

# Situation Report #61: COVID-19

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## Situation:

Case count as of March 26, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Worldwide total</b>	<b>487,257</b>	<b>+56,994</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>+2,479</b>
Europe	261,963	+35,052	14,673	+1,950
China	81,285	+67	3,287	+06
Middle East	37,717	+3,223	2,326	+165
Asia & Oceania	22,948	+1,796	366	+35
Africa	2,645	+392	71	+12
Latin America and Caribbean	8,639	+1,724	146	+36
North America	72,060	+14,740	1,076	+275
United States	68,481	+14,053	1,041	+268
Canada	3,849	+957	35	+07

- 170 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 858 (this includes eight resolved cases and 13 deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 10,965 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- In order to increase capacity in the health system, the ministry has given general approval to all public hospitals under subsection 4(2) of the Public Hospitals Act to operate and use an institution, building or other premises or place (“premises”) for the purposes of a hospital, provided that certain conditions are met. Further details can be found in the attached memo.