Situation Report #4: 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus)
Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch
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Situation:

- Updated case counts as of January 28, 2020:
  - China: 4515 cases and 106 deaths
  - Asia & Oceania: 57 cases
  - Europe: 4 cases
  - North America: United States (5 cases), Canada (3 cases)

- There are 11 persons under investigation with lab results pending. One case has been confirmed with the 2019-nCoV and a second case is presumptive confirmed. This information is updated on the ministry website daily at 10:30am.
- Confirmatory results on the presumptive confirmed case announced on January 27th are still pending from the National Microbiology Laboratory.
  - Several health units are involved in case and contact management.
- British Columbia announced its first presumptive case of 2019-nCoV on January 28 in a BC resident who had recently returned from Wuhan, China.
- The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised travellers to avoid all non-essential travel to China.

Actions Taken:

- The initial guidance document for Primary Care Providers is attached. It will be posted on the ministry’s website after the website goes live (see below).
- Guidance documents for other sectors are in progress and are proceeding as quickly as possible.
- The ministry’s website for health workers and healthcare employers is undergoing translation and the website should be live shortly.
- Signage to support screening of patients and visitors is attached. Translation into simplified Chinese is underway.
- The ministry hosts morning teleconferences for provincial health system partners (9:00am, M-F), and is providing daily end of day Situation Reports.
- The ministry continues to answer a high volume of media and stakeholder questions.

Next Steps:
Following a meeting of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, the ministry will be making a change to the case definition to reflect Hubei province. This will require changes to existing screening recommendations. Formal changes will follow.

- Finalizing guidance documents and processes.
- Continue to monitor this situation externally and within the health system.
- Continue to support partners in their response activities.