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Situation Report #27: COVID-19

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February 21, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 21, 2020:
 - China: 75,467 cases; 2,237 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 1,231 cases; 9 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (2), South Korea (2))
 - Europe: 50 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: 28 cases; 4 deaths (Iran)
 - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
 - North America: United States (34 cases), Canada (9 cases)
- 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 from Wuhan currently under quarantine at CFB Trenton.

Actions Taken:

- Patient and Visitor signage that was distributed last week is now available on the ministry's [website](#).
- The first group of repatriated citizens who were evacuated from Wuhan have now been released from quarantine.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support the remaining repatriated citizens finishing their quarantine at CFB Trenton.
- A flight carrying passengers who were on the Diamond Princess cruise ship docked in Japan have arrived in Cornwall and have begun their 14 day quarantine period. EMAT staff are present to support primary care and the ministry is working with local health system partners to support these repatriated citizens.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
 - There has been a national reassessment of the risk level of passengers on the MS Westerdam cruise ship. Travellers will now be considered to have a medium level exposure meaning they are now required to self-monitor.
- The ministry has received numerous questions regarding when COVID-19

testing is appropriate. COVID-19 testing should be conducted when the patient meets the national case definition. While it is recommended that providers test in accordance with the current case definition, information about this virus continues to evolve. Therefore, providers may determine, based on assessment and clinical judgement, that testing for COVID-19 is appropriate outside of the case definition.

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

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Situation Report #26: COVID-19

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February 20, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 20, 2020:
 - China: 74,578 cases; 2,119 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 1113 cases; 8 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (2), South Korea)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)

- Middle East: 9 cases
- Africa: Egypt 1 case
- North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 14 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians from Wuhan currently under quarantine at CFB Trenton.

Actions Taken:

- Patient and Visitor signage that was distributed last week and will soon be available on the ministry's [website](#).
- The Training Bulletin for Paramedics has been updated and has been attached to today's Situation Report.
- We have attached two information sheets regarding how to self isolate that you may share with partners.
- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens tentatively expected to arrive on Friday morning. EMAT staff are currently mobilizing at the NAV Centre in Cornwall to support primary care and screening requirements for the returning Canadians who will be hosted there for 14 days under quarantine.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights from Wuhan to CFB Trenton.

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

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Situation Report #25: COVID-19

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February 19, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 19, 2020:
 - China: 74,187 cases; 2,006 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 1033 cases; 5 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: 9 cases
 - Africa: Egypt 1 case
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 17 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens tentatively expected to arrive on Friday morning. EMAT staff are currently mobilizing at the NAV Centre in Cornwall to support primary care and screening requirements for the returning Canadians who will be hosted there for 14 days under quarantine.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights from Wuhan to CFB Trenton.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #24: COVID-19

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February 18, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 18, 2020:
 - China: 72,436 cases; 1,868 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 817 cases; 4 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: UAE 9 cases
 - Africa: Egypt 1 case
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there are zero persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- New signage has been attached that reflects the change in case definition to mainland China. Signs are currently in English, French and simplified Chinese.
- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens expected to arrive tentatively on Thursday 20 February morning. EMAT staff are currently mobilizing at the NAV Centre in Cornwall to support primary care and screening requirements for the repatriated who will be hosted there for 14 days under quarantine.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support

repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.

- Health care providers facing immediate challenges (less than 10 days of supply) with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #23: COVID-19

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February 16, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 16, 2020:
 - China: 68,509 cases; 1,665 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 702 cases; 4 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: UAE 8 cases

- Africa: Egypt 1 case
- North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there is 1 person under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada has chartered a plane to repatriate Canadians on board the Diamond Princess cruise ship docked in Yokohama, Japan.
 - The aircraft will bring passengers from Japan to Canadian Forces Base Trenton, after which they will be assessed and transported to the NAV Canada Training Institute in Cornwall to undergo a further 14-day period of quarantine.
 - Before boarding in Japan, passengers will be screened for symptoms. Those who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to board and will instead be transferred to the Japanese health system to receive appropriate care.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens in Cornwall, including potentially deploying additional EMAT staff to support primary care and screening requirements.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges (less than 10 days of supply) with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #22: COVID-19

