

Situation Report #83: COVID-19

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Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. April 17, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	2,201,946	+103,720	147,629	+8,027
Europe	1,025,593	+44,989	93,051	+3,793
China	88,273	+3,680	4,632	+1,290
Middle East	192,031	+6,701	6,964	+144
Asia & Oceania	82,481	+4,595	2,305	+133
Africa	18,642	+1,536	965	+63
Latin America and Caribbean	84,987	+5,239	3,987	+328
North America	709,939	+36,980	35,725	+2,276
United States	679,847	+35,269	34,532	+2,093
Canada	30,092	+1,711	1,193	+183

- 564 new cases were reported today in Ontario; bringing the cumulative total to 9,525 (this includes 4,556 resolved cases and 478 deaths).
- In Ontario, a total of 136,992 tests have been completed, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories. There are currently 5,993 tests under investigation.
- 829 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; 245 are in ICU; and 200 are in ICU on a ventilator.

Actions Taken:

- The Government of Ontario passed new emergency orders today, including:
 - Measures for work deployment and staffing for District Social Services Administration Boards
 - Limiting employees working in retirement homes to a single workplace
 - Measures allowing for the redeployment of employees of Service Provider Organizations
 - Measures allowing for employee redeployment in municipalities
 - Regulation under the Highway Traffic Act for exemptions from weight load restrictions for the transport of essential goods and supplies
 - Regulation under Ambulance Act to ensure sufficient ambulance service personnel during the provincial declaration of emergency
- A memo to sector partners on the new regulation made under the Ambulance Act was issued today and is attached here (English only).
- There has been a slight update to the Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearing Cases to provide additional information on work self-isolation for health care workers. The updated document is attached.

- The Consumption and Treatment Services Guidance Document was updated to provide further clarification on infection prevention and control/personal protective equipment and is available on the ministry's website.
- The ministry has created a new guidance document for community-based mental health and addiction service providers in residential settings. It is attached here and will be posted to the ministry website shortly.
- All organizations involved in testing patients for COVID-19 are encouraged to review the guidelines for testing including [Specimen Collection and Handling](#).
- A memo to hospitals on supporting staff redeployment to long-term care settings was issued today and is attached.
- A new fact sheet on how to care for pets and other animals has been posted to the PHO website in [English](#) and [French](#).