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Public Health Agency of Canada
Health Portfolio Situation Report (SitRep)

Event Name: COVID-19
Date: March 7, 2020, 12:45 p.m. EST

Health Portfolio Operations Centre – Activation status

The Health Portfolio Operations Centre (HPOC) remains activated at Level 3, *Partial Escalation*, to further support effective coordination of federal, provincial and territorial preparedness and response to the emergence of COVID-19.

Key points

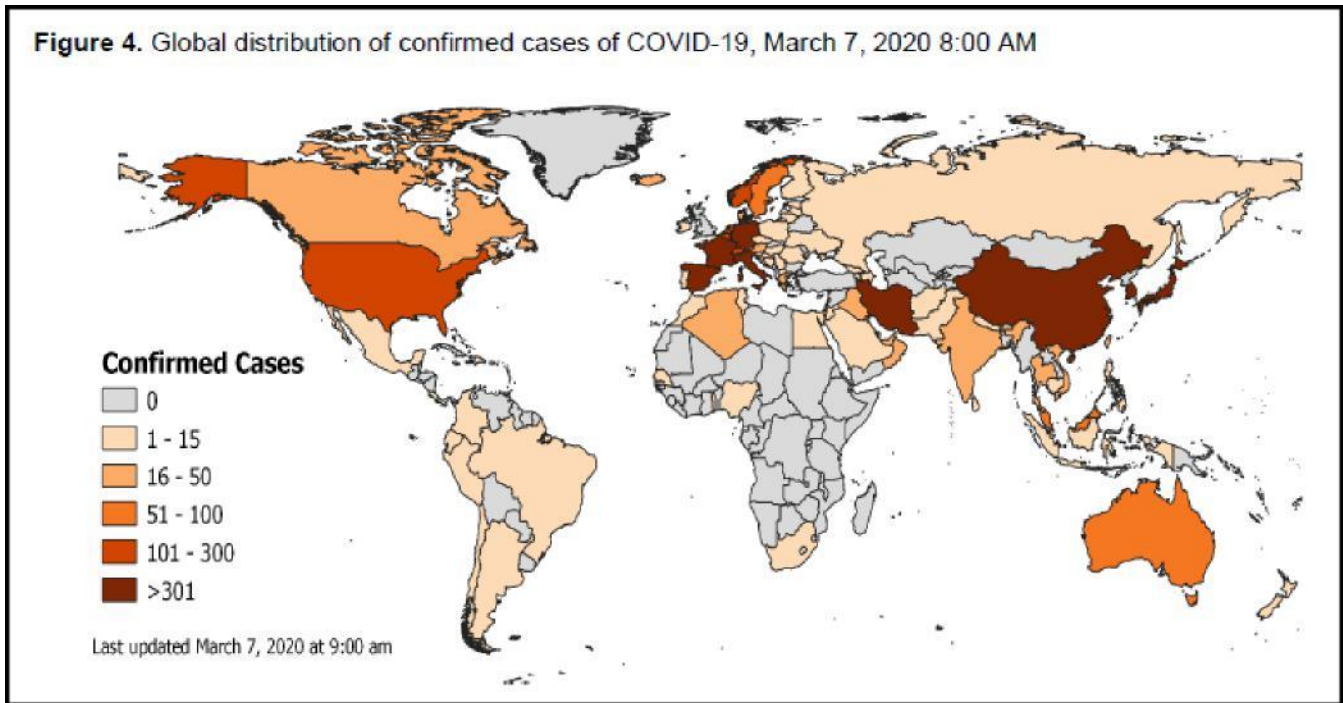
- Case count as of March 7, 2020
 - Canada: **57** confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Ontario = **28**, British Columbia = **27**, Quebec = 2), 1 probable case in Quebec and **2 probable cases** in Alberta
 - Globally: **102,822 (+3,250)** confirmed cases of COVID-19, including **3,485 (+84)** deaths
 - United States: **164* (+65)** confirmed cases of COVID-19, including **11 (+1)** deaths
 - Mainland China: **80,651 (+99)** confirmed cases of COVID-19, including **3,070 (+28)** deaths
 - Other countries: **22,171 (+3,151)** confirmed cases of COVID-19, including **415 (+56)** deaths
- Internationally
 - **7** new countries reported cases: **Colombia, Costa Rica, Gibraltar, Malta, Peru, Serbia and Togo.**
- Repatriation
 - All passengers in quarantine left Nav Canada's facility at 9:30 a.m. EST on March 6.
- Laboratory testing
 - British Columbia and Ontario can now do confirmatory testing and do not have to send the samples taken to the NML.
 - As of March 6, the NML has conducted tests for **580** people taking part in a survey on COVID-19 in Canada: **15** tested positive, **509** tested negative, and we are still awaiting the results of **56** tests.
- Risk assessment
 - The public health risk in Canada is low to moderate, depending on health condition and age.

