

# Situation Report #37: COVID-19

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 2, 2020:
  - - China: 80,026 cases; 2,912 deaths
    - Asia & Oceania: 5,714 cases; 45 deaths (South Korea - 26)
    - Europe: 2,634 cases; 55 deaths (Italy - 52)
    - Middle East: 1,686 cases; 66 deaths (Iran - 66)
    - Africa: 8 cases
    - South America: 8 cases
    - North America:
      - - United States - 91 cases; 2 deaths
        - Canada - 24 cases
        - Mexico - 5 cases
        - Dominican Republic - 1 case
  - Six new countries reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
  - In Ontario, there are 12 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
  - To date, there are no COVID-19 positive cases among the repatriated Canadians in quarantine at the NAV Centre.
  - Today, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, announced Ontario is implementing an enhanced response structure that formally brings together a wide range of partners to review, strengthen and implement provincial and regional plans and ensure their responsiveness to the specifics of COVID-19. See [News Release](#) for more information.

## Actions Taken:

- The Public Health Agency of Canada has released [guidance](#) for schools (k-12) and childcare programs (COVID-19).

- 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 is currently underway amongst provincial partners and stakeholders at regional levels and within many sectors. 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.