Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Public Health Agencies

Public Health Agency of Canada | canada.ca

- **2019 novel coronavirus: outbreak update**
  - **August 27, 2020, 19:00 EDT**, 126,848 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Canada. 9,102 people have died of COVID-19. Individuals tested: 5,294,012.
  - **August 26, 2020, 19:00 EDT**, 126,417 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Canada. 9,094 people have died of COVID-19. Individuals tested: 5,246,341.
  - **August 25, 2020, 19:00 EDT**, 125,969 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Canada. 9,090 people have died of COVID-19. Individuals tested: 5,205,086.

- **Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada [08-27-2020]**
  - “If we don’t all maintain recommended public health practices, we could quickly move out of the slow burn safe zone into uncontrolled epidemic growth. Keeping the slow burn is not something public health can do alone. In addition to physical distancing, frequent handwashing and wearing of non-medical masks, where appropriate, we must all keep our number of contacts low. With COVID-19 circulating across Canada and worldwide, an exposure can occur at any time and in any place. Fewer contacts means that when an exposure does occur, the work of testing and isolating cases and tracing and quarantining contacts to interrupt transmission and keep the overall infection rate low does not become unmanageable for local public health authorities. Everyone has a part to play; we are all firefighters in keeping COVID-19 at a slow burn. There are tried and true public health practices that will keep us on the slow burn, but they are only assured to work if we all remain vigilant and don’t give in to “COVID fatigue”.”

- **Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada [08-26-2020]**
- **COVID-19 information**: 1-833-784-4397

BC Centre for Disease Control | bccdc.ca

- **Notice of the Provincial Health Officer to Report Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children and Adolescents (MIS-C) [08-27-2020]**
- **Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community [updated 08-27-2020]**
- **Information for health care providers on testing asymptomatic individuals for COVID-19 [08-26-2020]**
- **Appropriate personal protective equipment poster [08-24-2020]**

Institut national de santé publique | inspq.qc.ca

- **COVID-19: delivery workers - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]**
- **COVID-19: shops and stores - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]**
- **COVID-19 symptom-based screening questionnaire [08-21-2020]**
COVID-19: agricultural workers in crop and livestock production - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]
COVID-19: meat slaughter industry - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]
COVID-19: police and security agencies - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]
COVID-19: marine products processing industry - preventive measures in the workplace [08-21-2020]

International (outside of Canada)

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | cdc.gov

- Update: coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.
  - Total cases: 5,845,876 total deaths: 180,165 [updated 08-27-2020]
  - Total cases: 5,799,046 total deaths: 178,998 [updated 08-27-2020]
  - Total cases: 5,752,653 total deaths: 177,759 [updated 08-26-2020]
- State, territorial, local and tribal health department search [08-28-2020]
- Data on COVID-19 during pregnancy [08-27-2020]
- Cases & deaths by county [08-27-2020]
- Contact tracing for COVID-19 [08-27-2020]
- COVID-19 forecasts: hospitalizations [08-27-2020]
- Cases, data, and surveillance [08-27-2020]
- Considerations for use of SARS-CoV-2 antigen testing in nursing homes [08-27-2020]
- Interim operational considerations for public health management of healthcare workers exposed to or infected with COVID-19: non-US healthcare settings [08-27-2020]
- Worker safety and support [08-27-2020]
- Previous forecasts of total deaths [08-27-2020]
- Investigating a COVID-19 case [08-27-2020]
- People with moderate to severe asthma [08-27-2020]
- Notification of exposure: a contact tracer's guide for COVID-19 [08-27-2020]
- About masks [08-27-2020]
- Dr. Robert R. Redfield statement on “Preventing and mitigating SARS-CoV-2 transmission — four overnight camps, Maine, June–August 2020” [08-26-2020]
- Preparing K-12 school administrators for a safe return to school in fall 2020 [08-26-2020]
- Operational considerations for adapting a contact tracing program to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic [08-26-2020]
- Investigating the impact of COVID-19 during pregnancy [08-26-2020]
- Worker safety and support [08-26-2020]
- What utility workers need to know about COVID-19 [08-26-2020]
- Contact tracing: frequently asked questions for health departments [08-26-2020]
- Community mitigation (non-US settings) [08-25-2020]
- Health departments [08-25-2020]
- Toolkit for people 15 to 21 [08-25-2020]
- Travel during the COVID-19 pandemic [08-25-2020]
• Businesses and workplaces [08-25-2020]

