

Mass quarantine: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-could-canada-bring-in-mass-coronavirus-quarantine-measures-like-italy/>

- Measures taken to reduce the amount of time individuals spend in large crowds or in crowded spaces can be effective to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in a community.
- Organizers of community programs and events should have plans in place to help determine when they might cancel mass gatherings, based on advice from local health authorities.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada has developed a tool to aid public health authorities and event organizers to assess the risk of COVID-19 transmission and related impacts associated with their mass gathering event and consider risk mitigation strategies.
- Depending on the circumstances, social distancing measures may be implemented that could have significant impact on societal function, such as the closure of schools and workplaces. Additional tools are being developed to aid local authorities in making risk-informed decisions on these measures.

QC N95 masks : <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/coronavirus-quebec-orders-hospitals-to-ration-n-95-respirator-masks>

- There are shortages of protective supplies like N95 masks being reported in some regions, and some jurisdictions are rationing the distribution of medical masks to those in need and infected with COVID-19.
- On March 11, the Prime Minister announced a \$1-billion funding package to help the country's COVID-19 response. The fund includes an allocation of \$50 million to the Public Health Agency of Canada to ensure an adequate supply of personal protective equipment such as surgical masks, face shields and isolation gowns, both provincially and federally.
- With over \$500 million being provided directly to the provinces and territories for critical health care system needs, it will ensure there are ample supplies of personal protective equipment for our frontline healthcare workers and will provide support to Canadians in quarantine or who will need to self-isolate to protect their neighbours and loved ones.
- Federal, provincial and territorial governments have placed bulk orders for personal protective equipment to supplement their existing stocks at the outset of the outbreak.

Number infected: https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/canadian-press-newsalert-federal-government-promises-1-billion-for-covid-19-fight?video_autoplay=true

- There are currently 118 confirmed cases in Canada, where the majority of cases are travel-related and one confirmed case was reported among passengers repatriated to Canada on March 10, 2020 from the Grand Diamond Princess Cruise Line (and currently quarantined in Trenton, ON).

- Based on current data, between 30 per cent and 70 per cent of Canadians could become infected with the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19.
- While most will recover, Canadians must continue to work together to protect seniors, people with underlying medical conditions, compromised immune systems and other vulnerable groups.

Community Spread: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-child-at-calgary-daycare-tests-positive-for-covid-19-canadas-first/>

- Canada's pandemic goals, which are first, to minimize serious illness and overall deaths, and second to minimize societal disruption among Canadians, guides Canada's response to COVID-19. This includes putting in place interventions and measures restrictions that will slow the spread to reduce illness and ensure that our health system is not suddenly overwhelmed.
- Virus transmission in the school/childcare setting, as well as in the home and community, is amplified as students/children are generally less compliant with effective hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette practices, they socialize with other students/children in a way that is likely to increase transmission and they can shed the virus up to twice as long as adults
- The Public Health Agency of Canada, in collaboration with Canadian public health experts have developed guidance for federal/provincial/territorial (F/P/T) public health authorities on the use of public health measures to reduce and delay transmission of COVID-19 in the community as well as public health guidance for schools (K-12) and childcare programs (COVID-19).
- We will continue to work with the provinces and territories, with indigenous communities, and leaders, businesses, and community-level groups to minimize the health and economic impacts of this rapidly evolving public health issue.