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## Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Outbreak update

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## Current situation

<b>Areas in Canada with confirmed cases as of March 9, 2020</b>	
<b>Province or territory</b>	<b>Confirmed cases</b>
Ontario	34
British Columbia	32
Quebec	4
Alberta	7
<b>Total cases:</b>	<b>77</b>

Information on demographics, symptoms, and outcomes is available for 65 confirmed cases.

Of these confirmed cases:

- The onset of illnesses occurred between January 15 and March 4, 2020
- 53% of ill individuals are female
- 82% of ill individuals are over the age of 40
- 13% of ill individuals have been hospitalized
- 1 person has died of COVID-19

This illness summary is updated once daily with COVID-19 information that is provided by provinces and territories to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

## Global

Thousands of cases of COVID-19 have been reported in China.

Aside from Canada, other countries or regions reporting cases are:

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Chile

- China (mainland)
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
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- Vietnam

## Risk to Canadians

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada. Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available.

The risk to Canadian travellers abroad is generally low but will vary depending on the destination. The Public Health Agency of Canada is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in other countries. Please consult the destination page on [travel.gc.ca](http://travel.gc.ca) for the [latest travel advice](#).

It is important for all travellers to monitor their health when they return to Canada. While abroad, you may have come in contact with the novel coronavirus. PHAC asks that you monitor your health for fever, cough and difficulty breathing for 14 days after you arrive in Canada. If you have these symptoms, call the [public health authority](#) in the province or territory you are in to inform them. They will provide advice on what you should do.

The research and data on COVID-19 continues to grow and evolve. We will continue to adapt our advice for travellers based on the latest science available.

Refer to our [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) for more information.

## How Canada is monitoring COVID-19

The health and safety of all Canadians is our top priority.

PHAC is working with provinces, territories and international partners, including the World Health Organization, to actively monitor the situation. Global efforts are focused on containment of the outbreak in China and the prevention of further spread.

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer of Canada is in close contact with provincial and territorial Chief Medical Officers of Health to ensure that any cases of COVID-19 occurring in Canada continue to be rapidly identified and managed in order to protect the health of Canadians.

Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory has implemented testing to diagnose COVID-19 from clinical specimens. The laboratory is working collaboratively with Canadian provincial public health laboratories to ensure there is additional testing capacity in multiple jurisdictions.

As of February 25, 2020, British Columbia and Ontario are able to confirm laboratory diagnostics for the virus that causes COVID-19. For all other provinces, their results undergo additional testing at the National Microbiology Laboratory to provide further confirmation of initial laboratory findings. Please refer to information from provinces and territories for further test result summaries.

As of March 9, 2020, the National Microbiology Laboratory has confirmed 606 negative cases and 17 positive cases of COVID-19.

National Microbiology Laboratory testing results	
Negative	Positive
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This number does not reflect the [total number of reported cases in Canada](#), as some provinces per

For more information, visit [Canada's response page](#).

## History

On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization was alerted to several cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, China. The virus did not match any other known virus. On January 7, 2020, China confirmed COVID-19.

See the [travel health notice](#) for more information if you are considering travelling to China.

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