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February 15, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 15, 2020:
 - China: 66,496 cases; 1,523 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 527 cases; 3 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan)
 - Europe: 46 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: UAE 8 cases
 - Africa: Egypt 1 case
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 13 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- British Columbia has identified a 5th presumptive case of COVID-19 in a woman who travelled near Shanghai and who is now in self-isolation at home.
- Africa has its first confirmed case of COVID-19 after a person in Egypt tested positive for the disease. The person is in hospital isolation as reported by the country's health ministry.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges (less than 10 days of supply) with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #21: COVID-19

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February 14, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 14, 2020:
 - China: 63,865 cases; 1380 deaths
 - Chinese authorities reported that 108 deaths were counted twice in official numbers; these have now been removed.
 - Asia & Oceania: 527 cases; 3 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan)
 - Europe: 46 cases
 - Middle East: 8 cases
 - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 8 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Guidance documents for the following sectors are attached: Independent Health Facilities, Community Laboratories, and Community Pharmacies. These documents will be uploaded to the ministry's [website](#).
- Version 4 of the Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario has been updated and is attached. A one page summary of Risk Levels and Precautions for COVID-19 has also been attached.
- Ontario Health has updated their algorithm for Home & Community Care Staff and we have attached this for awareness.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support

repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.

- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #20: COVID-19

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February 13, 2020

Situation:

- Case counts as of February 13, 2020:
 - China: 59,804 cases; 1369 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 507 cases; 3 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan)
 - Europe: 46 cases
 - Middle East: 8 cases
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- Hubei province has changed their reporting criteria for cases, resulting in a large

- spike in case count numbers for China.
- In Ontario, there are 15 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Guidance documents for the following sectors are now in final approvals: Independent Health Facilities, Laboratories, and Pharmacies. These documents are in the process of translation and will be uploaded to the ministry's website soon.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- As of February 10, 2020, Public Health Ontario Laboratory pre-approval for COVID-19 testing is no longer required, provided that mandatory information is included on the requisition. Refer to PHO's [website](#) for more detailed information.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer only to the *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario* guidance document. Further documentation is being developed to support the interpretation of *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario*.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.

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Situation Report #19: COVID-19

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February 12, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 12, 2020:
 - China: 44,653 cases; 1113 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 443 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 45 cases
 - Middle East: 8 cases
 - North America: United States (13 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 9 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The third confirmed case in Ontario has fully recovered, and their case is considered resolved.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton.
- Updated guidance documents for Acute Care, Paramedics, Primary Care, Home & Community Care and Long Term Care settings have been added to the ministry [website](#). Additional guidance documents will be uploaded as appropriate.
- A Q&A document has been added to this Situation Report that will seek to answer common questions that have been received by the Ministry Emergency Operation Centre.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer only to the *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario* guidance document. Further documentation is being developed to support the interpretation of *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario*.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #18: COVID-19 (2019-nCoV)

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February 11, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 11, 2020:
 - China: 42,638 cases; 1016 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 396 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 43 cases
 - Middle East: 8 cases
 - North America: United States (13 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 19 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The World Health Organization has renamed 2019-nCoV, with the formal name of COVID-19. This name change will be reflected in future documents published by the ministry.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton. A third flight from Wuhan arrived at CFB Trenton this morning.
 - EMAT is enhancing their capacity at CFB Trenton to ensure the provision of primary care and screening for all repatriated Canadians.
- The ministry is actively updating guidance materials based on the change to the case definition and will issue new versions as they are finalized. Please see attached an updated Training Bulletin for Paramedics.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer only to the *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario* guidance document. Further documentation is being developed to support the interpretation of *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario*.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #17: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

February 10, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 10, 2020:
 - China: 40,171 cases; 908 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 379 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 43 cases
 - Middle East: 7 cases
 - North America: United States (12 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 8 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- No new countries reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the past 24 hours.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the two flights to CFB Trenton. A third flight from Wuhan is estimated to arrive at CFB Trenton early tomorrow morning.
 - EMAT is enhancing their capacity at CFB Trenton to ensure the provision of primary care and screening for all repatriated Canadians.
- The ministry is updating signage to reflect a change in the case definition (travel history has been expanded to mainland China) and will share with health system partners once finalized.
- The ministry is actively updating guidance materials based on the change to the case definition and will issue new versions as they are finalized.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer to the *Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario* guidance document.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada have revised airport handouts for returning travellers 1) arriving from mainland China and 2) arriving from the Province of Hubei, China.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #16: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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February 9, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 9, 2020:
 - China: 37,594 cases; 811 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 308 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 39 cases
 - Middle East: 7 cases
 - North America: United States (12 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there is 1 person under investigation with lab results pending.
- No new countries reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the past 24 hours.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the two flights in Trenton. A third flight is scheduled to arrive in Trenton on February 11.
- The ministry is actively updating guidance materials based on the change to the

case definition (travel history has been expanded to mainland China) and will issue new versions as they are finalized.

- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #15: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

February 8, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 8, 2020:
 - China: 34,598 cases; 723 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 285 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 37 cases
 - Middle East: 7 cases

North America: United States (12 cases), Canada (7 cases)

- In Ontario, there are 18 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- No new countries reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the past 24 hours.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the two flights in Trenton yesterday. A third flight is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Trenton on February 11.
- The ministry is actively updating guidance materials based on the change to the case definition (travel history has been expanded to mainland China) and will issue new versions as they are finalized.
- Attached is an updated instruction sheet for people who have been asked to self-isolate with a grammatical fix.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #14: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 7, 2020:
 - China: 31,161 cases; 636 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 264 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 31 cases
 - Middle East: 5 cases
 - North America: United States (12 cases), Canada (7 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 39 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- British Columbia announced an additional two presumptive positive cases on February 6. Both are related to a case announced earlier in the week.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry is working with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on two flights in Trenton today. A third flight is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Trenton on February 11.
- The case definition has been updated and travel history has been expanded to mainland China. The updated definition is attached (both English and French) and is reflected on the [ministry's website](#).
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has updated [guidance](#) for travellers who have recently been to Hubei province. It is now recommended that travellers who have been to Hubei province limit their contact with others for 14 days following arrival in Canada (self-isolation). Attached is guidance for individuals requested to self-isolate, including a fact sheet with basic information about preventing the spread of 2019-nCoV.
- An updated version of the Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of 2019-nCoV along with a supporting document are attached.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #13: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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February 6, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 6, 2020:
 - China: 28,018 cases; 563 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 204 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 29 cases
 - Middle East: 5 cases
 - North America: United States (12 cases), Canada (5 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 62 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work closely with federal and local partners regarding the repatriation of Canadian citizens scheduled to arrive with 2 flights at CFB Trenton on Friday morning. An additional flight is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Trenton on February 11th.
- A Question and Answer document regarding current supplies in the province is attached. Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.
- Guidance documents supporting Independent Health Facilities and Community Laboratories are undergoing stakeholder review.

- The Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of 2019-nCoV is now updated, the latest version is attached.
- Public Health Ontario has added a section to their [website](#) with summaries of current literature that answers some frequent questions about 2019-nCoV.
- The Provincial Transfer Authorization Centre (PTAC) has activated screening questions to reflect the 2019-nCoV outbreak.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

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Situation Report #12: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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February 5, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 5, 2020:
 - China: 24,324 cases; 490 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 177 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 28 cases

Middle East: 5 cases

- North America: United States (11 cases), Canada (5 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 43 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Case and contact management related to Case #1 and #2 in Toronto has been completed; no additional cases related to this exposure were found.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry has developed an information sheet about 2019-nCoV to inform the public about the virus. It is now available on the [government website](#) in French, English and 17 other languages.
- In follow-up to the training bulletin that was sent out last week, a guidance document for Paramedic Services was sent to the field this morning. The English and French versions of the guidance are attached, as well as an updated training bulletin.
- The case definition is undergoing further revision and updates will be sent out within the next day. Updates to the website and guidance documents will follow.
- The ministry continues to work with the federal government on repatriation plans from Wuhan, China for Canadian citizens scheduled to arrive at CFB Trenton this week. The ministry is working closely with local partners to ensure systems are in place to support returning Canadians.
- Health care providers (in particular acute care settings and paramedic services) facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry continues to plan for repatriation with the federal government.

