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

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## Current situation

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

Last Data Update EDT

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 .

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

Additional COVID-19 case information:

- [epidemiological summary](#)
- [full epidemiological report \(PDF\)](#)
- [preliminary data tables related to confirmed cases \(dataset\)](#)
- [interactive map and graphs of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Canada](#)
- [using data and modelling to inform public health action \(PDF\)](#)

## 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 (listed below). An official [global travel advisory](#) is in effect: avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice.

▶ [North America](#)

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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.

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

## Who is most at risk

While COVID-19 can make anyone sick, some Canadians with specific health circumstances

are at an increased risk of more severe outcomes, including individuals:

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

In addition, social and economic circumstances may also be a factor in identifying [someone who is vulnerable to COVID-19](#). This includes anyone who has:

- economic barriers
- difficulty accessing transportation
- difficulty accessing medical care or health advice
- unstable employment or inflexible working conditions
- insecure, inadequate, or nonexistent housing conditions
- ongoing specialized medical care or needs specific medical supplies
- social or geographic isolation, like in remote and isolated communities
- difficulty reading, speaking, understanding or communicating
- ongoing supervision needs or support for maintaining independence
- difficulty doing preventive activities, like frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes

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 April 17, 2020, 4:30 pm EDT

Total number of patients tested in Canada	Total positive	Total negative
507,701	31,710	471,725

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

### ▼ April 2020

- On April 3, Canada announces an investment of \$100 million to **improve access to food** for Canadians facing social, economic, and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 3, worldwide COVID-19 cases reach **1 million**.
- On April 2, Canada launches the **Canada COVID-19 app** on iOS and Android to provide Canadians with the latest information on COVID-19 and a way to check their symptoms.
- On April 2, Canada surpasses **10,000 confirmed cases** of COVID-19.

### ▶ March 2020

### ▶ 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](mailto:phac.covid19.aspc@canada.ca)

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

## Email updates

[Get COVID-19 email updates.](#) Sign up to receive important health and safety information from the Government of Canada.

## News

Title	Date
<a href="#">Health Canada’s decision to temporarily allow technical grade ethanol for the manufacture of hand sanitizers – Notice to industry</a>	2020-04-15
<a href="#">Government of Canada connects Canadians with mental wellness supports during COVID-19</a>	2020-04-15
<a href="#">Government of Canada updates mandatory requirements for travellers entering Canada</a>	2020-04-14
<a href="#">Government of Canada further facilitates enforcement of the Federal <i>Quarantine Act</i></a>	2020-04-14
<a href="#">Fraudulent and unauthorized N95 respirators may not protect consumers against COVID-19</a>	2020-04-14
<a href="#">Public Health Agency of Canada releases interim guidance for infection prevention and control of COVID-19 for long-term care homes</a>	2020-04-13
<a href="#">Keeping Canadians and workers in the food supply chain safe</a>	2020-04-13
<a href="#">Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19</a>	2020-04-12
<a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 receives Royal Assent to help businesses keep Canadians in their jobs</a>	2020-04-11
<a href="#">Government Introduces COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 to Help Businesses Keep Canadians in their Jobs</a>	2020-04-11
<a href="#">Additional Details on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy</a>	2020-04-11
<a href="#">Statement by Minister Qualtrough on Canada's Disability-Inclusive approach to its COVID-19 pandemic response</a>	2020-04-10

