



## March 25 2020: COVID-19 Update

This document will be updated daily with information from the municipal, provincial, and federal health authorities as well as the World Health Organization (WHO).

### NEWS UPDATES:

#### **Provincial**

##### List of Provincial News Updates

- [Ontario Closing At-Risk Workplaces to Protect Health and Safety](#) [Added 03-24-20]
  - [List of Essential Workplaces](#) [Added 03-24-20]

#### **Federal**

- [Government introduces Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help workers and businesses](#) [Added 03-25-20]
- [Government of Canada Announces Additional Measures to Support Continued Lending to Canadian Consumers and Businesses](#) [Added 03-20-20]
- [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses](#) [Added 03-18-20]
- [The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has reported an increase in scams related to COVID-19](#) [Added 03-20-20]

### HEALTH AUTHORITIES UPDATES:

#### **Toronto Public Health:**

##### City of Toronto Response to COVID-19

- **Toronto: 280 positive cases** as of March 24 at 1pm. [Updated 03-25-20]
- There are indications of community transmission
- [Statement from Toronto's Medical Officer of Health: March 24, 2020 at 3:45pm](#) [Updated 03-25-20]

#### **Public Health Ontario:**

##### Public Health Ontario

##### Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance

- Ontario: **671 cases** confirmed positive as of March 25 at 10:30am [Updated 03-25-20]

## Public Health Agency of Canada:

[Canada.ca/coronavirus\\_website](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus_website)

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Outbreak update](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resources](#)
- [Travel Advice and Advisories](#)
  - An official global travel advisory is in effect: **Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada** until further notice
- **Canada: 1959 confirmed cases** as of March 24 at 6:00pm [Updated 03-25-20]

## World Health Organization:

[WHO COVID-19 Website](#)


- COVID-19 outbreak can now be described as a pandemic
- [WHO Health Alert brings COVID-19 facts to billions via WhatsApp](#) [Added 03-23-20]
- [WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 23 March 2020](#) [Updated 03-24-20]
- [Coronavirus disease 2019 Situation Report – 64](#) reported March 24 12:00am CET [Updated 03-25-20]
  - Globally: 372 757 confirmed cases [Updated 03-25-20]
  - USA: 42,164 cases (**Updated to 55,243 by Johns Hopkins University on March 25**) [Updated 03-25-20]

**Symptom Chart:**

### Symptoms of COVID-19, cold, influenza

Symptoms	COVID-19	Influenza (Flu)	Cold
Dry cough	+++	+++	+
Fever	+++	+++	-
Stuffy nose	-	++	+++
Sore throat	++	++	+++
Shortness of breath	++	--	--
Headache	++	+++	-
Body aches	++	+++	+++
Sneezing	--	--	+++
Exhaustion	++	+++	++
Diarrhea	-	++	--

+++ Frequent    ++ Sometimes    + Occasionally    - Rare    -- Not observed

 Source: WHO, CDC

\*Being in close contact with someone who does not have COVID-19, but was exposed to someone with COVID-19, does not require specific public health follow up.