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Situation Report #11: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

February 4, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 4, 2020:
 - China: 20,438 cases; 425 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 155 cases; 2 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong)
 - Europe: 27 cases
 - Middle East: 5 cases
 - North America: United States (11 cases), Canada (4 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 34 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Local public health units continue to perform case and contact management related to confirmed cases in Ontario.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with the federal government to confirm repatriation plans from Wuhan, China for Canadian citizens scheduled to arrive at CFB Trenton this week. The ministry is working closely with local partners to ensure systems are in place to support returning Canadians.
- The ministry continues to liaise with Telehealth Ontario to ensure appropriate guidance for the public calling with health concerns related to 2019-nCoV. As of February 2nd 2020, Telehealth has received over 800 calls related to 2019-nCoV and has referred 5 people meeting the case definition to acute care.
- Health care providers (in particular acute care settings and paramedic services) facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.
- The Provincial Emergency Operations Centre has moved to enhanced monitoring to support federal, provincial and municipal partners in the repatriation of Canadian citizens from China to CFB Trenton. Supportive actions from the PEOC include daily coordination calls, dedicating staff to the repatriation file and deploying a field officer to the community to provide on-site

assistance and liaison.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #10: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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February 3, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 3, 2020:
 - China: 17, 205 cases; 362 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 142 cases; 1 death (Philippines)
 - Europe: 25 cases
 - Middle East: 5 cases
 - North America: United States (11 cases), Canada (4 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 29 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Local public health units continue to perform case and contact management related to confirmed cases in Ontario.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with the federal government to confirm repatriation plans from Wuhan, China for Canadian citizens. Citizens are scheduled to arrive at CFB Trenton this week. The ministry is working closely with local partners to ensure systems are in place to support returning Canadians.
- Guidance documents for other sectors continue to be developed.
- The Ontario Medical Association has created a Summary of Guidance for Primary Care Providers in Community Based Settings to assist health system partners. The document is attached to this email.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

Situation Report #9: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

February 2, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 2, 2020:
 - China: 14380 cases; 304 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 138 cases; 1 death (Philippines)
 - Europe: 25 cases
 - Middle East: 5 cases
 - North America: United States (8 cases), Canada (4 cases)
- There are 42 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Local health units continue to perform case and contact management related to confirmed cases in Ontario.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry is working with the Federal government to confirm repatriation plans from Wuhan, China for Canadian citizens.
- Guidance documents for other sectors continue to be developed.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #8: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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February 1, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of February 1, 2020:
 - China: 11791 cases and 259 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 131 cases
 - Europe: 22 cases
 - Middle East: 4 cases
 - North America: United States (7 cases), Canada (4 cases)
- There are 28 persons under investigation with lab results pending. This information is updated on Ontario's public [website](#) on weekdays at 10:30am.
- The ministry announced a 3rd confirmed case in an individual with recent travel history to Wuhan. The local health unit is performing case and contact management.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry is working with the Federal government to confirm repatriation plans from Wuhan, China for Canadian citizens.
- The 2019-nCoV case definition has been updated on the ministry's website.
- Guidance documents for other sectors continue to be developed.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #7: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

January 31, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 31, 2020:
 - China: 9692 cases and 213 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 95 cases
 - Europe: 16 cases
 - Middle East: 4 cases
 - North America: United States (6 cases), Canada (4 cases)
- The United States has declared the novel coronavirus a public health emergency
- There are 17 persons under investigation with lab results pending. This information is updated on Ontario's public [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- Several health units continue to be involved in case and contact management for the first two confirmed cases in Ontario. The first case in Toronto was discharged from the hospital and is now home in self-isolation under the support of local public health.
- The ministry announced a 3rd confirmed case in an individual with recent travel history to Wuhan. The local health unit is performing case and contact management.
- The Government of Canada has updated its [travel advice](#) encouraging all travelers to delay non-essential travel to China, and to avoid all travel to Hubei province.

Actions Taken:

- The 2019-nCoV case definition has been updated and a copy has been included in this Situation Report. It is currently being uploaded to the ministry's website.
- Initial guidance documents for Acute Care, Home and Community Care, and Long-Term Care Homes are attached to this email. The Primary Care guidance updated with the new case definition is also attached. One page summaries are under development for each of the guidance documents. These will be uploaded to the ministry's website in the coming days along with French versions of these documents.
- Guidance documents for other sectors continue to be developed.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #6: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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January 30, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 30, 2020:
 - China: 7711 cases and 170 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 80 cases
 - Europe: 9 cases
 - Middle East: UAE (4 cases)
 - North America: United States (6 cases), Canada (3 cases)
- The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern
- There are 27 persons under investigation with lab results pending. This information is updated on Ontario's public [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- The presumptive confirmed case in British Columbia has now been confirmed

by NML.