ECDC: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control | ecdc.europa.eu
• Situation update for EU/EEA, and the UK
  o As of 28 August 2020, 2 141 538 cases and 181 291 deaths of COVID-19 have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK.
  o As of 27 August 2020, 2 120 207 cases and 181 129 deaths of COVID-19 have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK.
• Download today’s data on the geographic distribution of COVID-19 cases worldwide [updated regularly]

FDA: U.S. Food & Drug Administration | fda.gov
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: daily roundup [updated regularly]
• COVID-19 update: FDA warns consumers about hand sanitizer packaged in food and drink containers [08-27-2020]
• COVID-19 update: FDA authorizes first diagnostic test where results can be read directly from testing card [08-26-2020]
• FDA insight: drug shortages and COVID-19: podcast [08-25-2020]
• FDA issues emergency use authorization for convalescent plasma as potential promising COVID–19 treatment, another achievement in administration’s fight against pandemic [08-24-2020]

Public Health England | www.gov.uk
• PHE data series on deaths in people with COVID-19: technical summary [08-27-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19): admission and care of people in care homes [08-27-2020]
• COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC) [updated 08-21-2020]
• COVID-19: reducing transmission – what you can do to help [updated 08-20-2020]
• COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings [08-18-2020]

World Health Organization (WHO) | who.int
• Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) weekly epidemiological update [08-24-2020]
• New WHO technical package to help countries improve health data for COVID-19 response and beyond [08-27-2020]
• COVID-19 Essential supplies forecasting tool [08-26-2020]
• Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) weekly operational update [08-21-2020]
• Immunising the public against misinformation [08-25-2020]
• Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines [08-25-2020]
• 172 countries and multiple candidate vaccines engaged in COVID-19 vaccine Global Access Facility [08-24-2020]
• WHO Director-General’s opening remarks at the Member State briefing on COVID-19 [08-27-2020]
  o “Since 1996, almost 9 billion polio vaccines have been delivered in Africa, up to 1.8 million cases of wild polio have been averted, and up to 180,000 lives have been saved
The investments we have all made have not only helped to end polio. They have also helped to strengthen health systems, providing vital infrastructure and health workers to respond to other crises including Ebola and COVID-19.

The end of wild poliovirus in Africa is a momentous achievement that demonstrates what is possible when we come together in a spirit of solidarity.

That same spirit of solidarity between nations is essential to bring the COVID-19 pandemic under control.”

- WHO Director-General’s opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 [08-24-2020]
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) press briefings [audio posted first; transcripts posted later]
- Timeline: WHO’s COVID-19 response [updated regularly]
- EPI-WIN: WHO information network for epidemics [updated regularly]
- Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) dashboard [updated regularly]

Other relevant government bodies / health care organizations

- Government of Canada
  - Helping people who use substances during the COVID-19 pandemic [updated 08-21-2020]
- Health Canada
  - Database – COVID-19 exposures: flights, cruise ships, mass gatherings [updated regularly]
- Statistics Canada
  - COVID-19: a data perspective — updated regularly
  - Provisional death counts and excess mortality, January 2019 to June 2020 [08-28-2020]
  - Impacts of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities [08-27-2020]
  - Older Canadians and university graduates likeliest to get tested for COVID-19 and vaccinated [08-25-2020]
- ISDA – Infectious Diseases Society of America

Research Institutes

Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis | imperial.ac.uk/mrc-global-infectious-disease-analysis/
- REACT-2 study of coronavirus antibodies: June 2020 results [08-14-2020]

CIDRAP: Center for Infectious Disease Research Policy | cidrap.umn.edu
- FDA OKs COVID-19 rapid test; CDC talks testing guidance [08-27-2020]
- India surge pushes global COVID-19 total higher [08-27-2020]
- Studies detail conjunctivitis in kids, adults with COVID-19 [08-27-2020]
- Experts question CDC changes to COVID-19 testing guidance [08-26-2020]
National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health | ncceh.ca

- August environmental health research scan with COVID-19 sections [08-19-2020]
- Special edition: COVID-19 research scan: the first scan covers articles compiled from March 1 - April 2, 2020, a second scan covers April 2 - April 20, a third scan covers April 23 - May 8, and a fourth scan covers May 9 – June 3.

