
Date: January 28, 2020

Updated Info – 3rd Canadian Case

- Updated case counts as of January 27, 2020:
 - China: 2744 cases and 80 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 45 cases
 - Europe: 3 cases
 - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (3 cases) 2 Ontario and 1 in British Columbia
- The National Microbiology Laboratory confirmed the first case of 2019-nCoV that was initially reported as presumptive positive. The case continues to be stable at Sunnybrook Hospital. A second presumptive positive case was announced on January 27, 2020. The individual was related to the first case, and took the same flight back to Toronto.
 - Toronto Public Health continues its case and contact management.
- As of today, 39 people were tested for 2019-nCoV in Ontario. This information is posted at [Ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus) and is updated daily at 10:30am.
 - 2 tested positive
 - 18 tested negative
 - 19 test results pending
- China and Hong Kong continue to apply public health measures to manage the outbreak. Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan have recently closed their borders to traffic from China.

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Ornge Transfers

In close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and CritiCall Ontario, the Provincial Transfer Authorization Centre (PTAC) screening questions are being activated today and adjusted to reflect the current outbreak situation. This process will provide another layer of safety to our health care system by alerting transport providers and receiving facilities about potential high risk patients. As well, activating PTAC screening questions will allow the Ministry of Health to track high risk patients for nCoV in the patient transport process.

So when using Ornge we will be asked screening questions of the patients as it relates to coronavirus.

Website Tracking Coronavirus in Real-Time

Researchers at John Hopkins University have produced a [website](#) that tracks the spread of the virus in other countries as well as the death toll, using real-time data from Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, and Dingxiangyuan, a social networking site for health care professionals that provides real-time information on cases.

The [website](#) reports the total number of confirmed outbreaks, number of confirmed outbreaks in each country as well as the confirmed death toll. It also includes an interactive map, on which red dots, representing each confirmed outbreak, are marked in the countries where they are reported to be. Users can click on the dots to get more information about the region.

Clarifying Some Issues

There are no directives for screening out-patients or visitors at this time. Any outpatient or visitor that arrives with symptoms should be offered a mask, and asked about recent travel.

One of the most important things to remember, during this time, these are not new skills we need to learn. This is not Ebola, where a novel set of personal protective equipment (PPE) and



processes are necessary. The current isolation precautions are Droplet / Contact / Airborne, which means a gown/gloves, N95 mask, and eye protection. If a negative pressure room is not available then placement in a private room is recommended.

Patients being admitted with symptoms and travel to China will be placed in Droplet / Contact / Airborne to err on the side of caution until a diagnosis is confirmed.

Our teams continue to do a great job screening patients and addressing any issues that arise.

The following outlines the steps that WRH takes regularly to identify and manage patients with infectious symptoms:

In addition to Routine Practices, individuals who present with the acute respiratory infection symptoms and **travel history to Wuhan, China or have been in contact with a sick person who has travelled to Wuhan, China or a confirmed 2019-nCoV case**, are to be placed on **Airborne/Droplet/Contact Precautions** in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (or a private room if an AIIR is not available). Staff are to wear gloves, gowns, N95 respirators and face protection. If a patient is identified that meets this criteria notify the hospital IPAC department.

Our pandemic response team is meeting regularly as the situation evolves to ensure we are ready and we will provide updates on a regular basis.



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