- Several health units continue to be involved in case and contact management for the two confirmed cases in Ontario.
- The Government of Canada has updated its [travel advice](#) encouraging all travelers to delay non-essential travel to China, and to avoid all travel to Hubei province.
- The Government of Canada is preparing a repatriation flight for Canadians. No further details have been confirmed at this time.

Actions Taken:

- Initial guidance documents for Hospitals and Acute Care, Home and Community Care, and Long-Term Care are under final review. One page summaries are under development for each of the guidance documents.
- The ministry's [website](#) for health workers and healthcare employers will be updated with these new documents in the coming days.
- Guidance documents for other sectors continue to be developed.
- The ministry continues to provide guidance and answer a high volume of stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.
- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #5: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 29, 2020:
 - China: 5974 cases and 132 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 60 cases
 - Europe: 8 cases
 - Middle East: UAE (4 cases)
 - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (3 cases)
- There are 23 persons under investigation with lab results pending. This information is updated on Ontario's public [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- The second presumptive confirmed case reported on January 27 has been confirmed by the National Microbiology Laboratory.
 - Several health units [continue to be](#) involved in case and contact management.
- The Government of Canada has updated its [travel advice](#) encouraging all travelers to delay non-essential travel to China, and to avoid all travel to Hubei province.
- Numerous airlines have cancelled flights to and from mainland China.
- There are published media reports that the Government of Canada is considering a repatriation of Canadians. There are no confirmed details at this time.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry's [website](#) for health workers and healthcare employers is now live. It will be updated as new information and documents becomes available.
- The initial guidance document for Primary Care Providers has been translated into French (attached). Both versions are being prepared for posting on the ministry's website.
- Draft versions of several guidance documents are currently under review.
- A simplified Chinese version of the interim signage that was sent yesterday is attached.
- Screening is being updated to reflect Hubei province. The official national case definition is still forthcoming.
- The ministry continues to answer a high volume of media and stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and create simplified one page summaries.

- The ministry will confirm any repatriation plans with the federal government.

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Situation Report #4: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

January 28, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 28, 2020:
 - China: 4515 cases and 106 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 57 cases
 - Europe: 4 cases
 - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (3 cases)
- There are 11 persons under investigation with lab results pending. One case has been confirmed with the 2019-nCoV and a second case is presumptive confirmed. This information is updated on the ministry [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- Confirmatory results on the presumptive confirmed case announced on January 27th are still pending from the National Microbiology Laboratory.
 - Several health units are involved in case and contact management.
- British Columbia announced its first presumptive case of 2019-nCoV on January 28 in a BC resident who had recently returned from Wuhan, China.
- The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised travellers to avoid all non-essential travel to China.

Actions Taken:

- The initial guidance document for Primary Care Providers is attached. It will be posted on the ministry's website after the website goes live (see below).
- Guidance documents for other sectors are in progress and are proceeding as quickly as possible.
- The ministry's website for health workers and healthcare employers is undergoing translation and the website should be live shortly.
- Signage to support screening of patients and visitors is attached. Translation into simplified Chinese is underway.
- The ministry hosts morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners (9:00am, M-F), and is providing daily end of day Situation Reports.
- The ministry continues to answer a high volume of media and stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- Following a meeting of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, the ministry will be making a change to the case definition to reflect **Hubei province**. This will require changes to existing screening recommendations. Formal changes will follow.
- Finalizing guidance documents and processes.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within the health system.
- Continue to support partners in their response activities.

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Situation Report #3: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 27, 2020:
 - China: 2744 cases and 80 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 45 cases
 - Europe: 3 cases
 - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (2 cases)
- The National Microbiology Laboratory confirmed the first case of 2019-nCoV that was initially reported as presumptive positive. The case continues to be stable at Sunnybrook Hospital. A second presumptive positive case was announced on January 27, 2020. The individual was related to the first case, and took the same flight back to Toronto.
 - Toronto Public Health continues its case and contact management.
- As of today, 39 people were tested for 2019-nCoV in Ontario. This information is posted at [Ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus) and is updated daily at 10:30am.
 - 2 tested positive
 - 18 tested negative
 - 19 test results pending
- China and Hong Kong continue to apply public health measures to manage the outbreak. Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan have recently closed their borders to traffic from China.

