

# Situation Report #49: COVID-19

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## Situation:

- Case counts as of March 14, 2020:
  - - China: 80,824 cases; 3,189 deaths
    - Asia & Oceania: 10,893 cases; 123 deaths (South Korea - 72)
    - Europe: 44,840 cases; 1,796 deaths (Italy – 1,441)
    - Middle East: 13,874 cases; 623 deaths (Iran - 611)
    - Africa: 154 cases; 4 deaths
    - Latin America and Caribbean: 273 cases; 2 deaths
    - North America: 2,875 cases
      - - United States – 2,657 cases; 50 deaths
        - Canada - 218 cases; 1 death
  - 22 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 101 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
  - In Ontario, there are 939 persons under investigation with lab results pending.
  - The Government of Canada announced that a third person from the Grand Princess cruise ship who is currently in quarantine at CFB Trenton has tested positive for COVID-19.

## Actions Taken:

- An initial COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool has been posted to the [Ontario Government](#) site. Individuals who suspect they have COVID-19 can consult this tool to determine whether and how to seek further care. An automated click-through version of the tool is under development.
- The ministry received a number of questions regarding the updated case definition as well as the recent announcements regarding travel:
  - - The latest [case definition](#) shared yesterday clarifies that testing should continue to be conducted for individuals who are symptomatic and have travelled or have had close contact with someone who has travelled or a confirmed case. Asymptomatic individuals should not be tested. The ministry will continue to monitor and consider modifications to the testing criteria.
    - A number of travel-related announcements have been made over the past 48 hours. As this continues to be a rapidly-evolving area, the ministry will have further discussions with other jurisdictions and attempt to clarify recommendations as well as other questions (e.g. health care workers).
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- The current guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Health generally requests returning travellers to self-monitor for 14 days. There are exceptions for children as well as for travellers to specific areas of concern (e.g. Hubei) who are being requested to self-isolate.