ProMED | promedmail.org

- Latest on COVID-19 [individual posts]
- COVID-19 update (374): animal, ferret, research, epidemiology [08-25-2020]

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COVID-19 resources (case counts) | arcgis.com

- Canada COVID-19

COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group | COVID-19 CODWG

- COVID-19 in Canada (case count dashboard)

Johns Hopkins CCSE | systems.jhu.edu

- 2019-nCoV Global Cases (by Johns Hopkins CSSE) [real-time tracking]
- Resetting our response: changes needed in the US approach to COVID-19 [07-29-2020]

NextStrain | nextstrain.org

- Phylogeny of SARS-like betacoronaviruses including novel coronavirus (nCoV) [real-time tracking]
- Genomic epidemiology of novel coronavirus (nCoV) [real-time tracking]
- Genomic analysis of nCoV spread. Situation report 2020-01-30 [real-time tracking]

Guidelines and Technical Documents (updated weekly)

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- Canadian guidance (federal)
Case Definitions/Background Information

Ontario Ministry of Health

- [Ontario Case definition for novel coronavirus (COVID-19)](#) [08-06-2020]

PHAC

- [Interim national case definition for COVID-19](#) [04-02-2020]
- [COVID-19 case report form](#) [03-03-2020]

WHO

- [WHO COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Progress Report - 1 February to 30 June 2020](#) [08-03-2020]
- [Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19](#) [07-29-2020]
- [Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: implications for infection prevention precautions](#) [updated 07-09-2020]
- [Population-based age-stratified seroepidemiological investigation protocol for COVID-19 virus infection](#) [05-26-2020]
- [Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: Interim guidance.](#) [04-15-2020]
- [Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19: Interim guidance](#) [04-02-2020]
- [Critical preparedness, readiness and response actions for COVID-19: Interim guidance](#) [updated 06-24-2020]

CDC

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): 2020 Interim Case Definition, Approved April 5, 2020](#)

ECDC

- [Case definition and European surveillance for COVID-19, as of 29 May 2020](#) [05-29-2020]
- [Guidance for health system contingency planning during widespread transmission of SARS-CoV-2 with high impact on healthcare services](#) [03-17-2020]

UK

- [COVID-19: background information](#) [updated regularly]

Australia

- [What you need to know about coronavirus (COVID-19)](#) [updated regularly]

Other

- BMJ Best Practice [COVID-19](#) [updated regularly]

Laboratories

Ontario Ministry of Health

- [COVID-19 Provincial testing guidance update V. 7.1](#) [08-14-2020]
- [Community labs and specimen collection centres: Version 3](#) [03-29-2020]
PHAC

- National laboratory testing indication guidance for COVID-19 [modified 05-27-2020]
- Requirements for serological antibody tests submitted under the COVID-19 interim order: guidance [updated 04-28-2020]
- Biosafety advisory [modified 06-30-2020]

WHO

- Laboratory biosafety guidance related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [revised 05-13-2020]
- Assessment tool for laboratories implementing COVID-19 virus testing: interim guidance [04-08-2020]
- Scientific brief: advice on the use of point-of-care immunodiagnostic tests for COVID-19 [04-08-2020]

CDC

- How to report COVID-19 laboratory data [updated 08-17-2020]
- Information for Laboratories about Coronavirus (COVID-19) [updated 08-16-2020]
- Guidance for general laboratory safety practices during the COVID-19 pandemic [08-15-2020]
- Frequently asked questions on COVID-19 testing at laboratories [updated 08-15-2020]
- Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) [updated 08-11-2020]
- Interim guidelines for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens from patients under investigation (PUIs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) [updated 07-08-2020]
- Resources for Laboratories Working on Coronavirus (COVID-19) [updated 07-23-2020]
- Lab update: laboratory biosafety COVID-19 frequently asked questions [reviewed 03-20-2020]

UK

- COVID-19: guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories [updated 07-16-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance for taking swab samples [updated 07-02-2020]

Australia

- PHLN guidance on laboratory testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) [updated 08-13-2020]
- PHLN guidance on microbiological laboratory infection control measures for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) [updated 04-16-2020]
- PHLN statement on point-of-care serology testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) [03-22-2020]

