

GOC Daily COVID-19 Situation Report As of 07:30 EDT, 28 Sep 2020

DISSEMINATION LEVEL: DL-1 (Domestic and Foreign EMO, CI Stakeholders, and EM Community)

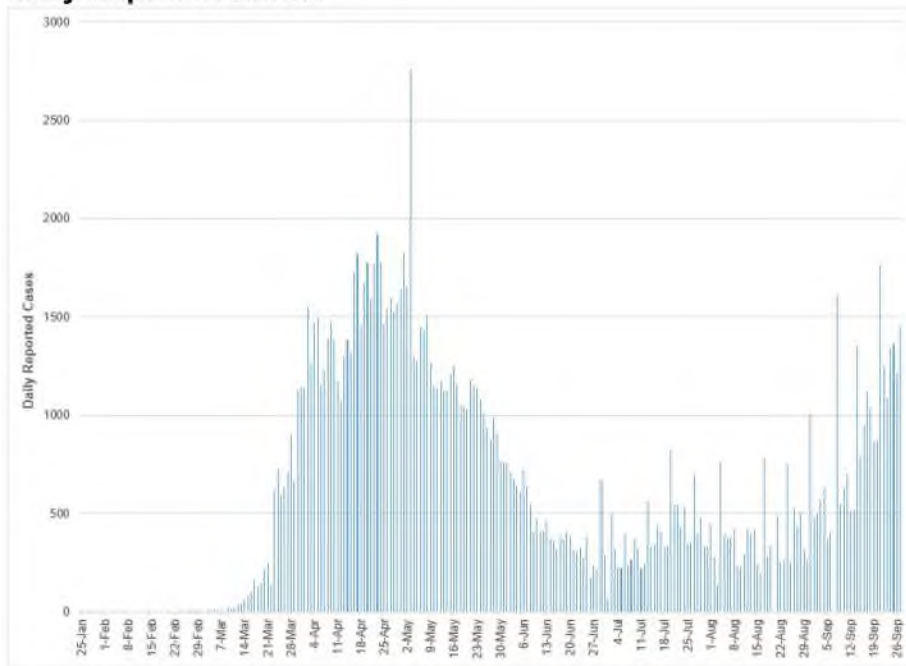
1. Domestic Overview

Daily Summary and Trend

As of **27 Sep**, 19:00 EDT

153,125	12,759 (8.3%)	131,098 (85.6%)	9,268 (6.0%)	1,454	189,355	2.0%
Total Cases	Active Cases (% of total)	Recovered (% of total)	Deaths (% of total)	New Cases	People tested per 1 million	Percent positive tests (total)

Daily Reported Cases



As of 00:00 EDT, **28 Sep**.

Additional epidemiological information can be found here:

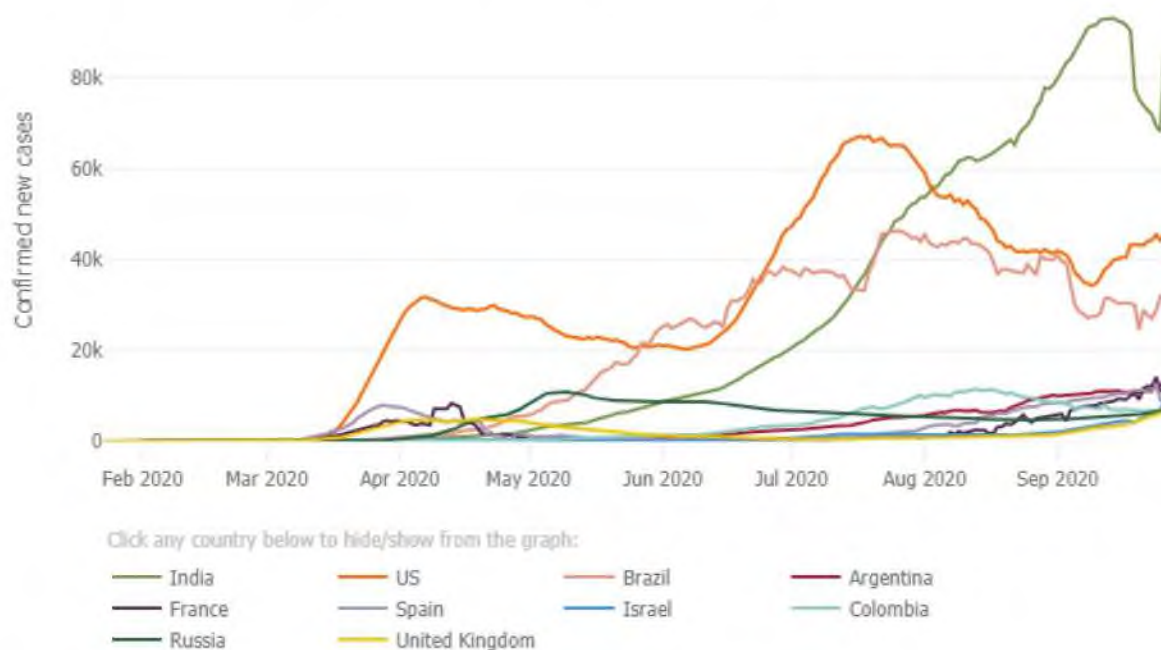
- [ESRI COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Epidemiology Update](#)

