

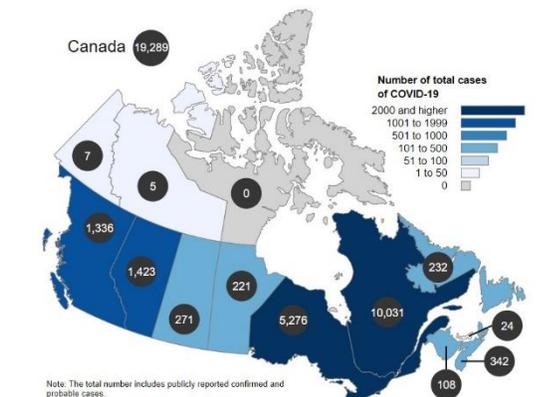
COVID-19 Situation Report No. 02 – April 8, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Canadian companies have answered the government's call for the manufacture of hundreds of thousands of ventilators, masks and hospital gowns for domestic use.
- Alberta allows anyone 65 and older with possible symptoms to be tested for COVID-19
- Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the latest Canadian city to declare a Local State of Emergency on April 3, 2020
- Canada begins clinical trial of experimental COVID-19 treatment using plasma from recovered individuals

Fast facts:

- Number of total cases nationwide - 19,289
- Number of deaths - 435
- Number of recovered - 4,380
- Highest number of cases provincially (Quebec) - 10,031
- Lowest number of cases (Nunavut) - 0
- Number of provinces w. declared state of emergency - 12
- Current Canadian response projects to COVID-19 - 09



SITUATION OVERVIEW

Information on the Emergency

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus (SARS-CoV) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March. **Presently there are 1,513,358 confirmed cases worldwide, according to figures published by the John Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center.**

The date of symptom onset of the first case of COVID-19 in Canada was January 15, 2020.

People Affected

- **Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have doubled (2.3) since last week with the highest reported rates continuing in Quebec (10,031) and Ontario (5,276). Alberta has surpassed British Columbia (1,336) for third highest in the country with (1,423) confirmed cases according to the Public Health Agency of Canada in coordination with provincial public health authorities.**
- **Public health efforts continue to focus on containment isolation and physical distancing. The Government of Canada this week announced further action under the [Plan to Mobilize Industry](#), a made-in-Canada plan to manufacture protective gear and medical equipment to respond to the outbreak. In one example of Canadian cooperation, Jon Stanfield, president and CEO of Stanfield's Ltd. will use a fabric developed by packaging-products company Intertape Polymer Group to**

- produce protective medical gowns in the Stanfield garment factory located in Truro, Nova Scotia
- To date, nearly 5,000 Canadian companies have so far offered their expertise and capacity to this and other PPE and ventilator manufacturing efforts.

Humanitarian Situation

Confirmed Cases (April 08, 2020)

- British Columbia - health officials reported 45 new cases, 1,336 confirmed cases, and 48 total deaths.
- Saskatchewan - recorded 11 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 271
- Manitoba – 4 new probable cases bring the province's total to 221
- New Brunswick - 3 new cases raised the province's total of 108 cases.
- Quebec– There are now 175 dead in Quebec. The number of confirmed cases has doubled (5,869) since last week and now sits at 10,031.
- Alberta - 50 new cases this week brought the number of confirmed cases in Alberta to 1,423
- Newfoundland – 4 more cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Newfoundland and Labrador this week for a new total of 232 cases
- Prince Edward Island - 4 new cases of COVID-19 were identified this past week, bringing the province's total to 24
- Nova Scotia - 195 cases were announced 195 this past week, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 342
- Yukon - 3 has 8 confirmed cases, an increase of only three from last week.
- Ontario - 2884 more cases was announced this past week, bringing the total number of infected patients in Ontario to 5,276

Gaps in Humanitarian Assistance

The COVID-19 health crisis has resulted in business shuttering, with some provinces, like Alberta, warning that the province is heading for 25% unemployment as the Government of Canada continues to follow World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines concerning physical distancing: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/transcripts/who-audio-emergencies-coronavirus-press-conference-full-20mar2020.pdf?sfvrsn=1eafbf_

Funding for mental health resources announced by the Federal government as rates of mental health cases and issues such as anxiety and depression are reported on the rise: <https://globalnews.ca/news/6623998/ontario-government-mental-health-strategy/>

\$100M announced for food banks, the Salvation Army, and other local food organizations responding to the climbing rates of hunger in Canada due to COVID-19 mitigation measures: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food>

75% salary support announced for organizations that have lost 30% revenue due to COVID-19: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-covid19-business-supports-1.5514558>



ADRA's RESPONSE

Needs Assessment

ADRA Canada continues to use information and data provided by federal, provincial and territorial governments, the Emergency Management NGO Consortium of Canada (EMNCC), Provincial NGO alliances like the NGO Alliance of Ontario, SDA conferences and local churches to identify, communicate and coordinate a national COVID-19 response.

ADRA's Response Activities

Nationally:

ADRA Canada in partnership with the SDACC (Canadian Union), ADRA International and local conferences have established a COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund of \$225,000 CAD to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 in the following sectors:

- Basic essential needs such as food, and non-food items and services
- Psychosocial support – setting up support helplines through each conference to provide short-term counseling and on-on-one support.
- Youth and family engagement – creative ways to involve/engage youth and families.

**44 ADRA Canada COVID-19 Response funding applications have been received to date with 9 approved projects for a total of \$97,000 CAD.
Funding awarded to date:**

1. Really Living SDA Church – Ontario
2. Hope Vision SDA Group – Ontario
3. Spanish Betel Church – Ontario
4. Heritage Green SDA Church – Ontario
5. Luso-Brazilian SDA Church – Québec
6. Parker St. Food & Furniture Bank - Nova Scotia
7. Church in the Valley SDA – British Columbia
8. Oakridge SDA Church – British Columbia
9. Igloolik SDA Group – Nunavut

Funding Opportunities

ADRA Canada will support Canadian conferences in applying for \$175,000 USD in NAD/ACS food assistance funding at \$25,000 USD per conference.

We continue to:

Network with national NGO partners to explore potential in-cash or in-kind donations to aid rapid assistance in areas of need.



CONSTRAINTS

Security Constraints

ADRA Canada is working in compliance with all federal, provincial, territorial and municipal regulations. The province of Ontario, in which ADRA Canada's office is located has declared a state of emergency. ADRA personnel has been working from home but have daily meetings online or by phone.

Nationally, citizens are strongly advised to:

- Practice physical distancing.
- Refrain from gathering of no more than 5 people
- All social and recreational places are closed including Community Centres.
- Violations of any restrictions IS subject to penalties.

Other Constraints:

Currently there no pressing constraints. ADRA Canada continues to promote health and safety guidelines set forward by the Public Health Agency of Canada and federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) health authorities/counterparts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media

Please visit ADRA Canada's website for information and updates: <https://www.adra.ca/be-prepared-for-covid19/>

Quotes:

1. "We know the only way this virus moves is when people move, and people are on the move this weekend traditionally. If you want your fish and chips, cook it at home and join in Facebook or Facetime or Skype." **Newfoundland and Labrador Health Minister John Haggie on Easter weekend.**
2. "The entire world was unprepared." **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the shortage of medical supplies.**
3. "What the story is about is our freedom, and this year we don't feel so free." **Ottawa's Michelle Devorah Kahn on the upcoming Jewish holiday of Passover.**

The next SitRep will be circulated on:

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