Actions Taken:

- The ministry has established an operational cycle for morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners (9am, M-F), and will provide daily end of day Situation Reports.
- The Ministry of Health's Ministry Emergency Operations Centre on January 27 is activated.
- The CMOH, ACMOH, and Toronto MOH held a press conference this morning to discuss the current status of the two cases in Ontario.
- The ministry is currently working with Ornge to incorporate the CACC screening questions for 2019-nCoV in their algorithms/patient diagnosis.
- The ministry met with Telehealth Ontario to update guidance and algorithms for anyone with questions about 2019-nCoV.
- Website documents for the health sector are underway translation.
- Development of guidance documents continues for different settings in the health system, including signage to support screening of patients and visitors.

Next Steps:

- Finalizing current guidance documents and processes.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within the health system.
- Continue to support partners in their response activities.

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Situation Report #2: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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January 26, 2020

Situation:

- The presumptive confirmed case continues to be stable at Sunnybrook.
 - Toronto Public Health continues its case and contact management.
- There are 9 persons under investigation with lab test results pending. This information is updated on the Ministry [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- Updated case counts as of January 26, 2020:
 - China: 1975 cases and 56 deaths
 - Asia Region: Hong Kong (8), Thailand (6), Singapore (4), Macau (3), Japan (3), South Korea (3), Taiwan (3), Malaysia (3), Vietnam (2), Nepal (1)
 - Rest of the world: United States (4), Australia (4), France (3), Canada (1)
- China and Hong Kong continue to apply public health measures to manage the

outbreak.

Actions Taken:

- On January 26th the Federal Government held a press conference on Canada's presumptive confirmed case; the confirmation from NML is expected by January 27th.
- The ministry has held multiple teleconferences with stakeholders and other ministries and provided situational updates regarding the first presumptive confirmed case.
- Website documents for the health sector are being finalized for posting.
- Development of guidance documents continues for different settings in the health system.
- Central Ambulance Communication Centres have implemented screening protocols into their daily operations.
- The ministry is currently determining the status of supply levels in the system and developing a strategy to augment availability and accessibility of personal protective equipment.
- The ministry has establishing an operational cycle for morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners and end of day situation reports.

Next Steps:

- Finalising current guidance documents and processes.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within the health system.
- Continue to support partners in their response activities.

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Situation Report #1: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management

Situation:

- Ontario identified a presumptive confirmed case in Toronto. This is Ontario's and Canada's first case. Testing is ongoing for persons under investigation (numbers will be updated on the ministry's website starting tomorrow).
- Case counts are rapidly evolving and the number is expected to increase.
 - Updated case counts as of January 25, 2020:
 - China: 1,287 cases (29 provinces) and 41 death
 - The media has reported a death in a 62 year old ENT surgeon (his exposure is not known at this point)
 - Asia Region: Thailand (5), Singapore (3), Vietnam (2), Hong Kong (5), Macau (2), Japan (2), South Korea (1), Taiwan (1), Nepal (1), Nepal (1), Malaysia (3),
 - Rest of the world: United States (2), France (3), Australia (4)
 - Suspected cases reported in numerous countries.
- China continues to expand public health measures including restrictions to travel and public gatherings. In addition, Hong Kong will be closing schools for an additional two weeks after lunar new year.
- Canada began enhanced screening measures at the international airports in Toronto (YYZ), Montreal (YUL), and Vancouver (YVR). Signage is posted with information for returning travellers regarding this novel coronavirus and signs and symptoms to watch for. Further enhanced screening measures are expected.

Actions Taken:

- On January 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 10th and 23rd the ministry issued status updates to local medical officers of health
- On January 10th and 23rd the ministry issued status updates to health system partners (unions, associations, regulatory colleges and LHINs/OH).
- On January 6th, 10th and 23rd the eCTAS system was updated to prompt screening in hospitals and appropriate Infection Prevention and Control precautions.
- On January 22nd the ministry provided a technical briefing to media about 2019-nCoV and announcing that the relevant regulations have been updated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to ensure all cases of novel coronaviruses are reported in Ontario.
- On January 25th the ministry held a press conference to announce the identification of a presumptive confirmed case of 2019-nCoV.
- Since early January the ministry has been undertaking advanced planning

activities to support health system readiness.

Next Steps:

- Finalize guidance for different settings (acute care, primary care, long-term care, home care, paramedics).
- Finalize a website for health providers with relevant guidance.
- Continue to monitor the availability of supplies and equipment within the health system and implement strategies to enhance the system's capacity where required.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within our health system.
- Support other OPS partners in their response activities.
- Formalize an operational cycle and share with partners

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