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- Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Canada [modified 07-20-2020]
- COVID-19 and people with disabilities in Canada [modified 08-17-2020]

Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

WHO
- Considerations for quarantine of contacts of COVID-19 cases [08-19-2020]
- Practical actions in cities to strengthen preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond [07-17-2020]
- Investing in and building longer-term health emergency preparedness during the COVID-19 pandemic [07-06-2020]
- Preparedness for cyclones, tropical storms, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes during the COVID-19 pandemic [06-29-2020]
- Considerations on Indigenous Peoples, Afro-Descendants, and Other Ethnic Groups during the COVID-19 Pandemic, 4 June 2020 [06-04-2020]
- Policy Brief: COVID-19 and People on the Move [06-00-2020]
- Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak: Interim guidance [05-29-2020]
- Overview of public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: Interim guidance [05-18-2020]
- COVID-19 SMS message library [04-28-2020]
- COVID-19: How to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement Update #1 [04-22-2020]
- Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: Interim guidance [04-15-2020]
- Home care for patients with suspected novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection presenting with mild symptoms and management of contacts: Interim guidance [03-13-2020]

CDC
- Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (Interim Guidance) [updated 08-10-2020]
Public Health Guidance for Potential COVID-19 Exposure Associated with International Travel or Cruise Travel [reviewed 08-06-2020]

Managing Investigations During an Outbreak [reviewed 07-31-2020]

Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure [reviewed 07-31-2020]

Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings: Interim guidance [reviewed 07-20-2020]

Strategies for optimizing the supply of PPE and equipment [reviewed 07-16-2020]

RRT composition: COVID-19 considerations [06-28-2020]

Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) [updated 06-28-2020]

Wildfire Smoke and COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions and Resources for Air Resource Advisors and Other Environmental Health Professionals [reviewed 06-05-2020]

Guidance for group homes for individuals with disabilities [updated 05-30-2020]

Special Considerations for Health Departments [reviewed 05-26-2020]

Interim Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People With COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals [reviewed 05-15-2020]

Infection Prevention and Control Considerations for Alternate Care Sites [reviewed 04-24-2020]

Interim Infection Control Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings [updated 04-10-2020]

ECDC

Conducting in-action and after-action reviews of the public health response to COVID-19 [06-04-2020]

Guidance on community engagement for public health events caused by communicable disease threats in the EU/EEA [02-13-2020]

UK

Search criteria for highest risk patients for shielding, version 4.0 [05-11-2020]

Australia

CDNA National guidelines for public health units [updated 08-24-2020]

Other

Public health ethics and COVID-19: selected resources – National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy [updated 05-26-2020]


Data & Surveillance

Canada
• **Interim national surveillance guidelines for coronavirus disease (COVID-19)** [modified 02-19-2020]

**WHO**

• **WHO COVID-19 Essential Supplies Forecasting Tool (ESFT)** [08-26-2020]
• **Public health surveillance for COVID-19: interim guidance** [08-07-2020]
• **Status of environmental surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 virus – scientific brief** [08-07-2020]
• **Global surveillance of COVID-19: WHO process for reporting aggregated data** [08-07-2020]
• **Estimating mortality from COVID-19** [08-04-2020]
• **Surveillance strategies for COVID-19 human infection. Update 29** [06-05-2020]
  - Access the Annex 1: Considerations for public health and social measures in the workplace in the context of COVID-19 [05-10-2020]
  - Access the Annex 2: Considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19 [05-10-2020]
  - Access the Annex 3: Public health criteria to adjust public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 [05-12-2020]
• **Surveillance protocol for SARS-CoV-2 infection among health workers** [05-28-2020]
• **FAQ: COVID-19 Essential Supplies Forecasting Tool** [04-25-2020]

**CDC**

• **Large-scale geographic seroprevalence surveys** [updated 08-14-2020]

**ECDC**

• **Case definition and European surveillance for COVID-19, as of 29 May 2020** [05-29-2020]
• **Strategies for the surveillance of COVID-19** [04-09-2020]

**Testing/Symptoms/Treatment**

**Ontario Ministry of Health**

• **COVID-19 Provincial testing guidance update V. 7.1** [08-14-2020]
• **Quick reference public health guidance on testing and clearance: Version 9.0** [updated 07-29-2020]

**Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)**

• **BC COVID-19: Viral Testing Guidelines for British Columbia** [08-07-2020]
• **BC Antibody testing (serology) page** [no date]
• **BC Guideline for the appropriate use of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Antibody (Serology) Testing** [08-14-2020]

**CDC**

• **Overview of Testing for SARS-CoV-2** [reviewed 08-24-2020]
• **Duration of isolation and precautions for adults with COVID-19** [08-16-2020]
Case Investigation & Contact Tracing

Canada
- Public health management of cases and contacts associated with COVID-19 [modified 07-13-2020]

WHO
- Ethical considerations to guide the use of digital proximity tracking technologies for COVID-19 contact tracing [05-28-2020]
- Contact tracing in the context of COVID-19: Interim guidance [05-10-2020]
- Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19 [04-02-2020]
- The First Few X (FFX) Cases and contact investigation protocol for 2019-novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) infection [01-29-2020]

CDC
- Operational Considerations for Adapting a Contact Tracing Program to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic [updated 08-26-2020]
- Contact tracing resources [updated 08-20-2020]
- When to Initiate Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Activities [reviewed 05-26-2020]
- Training Case Investigators and Contact Tracers [reviewed 05-26-2020]
- Scaling Up Staffing Roles in Case Investigation and Contact Tracing [reviewed 07-24-2020]
• Interim Guidance on Developing a COVID-19 Case Investigation & Contact Tracing Plan: Overview [reviewed 05-26-2020]
• Digital Contact Tracing Tools [reviewed 05-26-2020]

ECDC
• Considerations relating to passenger locator data, entry and exit screening and health declarations in the context of COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK [06-12-2020]
• Mobile applications in support of contact tracing for COVID-19 - A guidance for EU EEA Member States [06-10-2020]
• Contact tracing for COVID-19: current evidence, options for scale-up and an assessment of resources needed [05-05-2020]
• Contact tracing: Public health management of persons, including healthcare workers, having had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union - second update [04-09-2020]

Infection Prevention and Control

PHAC / Health Canada
• Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19: Interim Guidance for Home Care Settings [modified 08-14-2020]
• COVID-19 medical masks and N95 respirators: Overview [modified 08-25-2020]
• Guidance for influenza vaccine delivery in the presence of COVID-19 [08-05-2020]
• Infection prevention and control for COVID-19: Interim guidance for outpatient and ambulatory care settings [modified 05-23-2020]
• Interim guidance on continuity of immunization programs during the COVID-19 pandemic [modified 05-13-2020]

Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)
• BC COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations for Endotracheal Intubation of Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Patients in Critical Care and Emergency Departments [updated 07-23-2020]
• QC COVID-19: Collection, Disinfection and Storage Processes for Single-Use N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators [07-08-2020]

WHO
• Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 [07-29-2020]
• Infection prevention and control during health care when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is suspected or confirmed [06-29-2020]
• Framework for decision-making: implementation of mass vaccination campaigns in the context of COVID-19 [05-20-2020]

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• Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and considerations during severe shortages [04-06-2020]
• Guide to local production of WHO-recommended Handrub Formulations [updated 04-00-2010]
• Infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected [03-19-2020]

CDC

• Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hand Hygiene in Schools: A Toolkit for School Administrators [updated 08-08-2020]
• Implementing Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) Reuse, Including Reuse after Decontamination, When There Are Known Shortages of N95 Respirators [04-04-2020]
• Strategies for Release of Stockpiled N95s Beyond the Manufacturer-Designated Shelf Life [updated 07-20-2020]
• Optimizing the Supply of Eye Protection [07-15-2020]
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• Guidance for pharmacies [06-28-2020]
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• Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes [reviewed 06-25-2020]
• Considerations for Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings [updated 05-20-2020]
• Reopening guidance for cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes [reviewed 05-07-2020]
• Interim infection control guidance on COVID-19 for personnel at blood and plasma collection facilities [reviewed 04-29-2020]
• Infection prevention and control considerations for alternate care sites [reviewed 04-24-2020]
• Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-emergency Transport Vehicles: Interim Recommendations for U.S. Non-emergency Transport Vehicles that May Have Transported Passengers with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) [04-14-2020]
• Personal protective equipment (PPE) burn rate calculator [reviewed 04-07-2020]