2. International Overview

As of **05:00 EDT, 28 Sep**, the number of positive COVID-19 cases globally is **33,119,791** including **997,966** deaths with **22,930,309** individuals having recovered. Three countries (US, India, and Brazil) make up 54% of international cases. The number of cases and deaths for these countries is: US (**7,115,338/204,758**), India (**6,074,702/95,542**), and Brazil (**4,732,309/141,741**).

Daily Confirmed New Cases (5-day moving average)

Outbreak evolution for the current 10 most affected countries:



Source: [Johns Hopkins University & Medicine](#) - as of 03:00 EDT, **28 Sep**.

3. Key Updates

Border Issues

- The Canada-US border will remain closed to non-essential travel until 21 Oct, as both countries continue to work towards stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Canadian Red Cross

- The deployment of CRC to QC in Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) began 03 Jul and as of 24 Sep, the CRC has a total of 466 personnel (34 CRC teams) currently deployed at 17 LTCF.
- As of 24 Sept, 1 demobilization is currently planned for the week of 28 Sep.
 - CISSS Montérégie-Ouest
 - CHSLD Dr Aimé-Leduc planned 02 Oct.

4. Media Summary

- On 25 Sep, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will join Canada's top public health officers for their daily update on the worsening COVID-19 health crisis. The PM was expected to have an announcement about the government's ongoing efforts to protect Canadians and combat the potentially deadly novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. He is also expected to start joining Chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam and her deputy, Howard Njoo, more regularly at their daily briefings.
<https://www.infomedia.qc.ca/tbs-sct/en/2020/09/25/231035710>
- On 25 Sep, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced an agreement with AstraZeneca to procure up to 20 million doses of its COVID 19 vaccine candidate. This agreement adds to those already reached with Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax, Pfizer, and Moderna, which were made following the recommendations of the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force. With these agreements in place, the government has now secured access for Canadians to six leading vaccine candidates.
<https://globalnews.ca/video/7358951/coronavirus-trudeau-announces-agreement-with-astrazeneca-for-20-million-vaccine-doses-if-trials-successful>
- The Prime Minister also announced Canada's participation in the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility, a global procurement mechanism that will help deliver fair, equitable, and timely access to COVID-19 vaccines. The Government of Canada is committing approximately \$220 million to the Facility to procure up to 15 million vaccine doses for Canadians. An additional \$220 million will be channeled through the COVAX Advance Market Commitment to purchase doses for low- and middle-income

countries, because we cannot beat this virus in Canada unless we end it everywhere. By joining this initiative, Canada is helping to develop and deploy safe, effective, and accessible COVID-19 vaccines. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/09/25/new-agreements-secure-additional-vaccine-candidates-covid-19>

COVID-19 Misinformation and Fact Checking Resources

The following links are provided in order to support accurate reporting on COVID-19 and address potential issues created through misinformation and conspiracy theories.

