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# Situation Report #43: COVID-19

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March 8, 2020

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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.

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## Situation Report #42: COVID-19

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March 7, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 7, 2020:
  - China: 80,651 cases; 3,070 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 8,766 cases; 68 deaths (South Korea - 48)
  - Europe: 9,350 cases; 259 deaths (Italy - 233)
  - Middle East: 6,109 cases; 148 deaths (Iran - 145)
  - Africa: 31 cases
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 48 cases
  - North America: 419 cases
    - United States - 365 cases; 16 deaths
    - Canada - 54 cases

- Two new cases were announced last night, bringing the cumulative total to 28 (this includes 4 resolved cases). The cases announced last night include:
  - A male in his 20s who returned from Italy on March 3, 2020, and presented himself to Mount Sinai Hospital's emergency department in Toronto. The patient was discharged home the same day where he remains in self-isolation.
  - A female in her 60s who returned from Iran on March 2, 2020, and presented herself to Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital's emergency department, in Richmond Hill. The patient was discharged home the same day where she remains in self-isolation.
- In Ontario, there are 36 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- 5 new countries/territories/areas (Colombia, Vatican City, Peru, Serbia, and Togo) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- The global number of reported cases of COVID-19 has surpassed 100,000.

#### Actions Taken:

- 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.
  - The Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT) has demobilized from the NAV Centre.
- 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.

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# Situation Report #41: COVID-19

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March 6, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 6, 2020:
  - China: 80,559 cases; 3,042 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 8,282 cases; 61 deaths (South Korea - 42)
  - Europe: 7,477 cases; 216 deaths (Italy - 197)
  - Middle East: 5,011 cases; 151 deaths (Iran - 148)
  - Africa: 43 cases
  - South America: 29 cases
  - North America: 297 cases
    - United States - 240 cases; 14 deaths
    - Canada - 48 cases
- Four new cases were announced today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 26 (this includes 4 resolved cases). The cases announced today include:
  - A couple, both in their 60s, who were aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship of San Francisco, California. They returned on February 28 and were assessed at Trillium Health Partners; both are well and recovering at home in self-isolation.
  - A male in his 50s returned from Iran on February 27 and was assessed at North York General Hospital on March 3; he is resting at home in self-isolation.
  - A male in his 40s returned from Las Vegas, Nevada on February 28 and was assessed at Toronto Western Hospital; he is resting at home in self-isolation.
- In Ontario, there are 72 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. All repatriated Canadians at the NAV Centre were released from quarantine today.

## Actions Taken:

- A memo to Health System Organizations and Providers is attached to this Situation Report.
- There was an error in the telephone number for Telehealth in the Self-Monitor Fact Sheet in Farsi that was sent yesterday; a corrected version has been

attached in today's Situation Report.

- A 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.
- 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.

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## Situation Report #40: COVID-19

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March 5, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 5, 2020:
  - China: 80,430 cases; 3,013 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 7,655 cases; 59 deaths (South Korea - 40)
  - Europe: 5,766 cases; 160 deaths (Italy - 148)
  - Middle East: 3,758 cases; 108 deaths (Iran - 107)

- Africa: 29 cases
- South America: 21 cases
- North America:
  - United States - 164 cases; 11 deaths
  - Canada - 37 cases
  - Mexico - 6 cases
  - Dominican Republic - 1 case
- The CMOH confirmed two cases in Ontario at his regular 3pm media briefing. The cases are related to travel to Italy and Iran, and both are currently at home in self-isolation. One additional case has been resolved.
- Peel Public Health announced their first case at 5pm. The affected individual is a man in his 60s who is a resident of Mississauga. The individual was aboard the Grand Princess Cruise Ship out of San Francisco from February 11-21 and returned to Canada on February 28.
- In Ontario, there are 78 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.

### Actions Taken:

- Signage that was sent with yesterday's Situation Report has been uploaded to the ministry's [website](#). Signage in simplified Chinese and Farsi has also been completed and uploaded.
- The following documents: Self-Isolation Fact Sheet, Caregivers Fact Sheet, and Self-Monitor Fact Sheet have been translated into Farsi and have been included in this Situation Report.
- A number of questions have been raised on the animal health component to COVID-19. Research is ongoing for this topic, but due to the theoretical possibility that animals in the home could be infected by COVID-19, it is recommended that confirmed cases also refrain with contact with pets, if possible. More guidance on this topic will be shared if available.
- 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.
- 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.

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## **Situation Report #39: COVID-19**

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March 4, 2020

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### **Situation:**

- Case counts as of March 4, 2020:
  - China: 80,282 cases; 2,981 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 7,104 cases; 54 deaths (South Korea - 35)
  - Europe: 4,352 cases; 113 deaths (Italy - 107)
  - Middle East: 3,142 cases; 93 deaths (Iran - 92)
  - Africa: 17 cases
  - South America: 16 cases
  - North America:
    - United States - 149 cases; 11 deaths
    - Canada - 33 cases
    - Mexico - 6 cases
    - Dominican Republic - 1 case
- In Ontario, there are 102 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.

