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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Public Health Agencies

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) | canada.ca/en/public-health

- Update #6: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus [02-26-2020]
- Update: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of repatriated Canadians from quarantine following 14-day stay at CFB Trenton [02-25-2020]
- 2019 novel coronavirus: outbreak update [02-26-2020]
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Travel advice [02-25-2020]
- COVID-19 information: 1-833-784-4397

World Health Organization (WHO) | who.int

- WHO Director-General’s opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 27 February 2020 [02-27-20]
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) press briefings [latest audio 02-25; transcripts posted later]
- Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) dashboard [updated regularly]
- WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 26 February 2020 [02-26-2020]
- e-learning course: Emerging respiratory viruses, including COVID-19: methods for detection, prevention, response and control [02-25-2020]
- Emergency Ministerial meeting on COVID-19 organized by the African Union and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention [02-24-2020]

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

- Update: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S. [02-26-2020]
- CDC Media telebriefing: update on COVID-19 [02-25-2020]
• **Update: Public Health Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak — United States, February 24, 2020** [02-25-2020]
• **Interim 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** [02-24-2020]
• **Coronavirus Disease 2019 information for travel (new travel alerts)** [02-24-2020]
• **CDC in action: preparing communities for potential spread of COVID-19** [02-23-2020]
• **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation summary** [updated 02-25-2020]

**FDA: U.S. Food & Drug Administration | fda.gov**
• **The National Institutes of Health began a randomized controlled trial for the treatment of COVID-19 patients** [02-25-2020]
• **Coronavirus Update: FDA steps to ensure quality of foreign products** [02-24-2020]
• **FDA’s actions in response to 2019 novel coronavirus at home and abroad** [02-14-2020]
• **Important information for human cell, tissue, or cellular or tissue-based product (HCT/P) establishments regarding the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak** [02-14-2020]

**ECDC: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control | ecdc.europa.eu**
• **Daily risk assessment on COVID-19** [02-27-2020]
• **Situation update for the EU/EEA, the UK and Switzerland** [02-27-2020]
• **Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19** [02-27-2020]
• **Infographic: COVID-19** [02-26-2020]
• **COVID-19: ECDC updates case definition for EU surveillance** [02-26-2020]
• **Checklist for hospitals preparing for the reception and care of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) patients** [02-26-2020]
• **Algorithm for the management of contacts of probably or confirmed COVID-19 cases** [02-25-2020]
• **Public health management of persons, including health care workers, having had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union** [02-25-2020]
• **ECDC statement on the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases in Italy** [02-23-2020]
• **Threat assessment brief: Outbreak of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): Situation in Italy** [02-23-2020]
• **Communicable disease threats report, 16- February 2020, week 8** [02-21-2020]

**Public Health England | www.gov.uk**
• **Coronavirus: latest information and advice** [02-27-2020]
• **COVID-19: background information: information on COVID-19 including epidemiology, virology and clinical features** [02-26-2020]
Research Institutes

ProMED: International Society for Infectious Diseases | promedmail.org
- COVID-19 update (19): China, global, Italy and Iran, imported cases to new countries, WHO [02-26-2020]
- COVID-19 update (18): China, global, Iran, Italy imported cases, WHO [02-26-2020]

CIDRAP: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy | cidrap.umn.edu
- Hot spots outside China tied to COVID-19 in 4 more nations [02-26-2020]
- Trump puts VP Pence in charge of COVID-19 response [02-26-2020]
- As CDC warns of US COVID-19 spread, lab frustrated over lack of tests [02-25-2020]
- WHO joint mission shares China experience; COVID-19 escalates in Europe, Mideast [02-25-2020]
- Studies profile lung changes in asymptomatic COVID-19, viral loads in patient samples [02-25-2020]

Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis | imperial.ac.uk/mrc-global-infectious-disease-analysis/
- Report 6: Relative sensitivity of international surveillance [02-21-2020]

Johns Hopkins CCSE | systems.jhu.edu
- 2019-nCoV Global Cases (by Johns Hopkins CSSE) [real-time tracking]

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

ONTARIO AND CANADA

Ministry of Health | www.ontario.ca
- Testing is being conducted at the Public Health Ontario Laboratory, which is working collaboratively with the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.
- Guidance for health care workers and health sector employers on novel coronavirus associated with Wuhan, China (2019-nCoV) [02-07-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for primary care providers in a community setting [02-11-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for acute care [02-11-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for home and community care providers [02-11-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for long-term care [02-11-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for paramedic services [02-11-2020]
• **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for independent health facilities (IHFs)** [02-13-2020]
• **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for community laboratories and specimen collection centres** [02-13-2020]
• **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for community pharmacies** [02-13-2020]

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) | canada.ca/en/public-health

• **Infection prevention and control for coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Interim guidance for acute healthcare settings** [02-24-2020]
• **Interim guidance: public health management of cases and contacts associated with COVID-19** [02-07-2020]
• **Interim national case definition for COVID-19** [02-11-2020]
• **Interim National Surveillance Guidelines for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)** [02-10-2020]
• **Biosafety advisory** [02-04-2020]

**OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**GENERAL**

WHO

• **Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19** [02-27-2020]
• **Surveillance case definitions for human infection with novel coronavirus (nCoV)** [01-10-2020]
• **Global Surveillance for human infection with novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** [01-31-2020]

