

# Situation Report #36: COVID-19

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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.