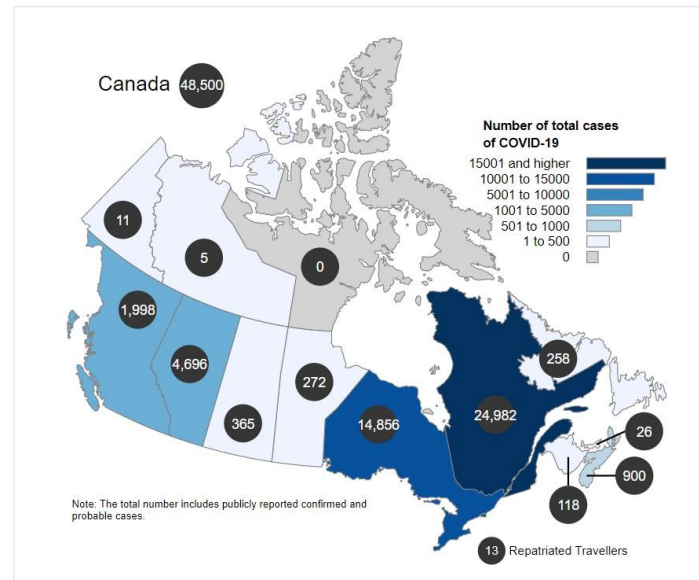


HIGHLIGHTS

- The federal government will provide a \$350M community support fund to aid Canada's 86,000 registered charities deal with the surge of service demand as well as the drop in donations due to COVID-19.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) is opposing the use of "immunity passports" to allow people to leave self-isolation with a clean bill of health, noting it's unclear how long immunity lasts after a patient recovers from COVID-19 - a view Canada's chief public health officer shares.
- After a week of zero cases, New Brunswick reopens parks, beaches, and golf courses. Provincial colleges, universities, and religious services may resume as well according to provincial leadership.



48,500 Number of total cases	2,707 Number of deaths	13,188 Number of recovered	24,982 Highest number of cases provincially (Quebec)	0 Lowest number of cases (Nunavut)	12 Number of provinces w. declared state of emergency	28 Current response projects to COVID-19
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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Information on the Emergency

The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic is ongoing. The outbreak, first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019 has been reported in approximately 202 countries and territories, with 3,091,141 confirmed cases and 215,138 deaths globally.

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

People Affected

There are currently 48,500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Canada nationwide with the highest reported rates in Quebec (24,982); Ontario (14,856), and Alberta (4,696).

Public health efforts continue to focus on containment, isolation, and physical distancing, with the province of Ontario extending its state of emergency 28 days to May 12. Outbreaks in long-term care and seniors' homes have been driving the growth in the epidemic and account for almost 80 per cent of deaths across the country. Canada has provided military assistance to help

bring the virus under control in those facilities in Ontario and Quebec, which also represent 80 per cent of all cases.

At the same time, long-care seniors' facilities and residences seek for creative solutions (like FaceTime, Skype and Zoom) to ensure that the elderly, an extremely vulnerable population under COVID-19, has access to their loved ones while ensuring safety.

As of April 27, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is aware of 115 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases on First Nations reserves in provinces with British Columbia (27) Alberta (16) Saskatchewan (14) Ontario (29) Quebec (29). ISC Minister Marc Miller also reports 14 infections in Nunavik (Quebec) Inuit communities.

Humanitarian Situation

Confirmed Cases (April 28, 2020)

- British Columbia (274) - British Columbia health officials reported 274 new cases this week for a total of 1,998 confirmed cases and an additional 16 deaths for a total of 103 deceased.
- Saskatchewan (45) – Saskatchewan has recorded 45 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 365 confirmed cases and 5 deaths.

