

Situation Report #57: COVID-19

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Situation:

- Case counts as of March 22, 2020:
 - China: 81,054 cases; 3,261 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 16,971 cases; 239 deaths (South Korea - 104)
 - Europe: 156,595 cases; 7,881 deaths (Italy – 4,825 / Spain – 1756)
 - Middle East: 24,963; 1,604 deaths (Iran – 1,556)
 - Africa: 1,149 cases; 31 deaths
 - Latin America and Caribbean: 4,151 cases; 51 deaths
 - North America: 28,339 cases
 - United States – 27,021 cases; 344 deaths
 - Canada – 1,318 cases; 19 deaths
- 36 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 412 (this includes eight resolved cases and five deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 8360 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Ministry reminds organizations in the health system that:
 - all employees who have travelled outside of Canada should self-isolate for a period of 14 days starting from their arrival in Ontario
 - health care workers should not attend work if they are sick
 - if are particular workers who are deemed critical, by all parties, to continued operations of an organization, these groups should undergo regular screening, use of appropriate PPE and active self-monitoring.
- Ontario has issued a temporary [order](#) that would give hospitals the ability to cancel and postpone services to free-up space and valuable staff, identify staffing priorities, and develop, modify and implement redeployment plans.
- Ontario has launched a [website](#) to act as a central point for businesses and organizations who can supply emergency products and innovative solutions to support our response to Covid-19.
- Ontario has [announced](#) that some child care centres will open to enable health care and other frontline workers, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, police, and correctional officers.