

Situation Report #40: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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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.