### **Actions Taken:**

- A chart has been attached that shows the Risk Levels and Precautions for

COVID-19 with links to resources on how to Self Isolate and Guidance for Close Contacts. This will be uploaded to the Ontario.ca/coronavirus website in the coming days.

- Signage has been updated for healthcare settings and translated into English and French. Simplified Chinese and Farsi translation are underway.
- 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.
- 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.

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## **Situation Report #38: COVID-19**

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March 3, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 3, 2020:



- China: 80,152 cases; 2,945 deaths
- Asia & Oceania: 6,580 cases; 47 deaths (South Korea - 28)
- Europe: 3,285 cases; 83 deaths (Italy - 79)
- Middle East: 2,529 cases; 77 deaths (Iran - 77)
- Africa: 11 cases
- South America: 9 cases
- North America:
  - United States - 103 cases; 6 deaths
  - Canada - 29 cases
  - Mexico - 6 cases
  - Dominican Republic - 1 case
- Two new cases were announced in Ontario today; one with travel history to Iran, the other to Egypt.
- In Ontario, there are 45 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.

#### Actions Taken:

- A fact sheet on how to self-monitor has been attached to today's Situation Report in English and French. A simplified Chinese version should be available tomorrow.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has released [guidance](#) for schools (k-12) and childcare programs (COVID-19).
- 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.

#### 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.

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## Situation Report #37: COVID-19

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March 2, 2020

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### 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.

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## Situation Report #36: COVID-19

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March 1, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 1, 2020:
  - China: 79,824 cases; 2,870 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 5,059 cases; 39 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan (6), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (6), South Korea (21), Australia (1), Thailand (1))
  - Europe: 2,094 cases; 36 deaths (France (2), Italy (34))

- Middle East: 1,114 cases; 54 deaths (Iran)
- Africa: 3 cases
- South America: 3 case
- North America:
  - United States - 70 cases; 1 death
  - Canada - 20 cases
  - Mexico - 3 cases
- In Ontario, there are 4 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Ontario has announced 4 new positive cases in the last 24 hours. All are at home in self-isolation and case and contact management is ongoing to follow-up on potential exposures.
  - Toronto with travel from Iran
  - York region with travel from Iran (2)
  - York region with travel from Egypt
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.
- The last group of about 130 crew members disembarked the Diamond Princess today, vacating the contaminated cruise ship and ending the quarantine.
- As of February 28, Japan has closed all public schools and international schools until late March/early April. Disneyland Tokyo, Universal Studios Japan, most national museums, and major attractions are closed until mid-March.
- A patient infected with the novel coronavirus in Washington state, a man in his 50s who had underlying health conditions, has died marking the first death due to the virus in the United States.

### Actions Taken:

- 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, including pandemic, is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders. 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.

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## **Situation Report #35: COVID-19**

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February 29, 2020

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### **Situation:**

- Case counts as of February 29, 2020:
  - China: 79,251 cases; 2,835 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 4,465 cases; 32 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan (5), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (6), South Korea (17))
  - Europe: 1183 cases; 23 deaths (France (2), Italy (21))
  - Middle East: 721 cases; 43 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: 3 cases
  - South America: 1 case
  - North America: United States (66 cases), Canada (20 cases), Mexico (3)
- In Ontario, there are 21 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Ontario has announced 4 new positive cases in the last 24 hours. All are at home in self-isolation and case and contact management is ongoing to follow-up on potential exposures.
  - Toronto with travel from Egypt
  - Durham with travel from Iran and a close contact
  - York Region with travel from Iran
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.

### **Actions Taken:**

- 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, including pandemic, is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders. 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.

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## Situation Report #34: COVID-19

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February 28, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of February 28, 2020:
  - China: 78,832 cases; 2,788 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 3,624 cases; 28 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2),

- Japan (5), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (6), South Korea (13))
- Europe: 1092 cases; 23 deaths (France (2), Italy (21))
- Middle East: 508 cases; 34 deaths (Iran)
- Africa: 3 cases
- South America: 1 case
- North America: United States (60 cases), Canada (15 cases), Mexico (2)
- In Ontario, there are 22 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Ontario announced a new presumed positive case (Ontario's 7<sup>th</sup>) today in an individual who had recently travelled to Iran. The established infection prevention and control protocols were initiated; the patient was cared for at the hospital using all appropriate precautions, including being isolated while tested. The individual was discharged home and, per protocols, went into self-isolation at home. Case and contact management is ongoing to follow-up on potential exposures to this case.
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.

#### Actions Taken:

- 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, including pandemic, is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders. 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.

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## Situation Report #33: COVID-19

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February 27, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of February 27, 2020:
  - China: 78,514 cases; 2,744 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 3,020 cases; 25 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan (4), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (4), South Korea (13))
  - Europe: 810 cases; 19 deaths (France (2), Italy (17))
  - Middle East: 358 cases; 26 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: 2 cases
  - South America: 1 case
  - North America: United States (60 cases), Canada (13 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 21 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Ontario announced a new presumed positive case today in the spouse of case #5 that was announced earlier this week. He had not travelled out of the country, and is currently in self-isolation. Case and contact management is ongoing to determine potential exposures to this case.
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians from Wuhan who were quarantined at CFB Trenton or who are currently in quarantine at the NAV Centre.