[WHO Myth Busters](#)

[COVID Canada Misinformation News Dashboard](#)

[Polygraph.info COVID-19 Disinformation News and Analysis](#)

[FactCheck.org Guide to Coronavirus Coverage](#)

[Politifact Coronavirus Fact Check](#)

[Poynter.org Coronavirus Facts and Misinformation](#)

[Google Coronavirus Fact Check Explorer](#)

Note: These links are to third parties and provided for reference only.

5. Provincial / Territorial Measures

BC

- There were **98** new cases and **one** death reported on **25 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep.**

AB

- There were **153** new cases reported on **25 Sep.**
- There were **65** new cases reported on **26 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep.**

SK

- There were **11** new cases reported on **25 Sep.**
- There were **17** new cases reported on **26 Sep.**
- There were **15** new cases reported on **27 Sep.**
- **On 25 Sep, SK released a series of COVID-19 guidelines for trick-or-treaters as well as haunted house and pumpkin patch operators to follow.**

<https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/sask-releases-trick-or-treating-haunted-house-covid-19-guidelines-1.5120732>

MB

- There were **53** new cases reported on **25 Sep**.
- There were **65** new cases reported on **26 Sep**.
- There were **51** new cases reported on **27 Sep**.
- **Winnipeg is going to orange level following a spike in cases. Beginning 28 Sep, people in and around Winnipeg will have to wear masks in indoor public places and restrict gatherings to 10 people. The new rules will stay for at least four weeks.**
<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg-going-to-orange-level-following-spike-in-covid-19-cases-1.5120363>

ON

- There were **409** new cases and **one** death reported on **25 Sep (41 cases in Ottawa)**.
- There were **435** new cases reported on **26 Sep (45 cases in Ottawa)**.
- There were **491** new cases and **two** deaths were reported on **27 Sep (15 cases and 1 death in Ottawa)**.

As of 25 Sep

- **ON sets 2300 hrs last call for bars and close by midnight.**
<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/58548/new-public-health-measures-implemented-provincewide-to-keep-ontarians-safe>
- **ON is investing \$741 million to help clear the backlog of surgeries and build more capacity in the health care system to effectively manage surges and outbreaks in COVID-19 cases. This is part of the province's COVID-19 fall preparedness plan, Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19. The plan will help the province quickly identify, prevent and respond to any scenario in order to protect communities.**
<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/58557/ontario-investing-741-million-to-reduce-surgeries-backlog-and-expand-access-to-care>
- **On 25 Sep, some Ontario pharmacies will begin offering COVID-19 tests as the province tries to ease the burden on busy assessment centres. Up to 60 pharmacies are offering the appointment-only tests to certain asymptomatic individuals, such as those with loved ones in long-term care homes, close contacts of a case or high-risk workers. Meanwhile, the government announced yesterday that the province's assessment centres will now focus on testing those with symptoms, exposure to a case and people involved in outbreak investigations.**
<https://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/en/2020/09/25/231035714>

The following link provides a status of COVID-19 cases in long-term care homes in ON.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-ontario-is-responding-covid-19#section-2>

QC

- There were **637** new cases and **four** deaths reported on **25 Sep (36 cases in the Outaouais region)**.
- There were **698** new cases and **seven** deaths reported on **26 Sep (21 cases in the Outaouais region)**.
- There were **896** new cases and **four** deaths reported on **27 Sep (14 cases in the Outaouais region)**.
- **A slow but steady rise of COVID-19 cases in Quebec's private seniors residences in recent weeks is causing concern among experts and authorities, who want to avoid the disaster that befell long-term care homes during the first wave of the novel coronavirus. As of 23 Sep, there were 39 private residences in Quebec with 180 COVID-19 cases between them listed on the government's website. Four among them were described as "critical" because more than 25 per cent of their residents were infected. In comparison, only 20 long-term care homes were listed as having cases. One facility was listed as critical.**
<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/after-long-term-care-quebec-private-seniors-residences-a-growing-covid-19-concern-1.5119751>
- **QC Health Minister asks people to stop social gatherings for 28 days to "break" second wave.**
<https://globalnews.ca/news/7358346/quebec-covid-19-update-september-25/>

NB

- **One** new case was reported on **25 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep**

NS

- No new cases were reported on **25 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep**.

PE

- No new cases were reported on **25 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep**.
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep**.

