

Situation Report #23: COVID-19

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Situation:

- Case counts as of February 16, 2020:
 - China: 68,509 cases; 1,665 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 702 cases; 4 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: UAE 8 cases
 - Africa: Egypt 1 case
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there is 1 person under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada has chartered a plane to repatriate Canadians on board the Diamond Princess cruise ship docked in Yokohama, Japan.
 - The aircraft will bring passengers from Japan to Canadian Forces Base Trenton, after which they will be assessed and transported to the NAV Canada Training Institute in Cornwall to undergo a further 14-day period of quarantine.
 - Before boarding in Japan, passengers will be screened for symptoms. Those who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to board and will instead be transferred to the Japanese health system to receive appropriate care.

Actions Taken:

- 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.
- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens in Cornwall, including potentially deploying additional EMAT staff to support primary care and screening requirements.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges (less than 10 days of supply) 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.