

# Situation Report #74: COVID-19

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## Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. April 8, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
<b>Worldwide total</b>	<b>1,447,051</b>	<b>+99,133</b>	<b>83,130</b>	<b>+8,396</b>
Europe	720,660	+45,704	58,317	+5,642
China	83,783	+188	3,333	+02
Middle East	122,077	+9,912	4,981	+359
Asia & Oceania	51,404	+3,060	1,173	+120
Africa	10,667	+884	534	+59
Latin America and Caribbean	39,417	+3,878	1,574	+236
North America	419,043	+35,507	13,218	+1,978
<b>United States</b>	401,146	+34,277	12,837	+1,920
<b>Canada</b>	17,897	+1,230	381	+58

- 550 new cases were reported today in Ontario, bringing the cumulative total to 5,276 (this includes 2,074 resolved cases and 174 deaths).
- In Ontario, a total of 84,601 people have been tested, with tests performed at Public Health Ontario Laboratories and non-Public Health Laboratories. There are currently 1,102 tests under investigation.
- 605 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; 246 are in ICU; and 195 are in ICU on a ventilator.

## Actions Taken:

- A testing guidance update, with a focus on testing of vulnerable populations, as well as health care workers and first responders.
- Updated CMOH Directive #3 to strengthen screening, testing and outbreak management in long-term care homes.
- Webinars were held on April 1, 2020 to share with public health units (PHUs) and long-term care homes (LTCHs) the best practices and guidance on infection prevention and control in LTCHs relating to COVID-19. A recording of the PHU session can be found [here](#) and a recording of the LTCH session can be found [here](#). Additionally, the ministry's guidance to LTCHs can be found on the

ministry's [website](#) and a foundational document on control of respiratory infections in long-term care homes can be found [here](#).

- The Command Table met today; a summary of the meeting is attached.