

Situation Report #65: COVID-19

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Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. March 30, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	729,829	+20,185	34,594	+1,076
Europe	391,703	+10,089	24,765	+832
China	81,470	+31	3,304	+04
Middle East	57,616	+428	2,870	+06
Asia & Oceania	29,549	+786	538	+15
Africa	4,695	+521	144	+15
Latin America and Caribbean	14,814	+676	342	+36
North America	149,982	+7,654	2,631	+168
United States	143,724	+7,232	2,566	+166
Canada	6,258	+422	65	0

- 351 new cases were reported [today](#) in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 1,706 (this includes 431 resolved cases and 23 deaths).
 - Reporting has changed, and Ontario case counts are recorded in the province's integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) and data is pulled at 4:00 p.m. the previous day. Updates to the [website](#) will now be provided once a day at 10:30 a.m.
 - In Ontario, a total of 48,461 people have been tested, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories.

Actions Taken:

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a [statement](#) to Ontarians recommending that individuals over 70 years of age self-isolate, and urging all Ontarians to continue adhering to physical distancing and to remain at home.
- Changes were made to the case definition including, clarifying swabbing requirements, simplifying laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, and

eliminating repeat testing to clear certain cases managed at home.(See attached)

- New guidance documents for Talking to Children About the Pandemic, Funeral and Bereavement Services, as well as new resources for Ontarians Experiencing Mental Health and Addictions Issues have been developed and uploaded to the ministry [website](#).
- A new link to the PPE survey was shared [today](#). Acute care hospitals should continue to report PPE requirements through the Daily Bed Census only.
- There was a [joint statement](#) between government and the Ontario Nurses' Association issued on health and safety measures in hospitals.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued Directive 5 for public hospitals (attached).
- Several directives have been updated [today](#) that are attached to [today's](#) Situation Report.
 - - Directive 1 to Health Care Providers (minor updates): This replaces the directive issued on [March 12](#) to reflect language changes in Directive 5.
 - Directive 3 to Long-Term Care Homes (significant updates): This replaces the directive issued on [March 22](#), 2020 to reflect language changes in Directive 5 and clarify additional recommendation around screening and outbreak management.
 - Directive 4 to Paramedic Services (minor updates): This replaces the directive issues on [March 24](#) to reflect language changes in Directive 5.
- The Command Table met [today](#), and a letter with a summary of the discussion has been attached.