. An automated click-through version of the tool is under development.
- The ministry received a number of questions regarding the updated case definition as well as the recent announcements regarding travel:
  - The latest [case definition](#) shared yesterday clarifies that testing should continue to be conducted for individuals who are symptomatic and have travelled or have had close contact with someone who has travelled or a

confirmed case. Asymptomatic individuals should not be tested. The ministry will continue to monitor and consider modifications to the testing criteria.

- A number of travel-related announcements have been made over the past 48 hours. As this continues to be a rapidly-evolving area, the ministry will have further discussions with other jurisdictions and attempt to clarify recommendations as well as other questions (e.g. health care workers).
  - The current guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Health generally requests returning travellers to self-monitor for 14 days. There are exceptions for children as well as for travellers to specific areas of concern (e.g. Hubei) who are being requested to self-isolate.

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## **Situation Report #48: COVID-19**

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March 13, 2020

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### **Situation:**

- Case counts as of March 13, 2020:
  - China: 80,813 cases; 3,176 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 10,401 cases; 110 deaths (South Korea - 67)
  - Europe: 34,033 cases; 1,461 deaths (Italy – 1,266)
  - Middle East: 12,217 cases; 526 deaths (Iran - 514)
  - Africa: 154 cases; 4 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 273 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 1,920 cases
    - United States – 1,762 cases; 41 deaths
    - Canada - 158 cases; 1 death
- 20 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 79 (this includes 5 resolved cases).

- In Ontario, there are 580 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada announced that a second person from the Grand Princess cruise ship who is currently in quarantine at CFB Trenton has tested positive for COVID-19.

#### Actions Taken:

- The Government of Canada has warned against all international travel. All travellers arriving in Canada from international points are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days as a precaution.
  - **The ministry revised the COVID-19 case definition to clarify who should be tested. We are asking all providers not to test asymptomatic individuals.**
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a memo (attached) discussing Enhanced Public Health measures for COVID-19. Highlights from this memo include:
  - Advising the people of Ontario to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada. If you decide to travel outside of Canada with children, they will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days upon return.
  - Similar to recent guidance for long-term care and retirement homes, all licensed child care centres are asked to actively screen children, parents, staff and visitors for any symptoms and travel history that may be related to COVID-19 based on the ministry's case definition.
  - Recommending the immediate suspension of all large events and public gatherings of over 250 people. Organizers who have questions about smaller gatherings are encouraged to contact their local public health unit.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health also issued a memo to Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Supportive Housing, Hospices and other congregate care settings on **allowing only essential visitors.**

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## Situation Report #47: COVID-19

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March 12, 2020



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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 12, 2020:
  - China: 80,793 cases; 3,169 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 10,245 cases; 102 deaths (South Korea - 62)
  - Europe: 28,593 cases; 1,198 deaths (Italy – 1,016)
  - Middle East: 11,055 cases; 440 deaths (Iran - 429)
  - Africa: 130 cases; 3 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 195 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 1,445 cases
    - United States – 1,336 cases; 36 deaths
    - Canada - 109 cases; 1 death
- 17 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 59 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
  - All cases in Ontario so far have been travel related, with investigation ongoing to determine the source of infection for one case announced yesterday.
- In Ontario, there are 536 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- A [statement](#) was issued today indicating that, based on advice from Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the experts at the COVID-19 Command Table, the Minister of Education has issued a Ministerial Order to close all publicly funded schools in Ontario for two weeks following March break, in response to the emergence in Ontario of COVID-19. This order was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- At the 4:00pm press conference, Dr. Williams provided further guidance to Ontarians with respect to public health measures and social distancing.

## Actions Taken:

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a directive to health care providers and health care entities on updated IPAC Recommendations for use of personal protective equipment. The directive has been attached to this Situation Report.
- Public Health Ontario has posted a technical brief *Updated IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19*.  
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en>  
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=fr>
- A status update memo to Health System Organizations and Providers on the work of the Provincial Command Table is attached to this Situation Report.
- The case definition has been updated and has been attached to this Situation Report. French translation is underway, and the ministry's [website](#) will be updated to reflect this change shortly. It is important to note that the case definition includes prioritization of who should be tested.

- The Public Health Agency of Canada has developed two new guidance documents for health system partners:
  - [Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) in Canada](#)
  - [Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak](#)

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## Situation Report #46: COVID-19

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March 11, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 11, 2020:
  - China: 80,778 cases; 3,158 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 9,934 cases; 86 deaths (South Korea - 60)
  - Europe: 19,243 cases; 729 deaths (Italy - 631)
  - Middle East: 9,641 cases; 361 deaths (Iran - 354)
  - Africa: 110 cases; 2 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 124 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 1,107 cases
    - United States – 1,010 cases; 31 deaths
    - Canada - 97 cases; 1 death
- Five new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 41 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
  - All cases in Ontario so far have been travel related, with investigation ongoing to determine the source of infection for one case announced today.
- In Ontario, there are 465 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

- Today, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. Ontario continues to implement enhanced measures, as announced last week, to ensure the province is prepared to respond quickly and effectively to any scenario.
- Four new countries/territories/areas (Réunion, Jamaica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Over 100 countries have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada [announced](#) today that one former passenger of the Grand Princess cruise ship who returned to CFB Trenton yesterday has tested positive for COVID-19.

#### Actions Taken:

- Public Health Ontario developed guidance in [English](#) and [French](#) for environmental cleaning for non-health care settings.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has updated the affected areas list on their [website](#).
- A repatriation flight of Canadians from the Grand Princess cruise ship arrived at CFB Trenton yesterday. The Red Cross is providing onsite care, with EMAT providing some offsite support.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has developed two new guidance documents for health system partners:
  - [Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) in Canada](#)
  - [Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak](#)
- Future scenario planning is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders at regional levels and within many sectors. Further information will be communicated as the process evolves.

#### Next Steps:

- The ministry is updating guidance documents and will distribute them once they are complete.
- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government to support repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.

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