

Situation Report #37: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

March 2, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of March 2, 2020:
 - China: 80,026 cases; 2,912 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 5,714 cases; 45 deaths (South Korea - 26)
 - Europe: 2,634 cases; 55 deaths (Italy - 52)
 - Middle East: 1,686 cases; 66 deaths (Iran - 66)
 - Africa: 8 cases
 - South America: 8 cases
 - North America:
 - United States - 91 cases; 2 deaths
 - Canada - 24 cases
 - Mexico - 5 cases
 - Dominican Republic - 1 case
- Six new countries reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- In Ontario, there are 12 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.
- Today, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, announced Ontario is implementing an enhanced response structure that formally brings together a wide range of partners to review, strengthen and implement provincial and regional plans and ensure their responsiveness to the specifics of COVID-19. See [News Release](#) for more information.

Actions Taken:

- The Public Health Agency of Canada has released [guidance](#) for schools (k-12) and childcare programs (COVID-19).
- The ministry's [website](#) has been updated with the most recent case definition. Please use this case definition with the published guidance documents; future updates to the guidance documents are ongoing.
- Future scenario planning is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders at regional levels and within many sectors. Further information will be communicated as the process evolves.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support the remaining repatriated citizens at the NAV Centre.
- Planning continues with federal and local partners to manage travellers from the Diamond Princess who did not return to Canada on the repatriation flight.

Next Steps:

- The ministry is updating guidance documents and will distribute them once they are complete.
- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government to support repatriated citizens.

The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.