ECDC

• Infection prevention and control and preparedness for COVID-19 in healthcare settings-fourth update [07-03-2020]
• Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems in the context of COVID-19 [06-22-2020]
• COVID-19 infection prevention and control for primary care, including general practitioner practices, dental clinics and pharmacy settings [06-09-2020]
• Options for the decontamination and reuse of respirators in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic [06-08-2020]
• Considerations for infection prevention and control measures on public transport in the context of COVID-19 [04-29-2020]
• Infection prevention and control in the household management of people with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [03-31-2020]
• Cloth masks and mask sterilisation as options in case of shortage of surgical masks and respirators [03-26-2020]
• Disinfection of environments in healthcare and non-healthcare settings potentially contaminated with SARS-CoV-2 [03-26-2020]
• Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 [02-28-2020]
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UK
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• COVID-19 Outbreak checklist [05-29-2020]
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Australia
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Ontario
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Canada (federal) and provinces and territories (other than Ontario)
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Ontario Ministry of Health

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Canada

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Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

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WHO
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CDC
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• Discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and disposition of patients with COVID-19 in healthcare settings (interim guidance) [updated 08-10-2020]
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• Interim clinical guidance for management of patients with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [updated 06-30-2020]
• Considerations for inpatient obstetric healthcare settings [updated 05-20-2020]
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• Information for clinicians on therapeutic options for COVID-19 patients [updated 04-25-2020]
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**ECDC**

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- Checklist for hospitals preparing for the reception and care of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) patients [02-26-2020]

**UK**

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- Coronavirus (COVID-19): hospital discharge service requirements [05-13-2020]

**Australia**

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Ontario Ministry of Health

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CDC

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UK

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Other

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Canada

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WHO

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): 08/28/2020

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- **Investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases at homeless service provider sites** [updated 08-06-2020]
- **Living in Shared Housing** [updated 07-30-2020]
- **Coronavirus disease 2019: guidance for correctional & detention facilities** [reviewed 07-22-2020]
- **Standardized procedure for broad-based testing for SARS-CoV-2 in congregate settings: Considerations for health departments and healthcare providers** [06-27-2020]
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- **Interim guidance for general population disaster shelters during the COVID-19 pandemic** [06-23-2020]

**UK**

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- **COVID-19: Information and guidance for care home settings: version 1.6** [08-04-2020]
- **COVID-19: guidance for hostels or day centres for people rough sleeping** [08-07-2020]
- **COVID-19: admission and care of people in care homes** [updated 08-14-2020]
- **COVID-19: how to work safely in care homes** [updated 07-20-2020]
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) and prisons: Guidance about visiting prisons during the coronavirus outbreak** [updated 08-07-2020]
- **Infection prevention and control and surveillance for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in prisons in EU/EEA countries and the UK** [07-03-2020]
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- **Guidance on infection prevention and control of COVID-19 in migrant and refugee reception and detention centres in the EU/EEA and the UK** [06-15-2020]
- **COVID-19: National Framework for Prison Regimes and Services** [06-02-2020]

**Australia**

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- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines for infection prevention and control in residential care facilities** [updated 07-24-2020]
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines for outbreaks in residential care facilities** [updated 07-29-2020]
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for families and residents on restricted visits to residential aged care facilities** [updated 06-19-2020]
• **Advice for homeless shelters and people working with homelessness in COVID-19 pandemic** [06-09-2020]
• **Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for workers in residential aged care facilities** [updated 08-26-2020]

**Other**
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**CDC**
• **Interim infection prevention and control guidance for veterinary clinics treating companion animals during the COVID-19 response** [08-12-2020]
• **Animal Testing Guidance** [08-12-2020]
• **Toolkit: One Health Approach to Address Companion Animals with SARS-CoV-2** [06-28-2020]

**Other**
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**Community**

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**WHO**
• **Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for the COVID-19 virus: interim guidance** [07-29-2020]
• **Breastfeeding and COVID-19** [06-23-2020]
• **Policy brief: COVID-19 and people on the move** [06-00-2020]
• **Practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19: Interim guidance** [04-07-2020]
• **Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) action plan guidance covid-19 preparedness and response** [03-16-2020]
• **Responding to community spread of COVID-19: Interim guidance** [03-07-2020]
• **Social stigma associated with COVID-19: a guide to preventing and addressing social stigma** [02-24-2020]
CDC