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Figure 1. Global distribution of confirmed cases of COVID-19, **March 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m. EST**



Updated: March 7, 2020, 9:36 a.m. EST	Confirmed cases†	Deaths
Mainland China	80,651	3,070
Asia (outside mainland China) Bhutan (1), Hong Kong SAR (109), Macau SAR (10), Japan (408*), South Korea (6,767), Taiwan (45), Cambodia (1), Malaysia (55), Philippines (3), Singapore (130), Jordan (1), Thailand (47), Vietnam (16), India (30), Indonesia (2), Nepal (1), Sri Lanka (1), Azerbaijan (6), Armenia (1), Afghanistan (1), Bahrain (52), Iran (5,823), Iraq (38), Israel (17), Kuwait (58), Lebanon (16), Palestine (7), Pakistan (5), Oman (16), Qatar (8), Saudi Arabia (5), United Arab Emirates (29)	13,709	181
Oceania Australia (63), New Zealand (4)	67	2
Africa Algeria (17), Egypt (3), Nigeria (1), Morocco (2), Tunisia (1), Senegal (4), South Africa (1), Togo (1)	30	0

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Europe Austria (41), Andorra (1), Belarus (6), Belgium (169), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2), Croatia (10), Czech Republic (12), Denmark (20), Estonia (5), Finland (12), France (613), Georgia (9), Gibraltar (1) , Greece (32), Germany (684), Hungary (2), Italy (4,636), Iceland (35), Ireland (14), Latvia (1), Liechtenstein (1), Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (1), Malta (1) , Monaco (1), Netherlands (128), North Macedonia (1), Norway (113), Poland (1), Portugal (9), Romania (6), Russia (4), San Marino (22), Serbia (1) , Slovenia (6), Spain (374), Sweden (61), Switzerland (210), United Kingdom (163), Ukraine (1)	7,410	215
North America Canada (49), United States (164), Mexico (5)	218	11
Central America, Caribbean and South America Argentina (2), Brazil (8), Colombia (1) , Chile (4), Costa Rica (1) , Dominican Republic (1), Ecuador (13), Peru (1)	31	0
International transport Diamond Princess cruise ship, Japan	706	6
International total	22 171	415

† The definition of “confirmed case” may vary depending on the country. According to the WHO, a confirmed case is a case with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

* Cases aboard international transport are declared in a separate category.

Overview of the situation¹

Canada

As of March 7, 2020, **57** laboratory confirmed cases and **3** probable cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Canada.

Local and provincial public health authorities are doing contact tracing and taking the necessary public health management measures.

	Confirmed cases	Presumptive cases
Ontario	28	0
British Columbia	27	0
Quebec	2	1
Alberta	0	2
Total	57	3

Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response

¹ Since the situation is evolving rapidly and reporting cycles vary, the information provided in the situation report may not correspond to the information posted on the Canada.ca website.

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Reporting province	Exposure History			
	Travel to known affected area*	Grand Princess cruise	No reported travel, contact to a travel-related case	No known source
ON	19	1	2	0
BC	11	0	3	1
QC	3	0	0	0
AB	0	1	0	0
Total	33	2	5	1

*China (n=8), Egypt (n=5), Iran (n=16), France (n=1), Italy (n=1), Washington State (n=1), India (n=1)

Repatriation – Cornwall**All Diamond Princess passengers left the Nav Canada facility at 9:30 a.m. EST on March 6.****Internationally**

As of **March 7, 2020, 22,171 (+3,151)** cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, including **415 (+56)** reported deaths, in **93 (+7)** countries or administrative regions outside mainland China and on international transport. The daily number of new cases reported outside mainland China continues to exceed the number of new cases reported in mainland China.