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<a href="#">Statement in support of global ceasefire</a>	2020-04-10
<a href="#">Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on the release of national modelling on the COVID-19 epidemic in Canada</a>	2020-04-09
<a href="#">Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health Communication: Use of Non-Medical Masks (or Facial Coverings) by the Public</a>	2020-04-07
<a href="#">Canadians can now apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit</a>	2020-04-06
<a href="#">Canada's support for international efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic</a>	2020-04-05
<a href="#">The Government of Canada announces new measures for ferries and commercial passenger vessels capable of carrying more than 12 passengers</a>	2020-04-05
<a href="#">Canada announces support to those experiencing homelessness and women fleeing gender-based violence during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic</a>	2020-04-04
<a href="#">Government of Canada partners with Amazon to help get personal protective equipment to front-line healthcare workers</a>	2020-04-03
<a href="#">Government announces details of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to help businesses keep Canadians in their jobs</a>	2020-04-01
<a href="#">3D printing and other unconventional manufacturing of personal protective equipment in response to COVID-19</a>	2020-03-31
<a href="#">Considerations in the use of homemade masks to protect against COVID-19</a>	2020-03-26
<a href="#">New Order Makes Self-Isolation Mandatory for Individuals Entering Canada</a>	2020-03-25
<a href="#">Prime Minister announces efforts to bring Canadians home from abroad</a>	2020-03-21
<a href="#">No scientific evidence that ibuprofen worsens COVID-19 symptoms</a>	2020-03-20
<a href="#">Government of Canada funds 49 additional COVID-19 research projects</a>	2020-03-19
<a href="#">Expedited access to disinfectants, hand sanitizers and personal protective equipment to help limit the spread of COVID-19, as well as swabs for testing</a>	2020-03-18

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<a href="#"><u>Health Canada expedites access to COVID-19 diagnostic laboratory test kits and other medical devices</u></a>	2020-03-18
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister announces more support for workers and businesses through Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</u></a>	2020-03-18
<a href="#"><u>Canadian Food Inspection Agency update regarding COVID-19</u></a>	2020-03-17
<a href="#"><u>First Ministers discuss collective efforts to address the impact of COVID-19</u></a>	2020-03-13
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada advises Canadians to avoid non-essential travel abroad</u></a>	2020-03-13
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister speaks with National Indigenous Leaders on efforts to address the impact of COVID-19</u></a>	2020-03-13
<a href="#"><u>Statement on a case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in a passenger from the <i>Grand Princess</i></u></a>	2020-03-11
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister outlines Canada's COVID-19 response</u></a>	2020-03-11
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada repatriates Canadians from <i>Grand Princess</i> cruise ship</u></a>	2020-03-10
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada evacuating Canadians on board Grand Princess cruise ship</u></a>	2020-03-08
<a href="#"><u>Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of repatriated Canadians from quarantine following 14-day stay at the NAV CENTRE</u></a>	2020-03-06
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister creates committee on COVID-19</u></a>	2020-03-04
<a href="#"><u>Update: special immigration measures expanded to applicants in Iran and South Korea affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)</u></a>	2020-02-29
<a href="#"><u>Update #6: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-26
<a href="#"><u>Update: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of repatriated Canadians from quarantine following 14-day stay at CFB Trenton</u></a>	2020-02-25
<a href="#"><u>Update #5: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-23



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<a href="#"><u>Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of repatriated Canadians from quarantine following 14-day stay at CFB Trenton</u></a>	2020-02-21
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada repatriates Canadians and their families from Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan</u></a>	2020-02-21
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada evacuating Canadians on board Diamond Princess cruise ship</u></a>	2020-02-15
<a href="#"><u>Update #4: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-15
<a href="#"><u>Update #3: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-12
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada repatriates more Canadians and their families from Wuhan, China</u></a>	2020-02-11
<a href="#"><u>Update #2: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-10
<a href="#"><u>Community Safety a Top Priority in 2019-nCoV Repatriation Efforts</u></a>	2020-02-10
<a href="#"><u>Update: Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer on the release of selected individuals from quarantine for the 2019 novel coronavirus</u></a>	2020-02-10
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<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada repatriates Canadians and their families from the epicentre of the 2019-nCoV outbreak in China</u></a>	2020-02-08
<a href="#"><u>Government of Canada evacuating Canadians from Wuhan, China</u></a>	2020-02-02
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister Justin Trudeau convenes the Incident Response Group for an update on the coronavirus situation</u></a>	2020-02-02
<a href="#"><u>Statement by Foreign Affairs Minister on travel to Hubei Province in China</u></a>	2020-01-26
<a href="#"><u>Statement by the Minister of Health on the First Presumptive Confirmed Travelled-Related Case of New Coronavirus in Canada</u></a>	2020-01-25

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