

# Situation Report #34: COVID-19

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of February 28, 2020:
  - - China: 78,832 cases; 2,788 deaths
    - Asia & Oceania: 3,624 cases; 28 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong (2), Japan (5), Taiwan, Diamond Princess (6), South Korea (13))
    - Europe: 1092 cases; 23 deaths (France (2), Italy (21))
    - Middle East: 508 cases; 34 deaths (Iran)
    - Africa: 3 cases
    - South America: 1 case
    - North America: United States (60 cases), Canada (15 cases), Mexico (2)
  - In Ontario, there are 22 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
  - Ontario announced a new presumed positive case (Ontario's 7<sup>th</sup>) today in an individual who had recently travelled to Iran. The established infection prevention and control protocols were initiated; the patient was cared for at the hospital using all appropriate precautions, including being isolated while tested. The individual was discharged home and, per protocols, went into self-isolation at home. Case and contact management is ongoing to follow-up on potential exposures to this case.
  - To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.

## Actions Taken:

- The ministry's [website](#) has been updated with the most recent case definition. Please use this case definition with the published guidance documents; future updates to the guidance documents are ongoing.

- Future scenario planning, including pandemic, is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders. 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.
- Planning continues with federal and local partners to manage travellers from the Diamond Princess who did not return to Canada on the repatriation flight.

### **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.