

Situation Report #64: COVID-19

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Situation:

Case count as of March 29, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	709,644	+81,753	33,518	+4,620
Europe	381,614	+41,394	23,933	+3,714
China	81,439	+45	3,300	+5
Middle East	57,188	+7,549	2,864	+175
Asia & Oceania	28,763	+1,903	523	+50
Africa	4,174	+285	129	+14
Latin America and Caribbean	14,138	+1,751	306	+63
North America	142,328	+28,826	2,463	+599
United States	136,492	+27,747	2,400	+591
Canada	5,836	+1,079	65	+10

- 211 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 1,326 (this includes eight resolved cases and 23 deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 7,203 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- The guidance document for Community Labs and Specimen Collection Centres has been updated and uploaded on the ministry [website](#).
- New guidance documents for Emergency Child Care Services and Industry Operators have been developed and uploaded on the ministry [website](#).
- The Ontario government is [implementing](#) a new emergency order to ensure that staffing and resources are available to help care for and protect long-term care residents during the COVID-19 crisis. These temporary measures provide further flexibility for long-term care homes and allow homes to redirect their staffing and financial resources to essential tasks.
- The Ontario government is [issuing](#) a new emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to prohibit organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people, effective immediately. This order would not apply to private households with five people or more. It would also not apply to operating child care centres supporting frontline health care workers and first responders provided the number of persons at each centre does not exceed 50 people. Funerals would be permitted to proceed with up to 10 people at one time.
- Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer [announced](#) updated guidance to help employers better understand their responsibilities and what is needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the construction sites.