NL

- No new cases were reported on **25 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep.**
- **One** new case was reported on **27 Sep.**

YT

- No new cases were reported on **25 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep.**
- **One** new case was reported on **27 Sep.**
- **The Yukon Business Relief Program has been extended until 31 Mar 2021.**
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/yukon-extends-expands-business-relief-1.5738220>

NT

- No new cases were reported on **25 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep.**

NU

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- No new cases were reported on **26 Sep.**
- No new cases were reported on **27 Sep.**

6. Emergency Support Functions and Critical Infrastructure

The key priorities common across the 10 critical infrastructure (CI) sectors are:

- Priority access to scarce resources, such as:
 - PPE and COVID-19 testing kits.
- Heightened cybersecurity surveillance and cyber incident information sharing to help ensure cyber-safe operations; and
- Support for return to workplace planning, in particular robust contact tracing.

Emergency Support Functions (ESF)

ESF #1 Transportation

- **On 24 Sep, the Edmonton International Airport announced in a press release it will exclusively trial a new COVID-19 saliva test developed by GLC Medical Inc. The test is conducted with a handheld unit that takes a**

saliva sample from a person and is expected to tell if someone has COVID-19 in under 1-minute. Details about the testing and the process will be shared in the coming weeks. A start date has not been determined, but once it begins, the clinical trial will last several weeks over this fall.

(source: <https://flyeia.com/corporate/media/news/new-rapid-covid-19-test-taking-off-at-eia/>)

ESF #5 Public Health and Essential Human Services

- As of **19:00 EDT on 27 Sep**, over **7,117,709** people have been tested for COVID-19 in Canada.
- On 25 Aug, PHAC released the federal/provincial/territorial Public Health Response Plan for Ongoing Management of COVID-19, developed in collaboration with federal, provincial/territorial public health officials with input from indigenous partners. The document provides a common planning approach for ongoing management of COVID-19 in Canada.
 - [PHAC F/P/T Public Health Response Plan](#)
- Publicly available dashboards of COVID-19 cases across Canada. Information contained within the dashboard is provided by PHAC.
 - [PHAC COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- PHAC is producing a Daily Epidemiology Update, available at the following link:
 - [PHAC Epidemiology Summary](#)

ESF #7 Employment and Social Development Canada

- On 24 Sep, the Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Chrystia Freeland, and the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, announced the introduction of Bill C-2, to create three new temporary Recovery Benefits to support Canadians who are unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19. These new Benefits are being proposed as part of the Government of Canada's plan to support Canadians as we work to build back a stronger, more resilient economy. Since the introduction of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) in the early days of the pandemic, at a time when we asked Canadians to stay home, close to 9 million Canadians have received the Benefit to help to pay their bills and support their families.

To help build a stronger workforce, the Government of Canada will also invest an additional \$1.5 billion in the Workforce Development Agreements with provinces and territories to offer Canadians the skills training and employment supports they need. This support will respond to the increased number of Canadians looking to re-enter the workforce, and targets workers and employers in sectors hardest-hit by COVID-19, as well as groups particularly disadvantaged as a result of the pandemic. This is in addition to the \$3.4 billion already being provided to provinces and territories under the Labour Market Development Agreements and Workforce Development Agreements in 2020-2021.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/09/x3.html>

ESF #13 Border Services

- As of **27 Sep, 4,042,807** travellers were processed on the desktop application in all modes. Of these, **3,091,328 (76.5%)** were exempt from mandatory self-isolation. The remaining **951,479 (23.5%)** were subject to the mandatory self-isolation or quarantine order.
- The CBSA data on Traveller Arrivals by International and US Flights and Highway Volume Comparison: 2020 vs 2019, as of **09:00 EDT, 24 Sep.**



Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

- On First Nations communities in the provinces, as of **25 Sep** there were:
 - **647 (+8)** confirmed positive cases of COVID-19;
 - 52 hospitalizations;
 - 11 deaths;
 - **518 (+6)** recovered cases;

- As of 16 Sep, there are 191 State of Local Emergency (SOLE) declarations by First Nation communities in response to the COVID-19 crisis, which represents 30% of all First Nations in the selected regions.

Next Issue

The next event update will be issued at 08:00 EDT on **29 Sep**.

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