

Situation Report #24: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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Situation:

- Case counts as of February 18, 2020:
 - China: 72,436 cases; 1,868 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 817 cases; 4 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan)
 - Europe: 47 cases; 1 death (France)
 - Middle East: UAE 9 cases
 - Africa: Egypt 1 case
 - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (8 cases)
- In Ontario, there are zero persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- New signage has been attached that reflects the change in case definition to mainland China. Signs are currently in English, French and simplified Chinese.
- The ministry is currently working with local health system partners to support planning for repatriated citizens expected to arrive tentatively on Thursday 20 February morning. EMAT staff are currently mobilizing at the NAV Centre in Cornwall to support primary care and screening requirements for the repatriated who will be hosted there for 14 days under quarantine.
- Case and contact management is underway for passengers who were on board MS Westerdam and have returned to Canada via commercial routes.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges (less than 10 days of supply) with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- 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 upload them to the ministry website.