### Actions Taken:

- A minor revision has been made to the case definition that was sent out yesterday to update the link to the Government of Canada's website listing COVID-19 impacted areas.
- As a reminder, organizations should continue to advise individuals who meet the case definition to either phone their local public health or Telehealth Ontario. They should not show up to hospitals unannounced, and should only call paramedic services in situations of severe illness.
- 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.

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## Situation Report #32: COVID-19

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February 26, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of February 26, 2020:
  - China: 78,064 cases; 2,715 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 2,462 cases; 22 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan (2), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (4), South Korea (12))
  - Europe: 444 cases; 14 deaths (France (2), Italy (12))
  - Middle East: 215 cases; 19 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: 2 cases
  - South America: 1 case
  - North America: United States (60 cases), Canada (12 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 14 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Ontario announced a new presumed positive case today in a woman in her 60s

who had recent travel to Iran. Case and contact management is ongoing to determine potential exposures to this case.

- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians from Wuhan who were quarantined at CFB Trenton or who are currently in quarantine at the NAV Centre.

#### Actions Taken:

- The attached case definition for COVID-19 is updated with new regions of the world where community transmission is ongoing. The French translation is underway. The attached map illustrates the impacted areas reflected in the updated case definition.
- 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.

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## **Situation Report #31: COVID-19**

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February 25, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of February 25, 2020:
  - China: 77,663 cases; 2,664 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 2,147 cases; 20 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (4), South Korea (11))
  - Europe: 377 cases; 13 deaths (France(2), Italy (11))
  - Middle East: 152 cases; 15 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
  - North America: United States (57 cases), Canada (11 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 21 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 or NAV Centre.

## Actions Taken:

- The case definition for COVID-19 is being updated and will incorporate new regions of the world where community transmission is ongoing. A formally updated case definition will follow tomorrow. It is likely that the case definition will be expanded to include travel history to China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.
- Two facts sheets (How to self-isolate and Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts) that were shared on February 20 have been translated into simplified Chinese and have been attached to this Situation Report.
- 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.

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## **Situation Report #30: COVID-19**

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February 24, 2020

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### **Situation:**

- Case counts as of February 24, 2020:
  - China: 77,345 cases; 2,593 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 1,984 cases; 16 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (3), South Korea (8))
  - Europe: 270 cases; 7 deaths (France, Italy (6))
  - Middle East: 87 cases; 12 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
  - North America: United States (53 cases), Canada (11 cases)
- In Ontario, there are 9 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- A presumptive positive case was announced in Ontario on February 23 in a woman who had arrived from China on February 21. The case was confirmed by the National Microbiology Laboratory this morning.
- British Columbia announced a new presumptive positive case on February 24.
- To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians from Wuhan currently under quarantine at CFB Trenton or NAV Centre.

### **Actions Taken:**

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support the remaining repatriated citizens finishing their quarantine at CFB Trenton and those who arrived at NAV Centre Friday.
- 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 is translating the two facts sheets (How to self-isolate and Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts) shared on February 20 into Simplified Chinese and will attach to an upcoming situation report once finalized.
- 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.

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## Situation Report #29: COVID-19

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February 23, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of February 23, 2020:
  - China: 76,936 cases; 2,444 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 1,745 cases; 14 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (3), South Korea (6))
  - Europe: 176 cases; 4 deaths (France, Italy (3))
  - Middle East: 58 cases; 8 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
  - North America: United States (35 cases), Canada (10 cases)

- In Ontario, there are 3 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 or NAV Centre.

### Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support the remaining repatriated citizens finishing their quarantine at CFB Trenton and those who arrived at NAV Centre Friday.
- The need for case and contact management for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada has been reassessed due to US CDC reported on Friday that test results for the American citizen on board was a false positive.
- 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 is translating the two facts sheets (How to self-isolate and Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts) shared on February 20 into Simplified Chinese and will attach to an upcoming situation report once finalized.
- 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.

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# Situation Report #28: COVID-19

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February 22, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of February 22, 2020:
  - China: 76,288 cases; 2,345 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 1,488 cases; 9 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan, Taiwan, Diamond Princess (2), South Korea (2))
  - Europe: 65 cases; 2 deaths (France, Italy)
  - Middle East: 41 cases; 5 deaths (Iran)
  - Africa: Egypt (1 case)
  - North America: United States (35 cases), Canada (9 cases)
- Two new countries (Lebanon and Israel) reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- In Ontario, there are 8 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 or NAV Centre.

## Actions Taken:

- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support the remaining repatriated citizens finishing their quarantine at CFB Trenton and those who arrived at NAV Centre yesterday.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
- 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 is translating the two facts sheets (How to self-isolate and Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts) shared on February 20 into Simplified Chinese and will attach to an upcoming situation report once finalized.
- 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 #27: COVID-19

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February 21, 2020

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### 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**

### 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

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### **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

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## 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](mailto: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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### 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](mailto: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

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### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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

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### 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](mailto: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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