

Situation Report #50: COVID-19

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Situation:

- Case counts as of March 15, 2020:
 - - China: 80,844 cases; 3,199 deaths
 - Asia & Oceania: 11,171 cases; 131 deaths (South Korea - 75)
 - Europe: 51,486 cases; 2,330 deaths (Italy – 1,809)
 - Middle East: 15,378 cases; 738 deaths (Iran - 724)
 - Africa: 267 cases; 6 deaths
 - Latin America and Caribbean: 500 cases; 5 deaths
 - North America: 3,358 cases
 - - United States – 3,111 cases; 62 deaths
 - Canada - 247 cases; 1 death
 - 41 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 142 (this includes 5 resolved cases).
 - In Ontario, there are 1316 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- The Minister of Health has released a statement regarding elective surgeries. This was followed by a memo from Deputy Minister Helen Angus, Dr. David Williams and Matthew Anderson (attached). The links to the statement are below:
 - - EN: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/03/ontario-hospitals-asked-to-take-a-planned-approach-to-ramping-down-elective-surgeries.html>
 - FR: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/fr/2020/03/les-hopitaux-de-lontario-invites-a-adopter-une-approche-planifiee-pour-reduire-le-nombre-doperations.html>