Asia has the most cases. Most of the cases in Asia (outside mainland China) are in South Korea, Iran and Japan. Five countries (South Korea, Iran, Italy, France and Germany) have **86%** of cases worldwide.

Countries for which PHAC provides daily epidemiological monitoring

- Japan
- South Korea
- India
- Germany
- Spain
- Italy
- France
- United States

United States

As of **March 6**, The U.S. CDC has reported **164* (+65)** confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 in **19** states, including **11 (+1)** deaths. Exposure details for the **164** cases: **36** are travel related; **18** are a result of community transmission (not travel related); **110** are currently under investigation.

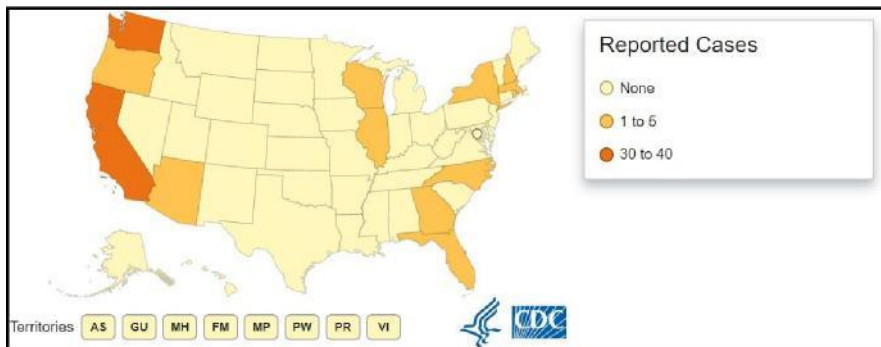
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States of interest

The number of cases reported in each state may differ from the number identified by the CDC because of different reporting periods; the data reported by the states is the most recent available.

- Washington state reported **79 (+9)** cases and **11 (+1)** deaths.
- California reported **45 (+9)** cases and 1 death.
- New York state reported **33** cases.

Figure 1. States with confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases. This map was extracted from the [United States CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases.html) on March 6, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.



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Cruise ships

Diamond Princess cruise ship (Japan)

As of March 5, 706 passengers and crew have confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 56 Canadian passengers. Of these, 25 are in hospital, 3 are in critical condition, and the others are stable. Thirty-one have been discharged from hospital.

Grand Princess cruise ship (San Francisco)

Cohort A (arrived at the port of San Francisco on February 21, 2020)

- On February 21, 2020, the Grand Princess cruise ship returned to San Francisco from Hawaii. One passenger died from COVID-19 after disembarking.
- **The manifest included 263 Canadians. Their contact information was sent to the authorities in their province or territory of residence.**



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Cohort B (currently in quarantine off the coast of San Francisco)

- **As of March 6, there were 2,422 passengers and 1,222 crew aboard, including 237 Canadians**
- **46 passengers were tested for COVID-19: 21 tested positive, 24 tested negative, and 1 test was inclusive. No Canadians tested positive.**
- **U.S. Vice-President Mike Pence announced in a press conference that the ship will head to a non-commercial port and that all passengers will be tested.**

Risk assessment

The public health risk in Canada is low to moderate, depending on health condition and age.

The WHO continues to evaluate the risk of a COVID-19 crisis as very high in China and very high at the regional and global levels.

International preparedness and response

World Health Organization (WHO)

The COVID-19 outbreak in China was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.

United States

U.S. State Department travel advisories

The following travel advisories were issued: Level 2 (Exercise increased caution) for [Hong Kong](#) and [Japan](#); Level 3 (Reconsider travel) for [South Korea](#) and [Italy](#); Level 4 (Do not travel) for [Iran](#); a special travel advisory concerning [cruise ships](#), recommending that citizens reconsider their plans to take a cruise in Asia or headed for Asia.

