

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

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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.

