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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

- Prime Minister creates committee on COVID-19 [03-04-2020]
- Update: special immigration measures expanded to applicants in Iran and South Korea affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Canada’s response [03-04-2020]
- 2019 novel coronavirus: outbreak update [03-03-2020]
  - As of March 3, 2020, 33 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Canada.
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Travel advice [updated: 03-04-2020]
- 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 – 4 March 2020 [03-03-2020]
- WHO emphasizes agile response capabilities, as South-East Asia Region confirms more COVID-19 cases [03-04-2020]
- Shortage of personal protective equipment endangering health workers worldwide [03-04-2020]
- Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation report – 43 [03-03-2020]
- Updated WHO advice for international traffic in relation to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus 2019-nCoV [02-29-2020]
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) press briefings [latest audio 03-03; transcripts posted later]
- Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) dashboard [updated regularly]

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

  - Total cases: 80; Total deaths: 9; States reporting cases: 13
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update—What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19 in the United States Call planned for 03-05-2020
- Evaluating and reporting Persons Under Investigation (PUI) [03-04-2020]
- Lab Update: Laboratory Biosafety COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions [03-02-2020]
• Active monitoring of persons exposed to patients with confirmed COVID-19 — United States, January–February 2020 [03-03-2020]
• Interim guidance: get your mass gatherings or large community events ready for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) [03-03-2020]
• Recommended precautions for preventing spread of COVID-19 in election polling locations [03-02-2020]
• Preventing COVID-19 spread in communities [03-02-2020]
• Interim guidance: public health communicators get your community ready for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) [03-02-2020]
• Transcript for the CDC telebriefing update on COVID-19 [03-03-2020]

FDA: U.S. Food & Drug Administration | fda.gov

• Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA and CDC take action to increase access to respirators, including N95s, for health care personnel [02-03-2020]
• The FDA granted an Emergency Use Authorization to two public health laboratories in New York for a diagnostic test to identify COVID-19 [02-29-2020]
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Issues New Policy to Help Expedite Availability of Diagnostics [02-29-2020]

ECDC: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control | ecdc.europa.eu

• Daily risk assessment on COVID-19 [03-04-2020]
  o The risk associated with COVID-19 infection for people in the EU/EEA and UK is currently considered moderate to high
• Situation update for the EU/EEA, the UK, San Marino, Monaco, Switzerland and Andorra
  o As of 4 March 2020, 3 351 cases and 85 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA, the UK, Monaco, San Marino and Switzerland.
• Communicable disease threats report, 23-29 February 2020, week 9 [02-28-2020]

Public Health England | www.gov.uk

• Coronavirus: latest information and advice [03-04-2020]
• COVID-19: background information: information on COVID-19 including epidemiology, virology and clinical features [03-04-2020]

Research Institutes

ProMED: International Society for Infectious Diseases | promedmail.org

• COVID-19 update (27): global, Egypt, USA, Taiwan, more countries, WHO [03-04-2020]
• COVID-19 update (26): global, more countries, WHO [03-03-2020]
• COVID-19 update (25): global, more countries, WHO [03-03-2020]
• COVID-19 update (24): China (Hong Kong) dog, susp, OIE [03-02-2020]
WHO warns of COVID-19-related protective equipment shortage [03-04-2020]
Fauci: Vaccine at least year away, as COVID-19 death toll rises to 9 in Seattle [03-04-2020]
WHO team arrives in Iran: COVID-19 surges in Korea, Italy [03-02-2020]
Seattle is hot spot for COVID-19 as US cases hit 100 [03-02-2020]
Four states report more COVID-19 cases; silent Washington spread suspected [03-01-2020]
COVID-19 cases surge in South Korea, Italy, and Iran [03-01-2020]

Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis
- Report 6: Relative sensitivity of international surveillance [02-21-2020]

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) [last reviewed 02-28-2020]
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for primary care providers in a community setting [02-20-2020]
- 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 (IHF) [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
- **Public health management of cases and contacts associated with COVID-19** [updated 03-03-2020]
  - Case management – confirmed cases, probable cases and Persons Under Investigation (PUI)
  - Contact management (of probable and confirmed cases)
  - Appendix 1: Instructions for self-isolating in the home or co-living setting
- **Interim national case definition for COVID-19** [02-25-2020]
- **Interim National Surveillance Guidelines for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)** [02-10-2020]
- **COVID-19 case report form**
- **Biosafety advisory** [02-29-2020]

**OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**GENERAL**

**WHO**

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

**ECDC**
- [Case definition and European surveillance for COVID-19, as of 2 March 2020] [02-03-2020]

**UK**
- [COVID-19: background information] [last updated 03-01-2020]

**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**
- [Lab Update: Laboratory Biosafety COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions] [03-02-2020]
- [Interim guidelines for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens from patients under investigation (PUIs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] [02-14-2020]
- [Interim laboratory biosafety guidelines for handling and processing specimens associated with 2019 Novel Coronavirus] [02-10-2020]
- [Research use only Real-Time RT-PCR Panel for detection 2019-Novel Coronavirus] [02-27-2020]
- [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 [03-02-2020]

Australia
- PHLN guidance on laboratory testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) [updated 02-27-2020]

PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO
- Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak [02-14-2020]
- 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]
- 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]
- Evaluating and reporting persons under investigation (PUI) [updated 03-04-2020]

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 healthcare 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 [02-25-2020]
- 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 [last updated 02-25-2020]

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

WHO
- Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [02-17-2020]
- 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]
- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators [02-29-2020]
- Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) [02-29-2020]

ECDC
- Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 [02-28-2020]
- 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 [02-19-2020]

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]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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
- Evaluating and Reporting Persons Under Investigation (PUI) [updated 02-27-2020]
- 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]
- Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings [02-18-2020]
- Interim Guidance for Healthcare Facilities [02-29-2020]
- Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take [02-29-2020]

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
- COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases [02-25-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance for primary care [last updated 02-25-2020]
- COVID-19: guidance for Ambulance Trusts [last updated 02-25-2020]

Australia
- Interim advice on non-inpatient care of persons with suspected or confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including use of personal protective equipment (PPE) – Guideline [02-21-2020]
- Interim recommendations for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) during hospital care of people with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – Guideline [02-17-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information on the use of surgical masks [last updated 02-25-2020]
- Information for health care and residential care workers [02-14-2020]
- Information for paramedics and ambulance first responders [last updated 02-25-2020]
COMMUNITY / SCHOOLS / BUSINESS

WHO
- Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19 [02-27-2020]

CDC
- Interim guidance: get your mass gatherings or large community events ready for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) [03-03-2020]
- Recommended precautions for preventing spread of COVID-19 in election polling locations [03-02-2020]
- Preventing COVID-19 spread in communities [03-02-2020]
- Interim guidance: public health communicators get your community ready for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), [03-02-2020]
- Information on COVID-19 and pregnant women and children [02-24-2020]
- COVID-19: self-isolation for patients undergoing testing [01-31-2020]
- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020 [02-26-2020]

UK
- COVID-19: guidance for social or community care and residential settings [02-25-2020]

Australia
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for universities, students and staff [02-25-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information about returning to your community [02-21-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for schools and early childhood centres, students and parents [02-17-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for employers [02-14-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information on the use of surgical masks [last updated 02-25-2020]

TRAVEL AND BORDERS

CANADA
- Active travel health notices [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 [updated 02-27-2020]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for cargo and mail workers [02-17-2020]

IATA

Emergency response plan and action checklist for use by air carriers in the event of a public health emergency