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# Situation Report #50: COVID-19

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March 15, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 15, 2020:
  - China: 80,844 cases; 3,199 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 11,171 cases; 131 deaths (South Korea - 75)
  - Europe: 51,486 cases; 2,330 deaths (Italy – 1,809)
  - Middle East: 15,378 cases; 738 deaths (Iran - 724)
  - Africa: 267 cases; 6 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 500 cases; 5 deaths
  - North America: 3,358 cases
    - United States – 3,111 cases; 62 deaths
    - Canada - 247 cases; 1 death
- 41 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 142 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 1316 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- The Minister of Health has released a statement regarding elective surgeries. This was followed by a memo from Deputy Minister Helen Angus, Dr. David Williams and Matthew Anderson (attached). The links to the statement are below:
  - EN: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/03/ontario-hospitals-asked-to-take-a-planned-approach-to-ramping-down-elective-surgeries.html>
  - FR: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/fr/2020/03/les-hopitaux-de-lontario-invites-a-adopter-une-approche-planifiee-pour-reduire-le-nombre-doperations.html>

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## Situation Report #49: COVID-19

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March 14, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 14, 2020:
  - China: 80,824 cases; 3,189 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 10,893 cases; 123 deaths (South Korea - 72)
  - Europe: 44,840 cases; 1,796 deaths (Italy – 1,441)
  - Middle East: 13,874 cases; 623 deaths (Iran - 611)
  - Africa: 154 cases; 4 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 273 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 2,875 cases
    - United States – 2,657 cases; 50 deaths
    - Canada - 218 cases; 1 death
- 22 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 101 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 939 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada announced that a third person from the Grand Princess cruise ship who is currently in quarantine at CFB Trenton has tested positive for COVID-19.

### Actions Taken:

- An initial COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool has been posted to the [Ontario Government](#) site. Individuals who suspect they have COVID-19 can consult this tool to determine whether and how to seek further care. An automated click-through version of the tool is under development.
- The ministry received a number of questions regarding the updated case definition as well as the recent announcements regarding travel:
  - The latest [case definition](#) shared yesterday clarifies that testing should continue to be conducted for individuals who are symptomatic and have travelled or have had close contact with someone who has travelled or a confirmed case. Asymptomatic individuals should not be tested. The ministry will continue to monitor and consider modifications to the testing criteria.
  - A number of travel-related announcements have been made over the past

48 hours. As this continues to be a rapidly-evolving area, the ministry will have further discussions with other jurisdictions and attempt to clarify recommendations as well as other questions (e.g. health care workers).

- The current guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Health generally requests returning travellers to self-monitor for 14 days. There are exceptions for children as well as for travellers to specific areas of concern (e.g. Hubei) who are being requested to self-isolate.

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## Situation Report #48: COVID-19

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March 13, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 13, 2020:
  - China: 80,813 cases; 3,176 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 10,401 cases; 110 deaths (South Korea - 67)
  - Europe: 34,033 cases; 1,461 deaths (Italy – 1,266)
  - Middle East: 12,217 cases; 526 deaths (Iran - 514)
  - Africa: 154 cases; 4 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 273 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 1,920 cases
    - United States – 1,762 cases; 41 deaths
    - Canada - 158 cases; 1 death
- 20 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 79 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 580 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- The Government of Canada announced that a second person from the Grand Princess cruise ship who is currently in quarantine at CFB Trenton has tested positive for COVID-19.

## Actions Taken:

- The Government of Canada has warned against all international travel. All travellers arriving in Canada from international points are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days as a precaution.
  - **The ministry revised the COVID-19 case definition to clarify who should be tested. We are asking all providers not to test asymptomatic individuals.**
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a memo (attached) discussing Enhanced Public Health measures for COVID-19. Highlights from this memo include:
  - Advising the people of Ontario to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada. If you decide to travel outside of Canada with children, they will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days upon return.
  - Similar to recent guidance for long-term care and retirement homes, all licensed child care centres are asked to actively screen children, parents, staff and visitors for any symptoms and travel history that may be related to COVID-19 based on the ministry's case definition.
  - Recommending the immediate suspension of all large events and public gatherings of over 250 people. Organizers who have questions about smaller gatherings are encouraged to contact their local public health unit.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health also issued a memo to Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Supportive Housing, Hospices and other congregate care settings on **allowing only essential visitors.**

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## Situation Report #47: COVID-19

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March 12, 2020

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### Situation:

Case counts as of March 12, 2020:

- China: 80,793 cases; 3,169 deaths
- Asia & Oceania: 10,245 cases; 102 deaths (South Korea - 62)
- Europe: 28,593 cases; 1,198 deaths (Italy – 1,016)
- Middle East: 11,055 cases; 440 deaths (Iran - 429)
- Africa: 130 cases; 3 deaths
- Latin America and Caribbean: 195 cases; 2 deaths
- North America: 1,445 cases
  - United States – 1,336 cases; 36 deaths
  - Canada - 109 cases; 1 death
- 17 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 59 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
  - All cases in Ontario so far have been travel related, with investigation ongoing to determine the source of infection for one case announced yesterday.
- In Ontario, there are 536 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- A [statement](#) was issued today indicating that, based on advice from Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the experts at the COVID-19 Command Table, the Minister of Education has issued a Ministerial Order to close all publicly funded schools in Ontario for two weeks following March break, in response to the emergence in Ontario of COVID-19. This order was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- At the 4:00pm press conference, Dr. Williams provided further guidance to Ontarians with respect to public health measures and social distancing.

