

Situation Report #20: COVID-19

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Situation:

- Case counts as of February 13, 2020:
 - China: 59,804 cases; 1369 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 507 cases; 3 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan)
 - Europe: 46 cases
 - Middle East: 8 cases
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- Hubei province has changed their reporting criteria for cases, resulting in a large spike in case count numbers for China.
- In Ontario, there are 15 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Guidance documents for the following sectors are now in final approvals: Independent Health Facilities, Laboratories, and Pharmacies. These documents are in the process of translation and will be uploaded to the ministry's website soon.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- As of February 10, 2020, Public Health Ontario Laboratory pre-approval for COVID-19 testing is no longer required, provided that mandatory information is included on the requisition. Refer to PHO's [website](#) for more detailed information.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer only to the *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario* guidance document. Further documentation is being developed to support the interpretation of *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario*.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.