

Situation Report #60: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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Situation:

Case count as of March 25, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	430,263	+40,261	19,466	+2,381
Europe	226,911	+25,443	12,723	+1,992
China	81,218	+47	3,281	+04
Middle East	34,494	+3,367	2,161	+156
Asia & Oceania	21,152	+1,269	331	+11
Africa	2,253	+425	59	+01
Latin America and Caribbean	6,915	+639	110	+23
North America	57,320	+9,071	801	+194
United States	54,428	+8,270	773	+190
Canada	2,892	+801	28	+04

- 100 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 688 (this includes eight resolved cases and 13 deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 10,489 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Today the Government of Canada [announced an Emergency Order](#) under the Quarantine Act that requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. All individuals permitted to enter Canada are subject to this Order, with the exception of certain persons who cross the border regularly to ensure the continued flow of goods and services, and those who provide essential services.
- Health Canada has published [guidance on optimizing the use of masks and respirators during the COVID-19 outbreak](#). This includes:
 - guidance on the use of expired N95 respirators and masks; and
 - guidance on the use of commercial-grade respirators for medical purposes.
- The Order in Council to close non-essential businesses has been attached to today's Situation Report. The Ministry of the Solicitor General has advised that if municipalities (or health units) have questions about the Emergency Order closing non-essential business, they should contact the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre at the following email address: PEOCDO01@ontario.ca

- For businesses with questions, the line for them to contact is: Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659. Help is available Monday to Sunday, from 8:30am – 5:00pm.
- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Ontario College of Pharmacists have prepared statements regarding drug prescribing and in particular hydroxyCQ prescribing. Please see further information [here](#).
- The Public Health Management Guidance document has been updated and a new Quick Reference document on Testing and Clearance has been created. Both are attached in today's Situation Report.
- Several websites have been created for COVID-19 that act as a portal for trusted and legitimate information and resources and have been shared below.
 - [COVID-19 Information Portal](#)
 - [COVID-19 EBSCO Resource Page](#)
 - [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\)](#)
- The Command Table met today, a summary has been attached.
- The Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued the attached directive for Ambulance Services and Paramedics under the Ambulance Act.