- Considerations for retirement communities & independent living facilities [07-31-2020]
- Communities, schools, workplaces, and events [reviewed 07-24-2020]
- COVID-19 response health equity strategy: accelerating progress towards reducing COVID-19 disparities and achieving health equity [08-21-2020]
- Considerations for aquatic venues [reviewed 07-15-2020]
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- Playing Youth Sports [updated 07-02-2020]
- Guidance for Direct Service Providers [updated 06-28-2020]
- What bank employees need to know about COVID-19 [06-28-2020]
- COVID-19 employer information for banks [06-28-2020]
- People Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness [updated 06-25-2020]
- Considerations for election polling locations [updated 06-22-2020]
- Guidance for handlers of service and therapy animals [06-16-2020]
- Community & faith-based organizations [reviewed 05-24-2020]

ECDC

- Guidance on the provision of support for medically and socially vulnerable populations in EU/EEA countries and the United Kingdom during the COVID-19 pandemic [07-03-2020]
- Guidance for discharge and ending isolation in the context of widespread community transmission of COVID-19 – first update [04-08-2020]
- Information on COVID-19 for specific groups: the elderly, patients with chronic diseases, people with immunocompromising condition and pregnant women [03-13-2020]
- Considerations relating to social distancing measures in response to COVID-19 -- second update [03-23-2020]

UK

- Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 [updated 08-18-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection [updated 08-13-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance staying alert and safe (social distancing) [updated 08-13-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing unpaid care [08-13-2020]
- Core COVID-19 information and guidance for general (non-healthcare) settings: version 4.61 [08-21-2020]
- COVID-19 advice for accommodation providers [updated 07-07-2020]
- Government advice on home moving during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak [updated 05-21-2020]
• COVID-19: ethical framework for adult social care [03-19-2020]

Australia
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• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for older Australians [updated 05-27-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information about routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community [05-15-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for retirement villages [updated 04-30-2020]

Other
• Guidance for community cooling centres in the context of COVID-19 [08-10-2020]
• COVID-19: Adaptation of public health recommendations for extreme heat in accordance with physical distancing recommendations [07-09-2020]
• Public Health guidance for community volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic [07-20-2020]
• Guidance for faith-based organizations to prevent COVID-19 transmission [07-17-2020]

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Ontario Ministry of Health
• Face coverings and face masks [updated 06-23-2020]

Health Canada
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WHO
• Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19 [06-05-2020]

CDC
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ECDC
• Using face masks in the community - Reducing COVID-19 transmission from potentially asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic people through the use of face masks [04-08-2020]
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Businesses/Workplaces
Ontario Ministry of Health
• Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace [updated 08-24-2020]
• COVID-19 guidance: essential workplaces [05-02-2020]
• Guidance for food premises [03-18-2020]
PHAC

- Risk mitigation tool for workplaces/businesses operating during the COVID-19 pandemic [modified 07-20-2020]
- Risk mitigation tool for outdoor recreation spaces and activities operating during the COVID-19 pandemic [07-20-2020]

Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

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- COVID-19: Indoor Environment [05-26-2020]

WHO

- Considerations for public health and social measures in the workplace in the context of COVID-19 [05-10-2020]
- COVID-19 and food safety: guidance for competent authorities responsible for national food safety control systems [04-22-2020]
- COVID-19 and Food Safety: Guidance for Food Businesses [04-07-2020]
- Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19 [03-19-2020]

CDC

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- Evaluation for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals [updated 08-12-2020]
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- Considerations for Restaurants and Bars [updated 07-17-2020]
- Coronavirus disease 2019: meat and poultry packing industry [07-09-2020]
- Employers with Workers at High Risk [reviewed 06-16-2020]
- Coronavirus disease 2019: guidance for businesses & employers [05-06-2020]
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- Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 – OSHA – [03-00-2020]

UK

- Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) [updated 08-13-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance for food businesses [07-22-2020]

Australia

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for employers [updated 05-02-2020]

Schools / Childcare

Ontario Ministry of Health

- Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year [updated 07-31-2020]
• **COVID-19: reopening child care centres** [updated 08-19-2020]

**PHAC**
• **Risk mitigation tool for child and youth settings operating during the COVID-19 pandemic** [07-20-2020]
• **COVID-19 guidance for schools Kindergarten to Grade 12** [08-12-2020]

