March 26 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’s Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 (March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update) [Added 03-26-20]
- Stop the Spread Business Information Line Now Open at 1-888-444-3659 [Added 03-26-20]
- 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: 319 positive cases as of March 25 at 1pm. [Updated 03-26-20]
- There are indications of community transmission
- Statement from Toronto’s Medical Officer of Health: March 25, 2020 at 3:45pm [Updated 03-26-20]
Public Health Ontario:

Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance

- Ontario: **837 cases** confirmed positive as of March 26 at 10:30am [Updated 03-26-20]

Public Health Agency of Canada:

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: 3385 confirmed cases** as of March 25 at 6:00pm [Updated 03-26-20]

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 - 25 March 2020 [Updated 03-26-20]
- Coronavirus disease 2019 Situation Report – 65 reported by March 24,12:00am CET
  - **Globally: 413,467 cases**
  - USA: 51,914 cases (Updated to 69,210 by Johns Hopkins University on March 25) [Updated 03-26-20]
Symptom Chart:

Symptoms of COVID-19, cold, influenza

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*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.