CDC

• **About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)** [last reviewed 02-24-2020]

ECDC

• **Case definition and European surveillance for human infection with novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** [01-30-2020]

UK

• **COVID-19: background information** [02-26-2020]

BMJ Best Practice

• **COVID-19** [updated regularly]

**LABORATORIES**

WHO

• **Laboratory testing for 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in suspected human cases** [01-17-2020]
• **Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** [02-12-2020]

CDC

• **Interim guidelines for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens from patients under investigation (PUIs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** [02-02-2020]
• Interim laboratory biosafety guidelines for handling and processing specimens associated with 2019 Novel Coronavirus [02-10-2020]
• Real-Time RT-PCR Panel for detection 2019-Novel Coronavirus [02-05-2020]
• 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-time rRT-PCR Panel primers and probes [01-25-2020]
• Interim guidance for collection and submission of postmortem specimens from deceased persons under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19, February 2020 [02-19-2020]

UK
• COVID-19: guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories [02-17-2020]

Australia
• PHLN guidance on laboratory testing for 2019-nCoV [02-14-2020]

PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO
• Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak [02-14-2020]
• Household transmission investigation protocol for 2019-novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) infection [01-25-2020]
• The First Few X (FFX) Cases and contact investigation protocol for 2019-novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) infection [01-29-2020]
• Risk assessment & public health management of persons with potential 2019-nCoV exposure [02-08-2020]

CDC
• Interim US guidance for risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential 2019-nCoV exposure in travel-associated or community settings [02-08-2020]

ECDC
• Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 [02-27-2020]
• Public health management of persons, including health care workers, having had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union [02-25-2020]
• Algorithm for management of contacts of probably or confirmed 2019-nCoV cases [01-30-2020]
• Public health management of persons having had contact with novel coronavirus cases in the European Union [01-29-2020]
• Guidance on community engagement for public health events caused by communicable disease threats in the EU/EEA [02-13-2020]

UK
• COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases [02-25-2020]

Australia
• CDNA National guidelines for public health units [02-14-2020]
INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

WHO
- Infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected [01-25-2020]

CDC
- Interim infection prevention and control recommendations for patients with confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or patients under investigation for 2019-nCoV in healthcare settings [02-12-2020]

ECDC
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) needs in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) [02-07-2020]
- Infection prevention and control for the care of patients with 2019-nCoV in healthcare settings [02-02-2020]
- Interim guidance for environmental cleaning in non-healthcare facilities exposed to SARS-CoV-2 [02-18-2020]
- Infection prevention and control for the care of patients with 2019-nCoV in healthcare settings
- Guidelines for the use of non-pharmaceutical measures to delay and mitigate the impact of 2019-nCoV [02-10-2020]

UK
- COVID-19: infection prevention and control [19-02-2020]

Australia
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) isolation guidance [02-18-2020]
- Interim recommendations for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) during hospital care of people with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) [02-21-2020]
- Information about the use of personal protective equipment during clinical care [02-18-2020]
- Information on the use of surgical masks [02-17-2020]

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

WHO
- Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected [01-28-2020]

CDC
- Interim 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 [02-24-2020]
- Interim guidance for healthcare professionals
- Resources for hospitals and healthcare professionals preparing for patients with suspected or confirmed 2019-nCoV
• Healthcare professional preparedness checklist for transport and arrival of patients potentially infected with 2019-nCoV [02-12-2020]
• Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) hospital preparedness assessment tool [02-14-2020]

ECDC
• Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 [02-27-2020]
• Checklist for hospitals preparing for the reception and care of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) patients [02-26-2020]

UK
• Interim advice for primary care professionals dealing with patients with suspected COVID-19 [last updated 02-25-2020]
• Advice for first responders (as defined by the Civil Contingencies Act) and others who may have close contact with symptomatic people with potential COVID-19 [last updated 02-25-2020]

Australia
• Information for emergency departments [02-14-2020]
• Information for primary and community health workers [02-14-2020]
• Information for health care and residential care workers [02-14-2020]
• Information for paramedics and ambulance first responders [02-14-2020]
• Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection when novel coronavirus (NCoV) infection [01-28-2020]
• Home care for patients with suspected novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection presenting with mild symptoms and management of contacts [02-04-2020]

COMMUNITY

CDC
• Information on COVID-19 and pregnant women and children [02-24-2020]

UK
• COVID-19: self-isolation for patients undergoing testing [01-31-2020]

Australia
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for universities, students and staff [02-25-2020]

TRAVEL AND BORDERS

Canada
• Travel advice and advisories [02-26-2020]

WHO
• Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships [02-24-2020]
• Management of ill travellers at Points of Entry – international airports, seaports and ground crossings – in the context of COVID-19 outbreak [02-16-2020]

CDC
• Interim guidance for ships on managing 2019 novel coronavirus [revised 02-18-2020]
ECDC
- Advice for travellers: outbreak of a novel coronavirus 2019-nCoV [01-30-2020]

Australia
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the airline industry (including flight crew) [02-21-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the cruise industry [02-14-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for hotels and hotel staff [02-14-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the marine industry [02-14-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for marine pilots [02-14-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for drivers and passengers using public transport [02-17-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for border staff [02-20-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for cargo and mail workers [02-17-2020]