

# Situation Report #62: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management  
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## Situation:

| Case count as of March 27, 2020    |                |                       |               |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Area                               | Case count     | Change from yesterday | Deaths        | Change from yesterday |
| <b>Worldwide total</b>             | <b>538,698</b> | <b>+51,441</b>        | <b>24,233</b> | <b>+2,288</b>         |
| <b>Europe</b>                      | 286,834        | +24,871               | 16,399        | +1,726                |
| <b>China</b>                       | 81,340         | +55                   | 3,292         | +05                   |
| <b>Middle East</b>                 | 43,074         | +5,357                | 2,518         | +192                  |
| <b>Asia &amp; Oceania</b>          | 24,332         | +1,384                | 414           | +48                   |
| <b>Africa</b>                      | 3,357          | +712                  | 92            | +21                   |
| <b>Latin America and Caribbean</b> | 10,090         | +1,451                | 182           | +36                   |
| <b>North America</b>               | 89,671         | +17,611               | 1,336         | +260                  |
| <b>United States</b>               | 85,498         | +17,017               | 1,297         | +256                  |
| <b>Canada</b>                      | 4,173          | +594                  | 39            | +04                   |

- 130 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 993 (this includes eight resolved cases and 18 deaths).
- In Ontario, there are 10,074 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

## Actions Taken:

- The Ontario Pharmacists Association, Ontario Medical Association, and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario have sent out a joint letter to Ontario's doctors, nurse practitioners and pharmacists regarding inappropriate prescribing of unproven therapies. It can be accessed [here](#).
- The Quick Reference document on Testing and Clearance has been updated and is available on the ministry [website](#). This updated version includes additional detail around clearing health care workers to return to work.
- A new Guidance document with information on the use of N95 filtering face respirators beyond the manufacturer-designated shelf life has been created. It is attached in today's Situation Report.
- The Command Table met today, and a letter with a summary of the discussion has been attached.