

# Situation Report #43: COVID-19

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 8, 2020:
  - China: 80,695 cases; 3,097 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 9,117 cases; 71 deaths (South Korea - 50)
  - Europe: 9,350 cases; 259 deaths (Italy - 233)
  - Middle East: 6,917 cases; 199 deaths (Iran - 194)
  - Africa: 82 cases; 1 death
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 71 cases; 1 death
  - North America: 527 cases
    - United States - 464 cases; 19 deaths
    - Canada - 63 cases
- One new case was reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 29 (this includes 4 resolved cases).
  - A female in her 40s who returned from Colorado on March 2, 2020, and presented herself to Sunnybrook's emergency department in Toronto. The patient was discharged home the same day where she remains in self-isolation.
- In Ontario, there are 55 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- 8 new countries/territories/areas (Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Faroe Islands, French Guiana, Maldives, Malta, Martinique, and Republic of Moldova) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- Over 100 countries have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Italy instituted a mandatory quarantine for 16 million people in the northern part of the country that includes Milan and Venice until April 3, 2020.

## Actions Taken:

- The Public Health Agency of Canada has developed two new guidance documents for health system partners:
  - [Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) in Canada](#)
  - [Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak](#)
- 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.
- As a reminder, the ministry can be contacted through the Health Care Provider Hotline for policy guidance related to COVID-19. At this time, the hotline is unable to provide clinical advice regarding the management of cases.

## 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.