Situation Report #20: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

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Situation:

- Case counts as of February 13, 2020:
  - China: 59,804 cases; 1369 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 507 cases; 3 deaths (Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan)
  - Europe: 46 cases
  - Middle East: 8 cases
  - North America: United States (15 cases), Canada (7 cases)

- Hubei province has changed their reporting criteria for cases, resulting in a large spike in case count numbers for China.
- In Ontario, there are 15 persons under investigation with lab results pending.

Actions Taken:

- Guidance documents for the following sectors are now in final approvals: Independent Health Facilities, Laboratories, and Pharmacies. These documents are in the process of translation and will be uploaded to the ministry’s website soon.
- The ministry continues to work with federal and local partners to support repatriated citizens who arrived on the three flights to CFB Trenton, including preparing for the end of quarantine.
- As of February 10, 2020, Public Health Ontario Laboratory pre-approval for COVID-19 testing is no longer required, provided that mandatory information is included on the requisition. Refer to PHO’s website for more detailed information.
- The ministry continues to clarify guidance around infection prevention and control and public health actions that were issued last week. In the interim, please continue to refer only to the Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario guidance document. Further documentation is being developed to support the interpretation of Public health management of cases and contacts of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Ontario.
- Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the ministry at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.
Next Steps:

- The ministry will work with and support local partners and the federal government regarding repatriated citizens.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- The ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and upload them to the ministry website.