#### Actions Taken:

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a directive to health care providers and health care entities on updated IPAC Recommendations for use of personal protective equipment. The directive has been attached to this Situation Report.
- Public Health Ontario has posted a technical brief *Updated IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19*.  
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en>  
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=fr>
- A status update memo to Health System Organizations and Providers on the work of the Provincial Command Table is attached to this Situation Report.
- The case definition has been updated and has been attached to this Situation Report. French translation is underway, and the ministry's [website](#) will be updated to reflect this change shortly. It is important to note that the case definition includes prioritization of who should be tested.
- 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](#)

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## Situation Report #46: COVID-19

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March 11, 2020

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### Situation:

- Case counts as of March 11, 2020:
  - China: 80,778 cases; 3,158 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 9,934 cases; 86 deaths (South Korea - 60)
  - Europe: 19,243 cases; 729 deaths (Italy - 631)
  - Middle East: 9,641 cases; 361 deaths (Iran - 354)
  - Africa: 110 cases; 2 deaths
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 124 cases; 2 deaths
  - North America: 1,107 cases
    - United States – 1,010 cases; 31 deaths
    - Canada - 97 cases; 1 death
- Five new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 41 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
  - All cases in Ontario so far have been travel related, with investigation ongoing to determine the source of infection for one case announced today.
- In Ontario, there are 465 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Today, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. Ontario continues to implement enhanced measures, as announced last week, to ensure the province is prepared to respond quickly

and effectively to any scenario.

- Four new countries/territories/areas (Réunion, Jamaica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Over 100 countries have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada [announced](#) today that one former passenger of the Grand Princess cruise ship who returned to CFB Trenton yesterday has tested positive for COVID-19.

### Actions Taken:

- Public Health Ontario developed guidance in [English](#) and [French](#) for environmental cleaning for non-health care settings.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has updated the affected areas list on their [website](#).
- A repatriation flight of Canadians from the Grand Princess cruise ship arrived at CFB Trenton yesterday. The Red Cross is providing onsite care, with EMAT providing some offsite support.
- 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.

### 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 #45: COVID-19

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March 10, 2020

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 10, 2020:
  - China: 80,775 cases; 3,136 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 9,545 cases; 75 deaths (South Korea - 54)
  - Europe: 16,153 cases; 544 deaths (Italy - 463)
  - Middle East: 8,481 cases; 296 deaths (Iran - 291)
  - Africa: 95 cases; 1 death
  - Latin America and Caribbean: 90 cases; 1 death
  - North America: 794 cases
    - United States - 722 cases; 28 deaths
    - Canada - 72 cases; 1 death
- One new case was reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 36 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 112 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- Three new countries/territories/areas (Panama, Mongolia, Burkina Faso) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- Over 100 countries have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.

## Actions Taken:

- The Government of Canada has updated their travel health notice to now include Germany, France, and Spain. Going forward, the Public Health Agency of Canada will refer to the World Health Organization Situation Reports, its list of affected areas, and will include the following language: “Health professionals in Canada who are involved in the assessment and management of possible COVID-19 cases and their close contacts are encouraged to consult these tables in the daily WHO Situation Report to help inform their decision making. The decision to proceed with laboratory testing should be based on direction provided by the provincial/territorial public health authority.”
- A repatriation flight of Canadians from the Grand Princess cruise ship arrived at CFB Trenton early this morning. The Red Cross is providing onsite care, with EMAT providing some offsite support.
- 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 #44: COVID-19**

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March 9, 2020

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**Situation:**

- Case counts as of March 9, 2020:
  - China: 80,735 cases; 3,119 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 9,387 cases; 75 deaths (South Korea - 53)
  - Europe: 12,744 cases; 419 deaths (Italy - 366)
  - Middle East: 7,586 cases; 242 deaths (Iran - 237)
  - Africa: 91 cases; 1 death

- Latin America and Caribbean: 88 cases; 1 death
- o North America: 615 cases
  - United States - 548 cases; 22 deaths
  - Canada - 67 cases; 1 death
- New cases in Ontario will be announced twice daily, at 10:30am and 5:30pm, on Ontario's [website](#). It includes relevant information about each of the new cases and this will be updated seven days a week. A news release about this change can be found [here](#).
- Three new cases was reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 34 (this includes 4 resolved cases).
- In Ontario, there are 22 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
- British Columbia has reported the first death in Canada related to COVID-19.
- Four new countries/territories/areas (Channel Islands, Paraguay, St. Barthelemy, Brunei) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- Over 100 countries have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.

#### Actions Taken:

- The Ministry of Long-Term Care has developed a memo for the long-term care homes sector that will reflect a change to active screening of visitors to these facilities. It has been attached to today's Situation Report along with new signage (English and French) for the sector to reflect these changes.
- A status update memo to Health System Organizations and Providers on the work of the Provincial Command Table is attached to this Situation Report.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada is now [recommending](#) that Canadians avoid all cruise ship travel due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. The Public Health Agency of Canada is also advising all travellers monitor their health for 14 days after arriving back in Canada.
- Information sheets have been translated into four Indigenous languages (Mohawk, Swampy Cree, Eastern Ojibway, and Oji-Cree) and will be uploaded to Ontario's [website](#) shortly.
- The Government of Canada announced repatriation flights for the 235 Canadians who are currently on the Grand Princess cruise ship. They will be flown to Canada and will spend 14 days in quarantine at CFB Trenton. The Red Cross is mobilizing to provide onsite care at the airport, with EMAT providing some offsite support.
- 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 #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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