

Situation Report #66: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	800,080	+70,251	38,755	+4,161
Europe	426,468	+34,765	27,854	+3,089
China	81,518	+48	3,305	+01
Middle East	66,577	+8,961	3,180	+310
Asia & Oceania	32,147	+2,598	595	+57
Africa	5,282	+587	172	+28
Latin America and Caribbean	16,513	+1,699	420	+78
North America	171,575	+21,593	3,229	+598
United States	164,151	+20,427	3,140	+574
Canada	7,424	+1,166	89	+24

- 260 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 1,966 (this includes 534 resolved cases and 33 deaths).
- In Ontario, a total of 51,629 people have been tested, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories. There are currently 4,280 tests under investigation.

Actions Taken:

- The government of Ontario launched a [website](#) for emergency child care for health care and frontline staff. This initiative aligns with the ministry's guidance document on Emergency Childcare Centers, which was published on March 29, 2020 on the ministry's [website](#).
- A new guidance document for Temporary Foreign Workers has been developed and uploaded to the ministry [website](#).
- The case definition has been updated and uploaded to the ministry's [website](#). Please note that there was an error in the date on the case definition that was sent yesterday; this has since been corrected.
- CMOH Directive 5 was updated to specify that the required precautions and procedures apply to nurses who are represented by the Ontario Nurses' Association and employed by public hospitals.
- Health Canada has issued an advisory on their website ([English](#) and [French](#)) urging Canadians not to buy more medication than usual during the COVID-19 pandemic as this can lead to local shortages.