

Situation Report #4: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management
Branch

January 28, 2020

Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 28, 2020:
 - China: 4515 cases and 106 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 57 cases
 - Europe: 4 cases
 - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (3 cases)
- There are 11 persons under investigation with lab results pending. One case has been confirmed with the 2019-nCoV and a second case is presumptive confirmed. This information is updated on the ministry [website](#) daily at 10:30am.
- Confirmatory results on the presumptive confirmed case announced on January 27th are still pending from the National Microbiology Laboratory.
 - Several health units are involved in case and contact management.
- British Columbia announced its first presumptive case of 2019-nCoV on January 28 in a BC resident who had recently returned from Wuhan, China.
- The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised travellers to avoid all non-essential travel to China.

Actions Taken:

- The initial guidance document for Primary Care Providers is attached. It will be posted on the ministry's website after the website goes live (see below).
- Guidance documents for other sectors are in progress and are proceeding as quickly as possible.
- The ministry's website for health workers and healthcare employers is undergoing translation and the website should be live shortly.
- Signage to support screening of patients and visitors is attached. Translation into simplified Chinese is underway.
- The ministry hosts morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners (9:00am, M-F), and is providing daily end of day Situation Reports.
- The ministry continues to answer a high volume of media and stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:

- Following a meeting of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, the ministry will be making a change to the case definition to reflect **Hubei province**. This will require changes to existing screening recommendations. Formal changes will follow.
- Finalizing 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 #2: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)

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January 26, 2020

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 26th the Federal Government held a press conference on Canada's presumptive confirmed case; the confirmation from NML is expected by January 27th.
- 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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January 25, 2020

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 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 10th and 23rd the ministry issued status updates to local medical officers of health
- On January 10th and 23rd the ministry issued status updates to health system partners (unions, associations, regulatory colleges and LHINs/OH).
- On January 6th, 10th and 23rd the eCTAS system was updated to prompt screening in hospitals and appropriate Infection Prevention and Control precautions.
- On January 22nd 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 25th 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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