

# Situation Report #2: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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## Situation:

- The presumptive confirmed case continues to be stable at Sunnybrook.
  - Toronto Public Health continues its case and contact management.
- There are 9 persons under investigation with lab test results pending. This information is updated on the Ministry [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- Updated case counts as of January 26, 2020:
  - China: 1975 cases and 56 deaths
  - Asia Region: Hong Kong (8), Thailand (6), Singapore (4), Macau (3), Japan (3), South Korea (3), Taiwan (3), Malaysia (3), Vietnam (2), Nepal (1)
  - Rest of the world: United States (4), Australia (4), France (3), Canada (1)
- China and Hong Kong continue to apply public health measures to manage the outbreak.

## Actions Taken:

- On January 26<sup>th</sup> the Federal Government held a press conference on Canada's presumptive confirmed case; the confirmation from NML is expected by January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The ministry has held multiple teleconferences with stakeholders and other ministries and provided situational updates regarding the first presumptive confirmed case.
- Website documents for the health sector are being finalized for posting.
- Development of guidance documents continues for different settings in the health system.
- Central Ambulance Communication Centres have implemented screening protocols into their daily operations.
- The ministry is currently determining the status of supply levels in the system and developing a strategy to augment availability and accessibility of personal protective equipment.
- The ministry has establishing an operational cycle for morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners and end of day situation reports.

## Next Steps:

- Finalising current guidance documents and processes.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within the health system.
- Continue to support partners in their response activities.



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## Situation Report #1: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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### Situation:

- Ontario identified a presumptive confirmed case in Toronto. This is Ontario's and Canada's first case. Testing is ongoing for persons under investigation (numbers will be updated on the ministry's website starting tomorrow).
- Case counts are rapidly evolving and the number is expected to increase.
  - Updated case counts as of January 25, 2020:
    - China: 1,287 cases (29 provinces) and 41 death
      - The media has reported a death in a 62 year old ENT surgeon (his exposure is not known at this point)
    - Asia Region: Thailand (5), Singapore (3), Vietnam (2), Hong Kong (5), Macau (2), Japan (2), South Korea (1), Taiwan (1), Nepal (1), Nepal (1), Malaysia (3),
    - Rest of the world: United States (2), France (3), Australia (4)
  - Suspected cases reported in numerous countries.
- China continues to expand public health measures including restrictions to travel and public gatherings. In addition, Hong Kong will be closing schools for an additional two weeks after lunar new year.
- Canada began enhanced screening measures at the international airports in Toronto (YYZ), Montreal (YUL), and Vancouver (YVR). Signage is posted with

information for returning travellers regarding this novel coronavirus and signs and symptoms to watch for. Further enhanced screening measures are expected.

### **Actions Taken:**

- On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the ministry issued status updates to local medical officers of health
- On January 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the ministry issued status updates to health system partners (unions, associations, regulatory colleges and LHINs/OH).
- On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the eCTAS system was updated to prompt screening in hospitals and appropriate Infection Prevention and Control precautions.
- On January 22<sup>nd</sup> the ministry provided a technical briefing to media about 2019-nCoV and announcing that the relevant regulations have been updated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to ensure all cases of novel coronaviruses are reported in Ontario.
- On January 25<sup>th</sup> the ministry held a press conference to announce the identification of a presumptive confirmed case of 2019-nCoV.
- Since early January the ministry has been undertaking advanced planning activities to support health system readiness.

### **Next Steps:**

- Finalize guidance for different settings (acute care, primary care, long-term care, home care, paramedics).
- Finalize a website for health providers with relevant guidance.
- Continue to monitor the availability of supplies and equipment within the health system and implement strategies to enhance the system's capacity where required.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within our health system.
- Support other OPS partners in their response activities.
- Formalize an operational cycle and share with partners



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