- Manitoba (6) – 9 new cases were reported in Manitoba this week, bringing the province's total to 260. The number of confirmed deaths remains at 6.
- New Brunswick (0) – The province is reporting no new cases this week keeping the total at 118 cases with no deaths.
- Quebec (4,856) – 4,856 new cases, 1,599 deceased and 24,982 confirmed cases continue to make Quebec the country's pandemic hotspot.
- Alberta (1,601) – Alberta is reporting 1,601 new cases, 75 deaths and a total of 4,696 confirmed cases.
- Newfoundland (1) – Newfoundland reported only 1 new case of COVID-19 for a new total of 258 confirmed cases, with 3 deceased.
- Prince Edward Island (0) – No new cases were identified this week in Prince Edward Island, keeping the province's total to 26 with no recorded deaths.
- Nova Scotia (163) – 220 new cases were reported in Nova Scotia bringing the total number of cases in the province to 900 with 24 deceased.
- Yukon – (0) no additional cases of COVID-19 were reported, keeping the current number of confirmed cases to 11, with still no recorded deaths.
- Ontario (3,121) – 3,121 new cases of the novel coronavirus was reported in Ontario this week, with an additional 233 deaths for a total of 892 deceased and 14,856 confirmed cases.
- Northwest Territories – Public Health Agency of Canada is also reporting 5 confirmed cases in NWT with no deaths.

Gaps in Humanitarian Assistance

The Government of Canada announced \$9B in new COVID-19 funding for students and recent graduates who have seen their education and job prospects hampered by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/pm-trudeau-announces-9b-in-new-covid-19-funding-for-students-1.4906564>

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 Breakfast Club, the Salvation Army, and other agencies responding to the climbing rates of hunger in Canada due to mitigation measures such as business closures: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news->

[releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food](https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-covid19-business-supports-1.5514558)

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

ADRA's RESPONSE

Needs Assessment

ADRA Canada continues to attend meetings, share information and data provided by the federal, provincial and territorial governments as well as information provided by the Emergency Management NGO Consortium of Canada (EMNCC), Provincial NGO alliances like the NGO Alliance of Ontario, SDA conferences and local churches to coordinate responses.

ADRA Canada's Response Activities

Nationally: ADRA Canada in partnership with ADRA International, the SDACC (Canadian Union) and the Conferences is supporting a total of 28 projects across Canada with the addition of Mamawi Atosketan Native School, the only SDA First Nations (Indigenous) school in Canada with a community project designed to assist Mamawi and the 4 major First Nations reserves in the area.

A total of 85 funding requests were received by ADRA Canada, 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.

Provincial breakdown of the funded projects is as follows:

Conference	# of projects
British Columbia	2
Manitoba - Saskatchewan	3
Alberta	2
Maritime	2
Ontario	14

Quebec	4
Newfoundland and Labrador	1

NAD ACS has approved USD \$25,000 each for COVID-19 Food Relief projects in Alberta, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Maritime and Newfoundland & Labrador conferences.

ADRA Canada held 8 orientation meetings and assigned 5 project managers to lend technical support to all project teams.

ADRA Canada is also monitoring the flooding in Fort McMurray, Alberta and working with local churches and volunteers to assist with food assistance and other non-food items. The mandatory evacuation order and subsequent state of local emergency issued on April 27 continues to put pressure on local agencies. The Wood Buffalo Food Bank, which was experiencing higher than normal demand in recent weeks, is now closed due to flooding.

Internationally:

ADRA Canada is supporting COVID-19 response projects as follows:

- Indonesia COVID-19 Response Project: ADRA Canada to fund a \$45,000 CAD multi-purpose cash project for 200 elderly market vendors and informal workers in Palu, Donggala and Sigi of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.
- Philippines COVID-19 Response Project: ADRA Canada to contribute \$3,000 CAD to a \$7,600 CAD project to supplement the local government's food distribution by providing a food basket to 250 vulnerable households in Ajuy, Silang, Philippines.
- Thailand COVID-19 Response Project: ADRA Canada to contribute \$22,500 USD (\$32,000 CAD) of a \$30,000 USD (\$42,500 CAD) awareness campaign in 9 refugee camps in four provinces along the Thai- Myanmar Border. The project hopes to increase awareness of residents to change behaviors aimed at reducing the infection rate and spread of COVID-19.

Funding Opportunities

ADRA Canada will continue to seek for more funding opportunities, including application to the 350M community support funding now available to registered charities.

We continue to network with national NGO partners to explore potential in-cash or in-kind donations to ADRA Canada to aid rapid assistance for areas of need.

CONSTRAINTS

Security Constraints

ADRA Canada is working in compliance with all federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal regulations.

Other Constraints

Currently there are no pressing constraints.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media

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

Quotes

1. **We have requested assistance from the federal government as we face this new crisis," Don Scott, mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, said in a social media post.**
2. **"The fact that flooding season and, in due course, forest fire season is coinciding with coronavirus in Canada is posing some special challenges." Deputy Prime Minister Crysthia Freeland.**

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