

# Situation Report #81: COVID-19

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## Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. April 15, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Worldwide total</b>	<b>2,008,994</b>	<b>+77,126</b>	<b>130,730</b>	<b>+10,462</b>
Europe	944,303	+33,097	83,857	+3,486
China	84,489	+96	3,342	+01
Middle East	175,732	+6,359	6,492	+134
Asia & Oceania	73,248	+3,998	2,032	+183
Africa	16,277	+1,387	876	+57
Latin America and Caribbean	73,431	+4,107	3,331	+346
North America	641,514	+28,082	30,800	+6,255
<b>United States</b>	614,451	+26,699	29,897	+6,132
<b>Canada</b>	27,063	+1,383	903	+123

- 494 new cases were reported today in Ontario; bringing the cumulative total to 8,447 (this includes 3,902 resolved cases and 385 deaths).
- In Ontario, a total of 119,092 people have been tested, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories. There are currently 4,429 tests under investigation.
- 795 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; 254 are in ICU; and 188 are in ICU on a ventilator.

## Actions Taken:

- Today, the Government of Ontario [announced](#) the [COVID-19 Action Plan for Protecting Long-Term Care Homes](#) to keep residents in long-term care homes safe.
- The Government of Ontario also passed emergency orders that will come into effect on April 22, 2020 restricting long-term care staff from working in more than one long-term care home, retirement home or health care setting.
- A Memo was issued from Deputy Ministers Helen Angus and Richard Steele, Dr David Williams, and Mathew Anderson regarding additional support for Long Term Care Homes (LTCHs) and Retirement Homes (RH).
- A Memo was issued from Deputy Ministers Helen Angus, Denise Cole and Richard Steele and Mathew Anderson to temporarily stop all transfers from hospitals to LTCHs and RHs.
- The CMOH Directive 3 has been updated to reflect the new limitation on working in only one location and to provide additional information on outbreak management and response. It is attached here and will be available on the ministry's website shortly.

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- A new guidance document for LTCHs and RHs on mask use is attached.
  - The guidance documents for long-term care homes, long-term care outbreaks have all been updated to align with the new Action Plan and emergency order. (1 document will follow in another email due to size)
  - The ministry's Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 guidance for public health units is updated and is attached.
  - All memos up to and including April 10, 2020 are available in French and English on the ministry's [website](#).
  - New signage has been created for health care settings and is available for download from the ministry's [website](#) in French and English.
  - The provincial Testing Guidance document was updated to reflect the next phase of the testing strategy. It is attached here and will be available on the ministry's website shortly.