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Current situation

Number of COVID-19 **Total Cases** in Canada on

Last Data Update EDT

i Hover over provinces and territories to see cases over time or hit the play button to animate the map.

The number of COVID-19 total cases in **Canada** was **1,471** as of .

► [Map - Total Number of COVID-19 Cases in Canada - Text Description](#)

A detailed [epidemiologic summary](#) is available.

Global

On March 11, 2020, [the World Health Organization \(WHO\) assessed COVID-19 as a pandemic](#).

This assessment by the WHO is not unexpected. Describing the situation as a pandemic does not change the WHO's assessment of the threat posed by COVID-19 and it does not change what the WHO is doing. It also does not change what countries around the world

should do. For that reason, it does not change the approach we are taking in Canada.

Canada's public health system is prepared. Since the outset, the Public Health Agency of Canada - along with [public health authorities](#) at all levels of government across the country - have been working together to ensure that our preparedness and response measures are appropriate and adaptable, based on the latest science and the evolving situation.

Aside from Canada, other countries and regions are reporting cases. Check the latest [travel health notices](#) before travelling.

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Risk to Canadians

COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk will vary between and within communities, but given the increasing number of cases in Canada, the risk to Canadians is considered **high**.

This does not mean that all Canadians will get the disease. It means that there is already a significant impact on our health care system. If we do not flatten the epidemic curve now, the increase of COVID-19 cases could impact health care resources available to Canadians.

There is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for Canadians:

- aged 65 and over
- with compromised immune systems
- with underlying medical conditions

There are also increased health risks for Canadian travellers abroad. Because of these risks, the Government of Canada advises you to [avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice](#). This includes [cruise ships](#).

It is important for all travellers to:

- [self-isolate](#) for 14 days after returning from travel outside of Canada
 - some provinces and territories may have specific recommendations for certain groups such as health care workers
- monitor your health for symptoms such as for cough, fever or difficulty breathing

- wash your hands often for 20 seconds and cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand

We continue to reassess the public health risk, based on the best available evidence as the situation evolves.

Think you might have COVID-19?

Take a self-assessment

How Canada is monitoring COVID-19

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

The Public Health Agency of Canada 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 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 is performing diagnostic testing for the virus that causes COVID-19. The laboratory is working in close collaboration with provincial and territorial public health laboratories, which are now able to test for COVID-19. A summary of people tested in Canada is available and updated each week day.

National Microbiology Laboratory's summary of people tested in Canada as of March 27, 2020 at 6 pm EDT

Total number of patients tested in Canada	Total positive	Total negative
170,644	4,516	153,735

This testing summary represents information collected by the laboratory and **not** the [total reported cases](#) in Canada. The remainder of tests not reported here are still being resolved.

Should there be any differences with the national case count compared with testing numbers reported by provincial and territorial public health officials, provincial data should be considered the most up-to-date.

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

History

▼ March 2020

- On March 18, 2020, Canada announces **financial help**, through the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, for Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- On March 18, 2020, Canada implements a **ban on foreign nationals from all countries**, except the United States from entering Canada, **Canada-U.S. border closes** to all non-essential travel, and **redirects international passenger flight arrivals** to four airports in Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.
- On March 16, 2020, Canada advises **travellers entering Canada to self-isolate for 14 days**.
- On March 13, 2020, Canada advises Canadians to **avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada** until further notice.
- On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declares the global outbreak of COVID-19 a **pandemic**.
- On March 9, 2020, **Canada confirms its first death related to COVID-19**.

▶ February 2020

▶ January 2020

▶ December 2019

Contact us

For information on COVID-19, refer to our [frequently asked questions](#). If you are looking for information on COVID-19, specific to your province, refer to our [resources page](#).

If you have additional questions that are not answered on our website:

- call us at 1-833-784-4397 (interpretation services are available in multiple languages)
- email us at phac.covid19.aspc@canada.ca

Note that we are currently experiencing a high volume of requests and long wait times.

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