**WHO**
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• **Key messages and actions for COVID-19 prevention and control in schools** [03-00-2020]

**CDC**
• **Guidance for schools & child care** [reviewed 08-21-2020]

**UK**
• **Objectives for COVID-19 testing in school settings** [08-10-2020]
• **Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak** [updated 07-27-2020]
• **Preparing for the wider opening of schools from 1 June** [updated 08-07-2020]
• **Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings** [updated 06-01-2020]

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**Ontario Ministry of Health**
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• **Guidance for consumption and treatment services sites: Version 2** [amended 04-16-2020]

**WHO**
• **Smoking and COVID-19** [06-30-2020]
• **Mental health and psychosocial considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak: Interim Guidance** [03-18-2020]

**CDC / SAMHSA**
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• **Health promotion to enhance healthcare worker performance during COVID-19** [updated 05-21-2020]
• **Considerations for crisis centers and clinicians in managing the treatment of alcohol or benzodiazepine withdrawal during the COVID-19 epidemic: March 19, 2020** [03-19-2020]
• **Interim guidance for syringe services programs** [05-15-2020]
• **Considerations for outpatient mental and substance use disorder treatment settings** [no date]
• **Virtual recovery resources** [no date]

**UK**
• **COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing** [updated 08-04-2020]
• COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people’s mental health and well-being [updated 08-04-2020]
• COVID-19: guidance for commissioners and providers of services for people who use drugs or alcohol [updated 07-31-2020]

Other
• Free online crisis training for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic [2020]
• Risk Mitigation in the context of dual public health emergencies [03-00-20]
• COVID-19: harm reduction and overdose response [07-08-2020]
• COVID-19: provincial episodic overdose prevention service (e-OPS) protocol [06-26-2020]

Domestic Violence

WHO
• Addressing violence against children, women and older people during the COVID-19 pandemic: key actions [06-18-2020]
• COVID-19 and violence against women: what the health sector / system can do [04-07-2020]

CDC / SAMHSA
• Intimate partner violence and child abuse considerations during COVID-19 [no date]

UK
• Domestic abuse: get help during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak [updated 08-13-2020]

Other
• COVID-19: guidance for individuals experiencing abuse York University (Ontario) [no date]

Travel, Transport & Borders

Canada
• Active travel health notices [modified 08-23-2020]
• Guidance material for air operators managing travellers during the check-in procedure for flights departing from an aerodrome in Canada [modified 08-13-2020]
• Government of Canada updates mandatory requirements for travellers entering Canada [04-14-2020]

WHO
• Controlling the spread of COVID-19 at ground crossings [05-29-2020]
• Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships [03-25-2020]
• Management of ill travellers at Points of Entry – international airports, sea ports and ground crossings – in the context of COVID -19 outbreak [reviewed 03-19-2020]
• Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases or outbreak in aviation [03-18-2020]

CDC
• Global COVID-19 pandemic notice [reviewed 08-26-2020]
• COVID-19 travel recommendations by country [updated 08-26-2020]
• Worker safety & support [updated 08-26-2020]

ECDC
• COVID-19: EU guidance for cruise ship operations [07-27-2020]
• Rail protocol: recommendations for safe resumption of railway services in Europe [07-21-2020]
• Aviation health safety protocol: guidance for the management of airline passengers in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic [07-01-2020]
• Considerations for infection prevention and control measures on public transport in the context of COVID-19 [04-29-2020]

UK
• COVID-19: safer transport guidance for operators [updated 08-21-2020]
• COVID-19: safer travel guidance for passengers [updated 08-21-2020]
• COVID-19: safer aviation guidance for operators [updated 07-24-2020]
• COVID-19: safer air travel for passengers [updated 07-24-2020]
• COVID-19: transport and travel guidance [updated 06-11-2020]
• COVID-19: shipping and sea ports guidance [updated 05-18-2020]

Australia
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice on managing the health risks from COVID-19 on international flights [updated 08-24-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the marine industry [updated 08-06-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for marine pilots [updated 08-06-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for international travellers [updated 05-29-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for hotels and hotel staff [updated 04-30-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for border staff [updated 04-07-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for cargo and mail workers [updated 03-23-2020]

IATA
• Emergency response plan and action checklist for use by air carriers in the event of a public health emergency [no date]