United States Centers for Disease Control (U.S. CDC) travel health notices

The following travel health notices were issued: Level 1 (Practice usual precautions) for [Hong Kong](#); Level 2 (Practice enhanced precautions) for [Japan](#); and Level 3 (Avoid nonessential travel) for [South Korea](#), [Italy](#), [Iran](#) and [China](#).

Preparedness and response in Canada

Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

GAC issued the following travel advisories because of the COVID-19 outbreak: China (Avoid non-essential travel [avoid all travel to Hubei]); Italy (Avoid non-essential travel to northern Italy: Valle d'Aosta, Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige); South Korea (Avoid non-essential travel in the Daegu and Cheongdo regions).



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Public Safety Canada (PS)

The Government Operations Centre (GOC) remains activated at Level 3, Coordination of Federal Response.

The GOC is convening daily teleconferences with relevant federal partners to share information, identify and address issues, and support ongoing coordination of activities.

Public Safety Communications is convening daily Government of Canada Communications Community coordination conference calls.

Health Portfolio (HP)

Health Canada offers regular support on site at the HPOC.

Health Canada has developed general occupational health tips for federal public service employees in the context of COVID-19. This includes additional guidelines for public servants working in special conditions, including airport entry points, missions abroad; in Japan, for the repatriation of Canadians aboard the Diamond Princess; in Trenton and Cornwall, for the repatriation of Canadians aboard the Diamond Princess.

Health Portfolio regional emergency coordination centres (RECCs) remain mobilized in every region to support COVID-19-related activities, as well as preparedness and detection activities.

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Travel health notices posted on [Travel.gc.ca](https://travel.gc.ca): Level 1 (Practise usual travel health precaution) for [Hong Kong](#) and [Singapore](#); Level 2 (Practise special health precautions) for [South Korea](#) (avoid all non-essential travel in the Daegu and Cheongdo regions) and [Japan](#) (especially high risk in the Hokkaido region); Level 3 (Avoid all non-essential travel) for [China](#), [northern Italy](#) and [Iran](#).

On March 3, a COVID-19 watch was added to the Health tab of Travel.gc.ca's page on Egypt. Enhanced control measures² remain in place at 10 international airports (Vancouver, Toronto Pearson, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto Billy Bishop and Quebec City). The electronic kiosks include a question aimed at identifying travellers arriving from Hubei province and Iran. Travellers are also given information documents informing them of the measures they must take if they begin feeling sick after their arrival in Canada.

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The messages posted on the screens in the arrival zones of 10 airports refer to COVID-19 and no longer mention China. In addition, there are now COVID-19 documents and posters in all international airports.

As of March 5, travellers arriving at all international land, rail and marine ports of entry are subject to the same enhanced control measures as travellers arriving in Canada by air.

The PHAC continues to collaborate with the appropriate parties (namely health care professionals, professional unions and commercial organizations) to share information and deal with issues relating to COVID-19.

The PHAC continues its activities regarding surveillance, information collection and exchange, and the mobilization of federal, provincial, territorial and international partners³ in order to inform Canada's public health response and to make sure that Canada is prepared to deal with the cases of COVID-19 identified within its borders.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

ISC actively supports its Indigenous partners via a network of stakeholders in order to support First Nations communities and to manage public health emergency preparedness and response as needed.

Communications

The toll-free coronavirus information line (1-833-784-4397) is available seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to midnight EST. It takes approximately 300 calls from the public every day. As of March 4, the information line has received **6,332** calls. **On March 5, the information line received 549 calls, a one-day record.**

The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer continue to hold press conferences and offer interviews as needed. Media lines and other communication products will be updated and distributed to FPT partners as needed.

On March 7, the coronavirus (COVID-19) content on Canada.ca was made more user-friendly.

The last update to the Canada.ca website on March 6, 2020, reports **51** positive cases of COVID-19. The results of the NML tests show **538** negative cases and **15** positive cases (as of March 6).

³ World Health Organization (WHO), Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), Global Health Security Initiative (GHSI), U.S. Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC)



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The next update will be published on March 9, 2020.

Important developments will be communicated earlier as needed.