Ontario Enhancing Public Reporting about COVID-19
Dedicated Website Will Include Expanded Information of Confirmed Cases Across the Province
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TORONTO — Ontario is enhancing the public information it provides about the status of COVID-19. As the outbreak evolves, Ontario has launched a new dedicated web page and is changing how COVID-19 cases are being reported to provide a more relevant summary of data from Public Health Ontario that offers expanded information every day at 10:30 a.m.

This daily epidemiologic summary replaces the general information on the status of COVID-19 cases that was previously provided twice daily on the web page. The new summary provides more provincial and regional data on confirmed cases, including trends of cases since the outbreak began, geography, exposure and severity.

"Ontario has been diligently monitoring and taking decisive action to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Ontarians informed," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We will continue to work with Public Health Ontario, public health units and the health sector to have and report on the best possible data to help us understand the scope of the COVID-19 outbreak in our province and inform our collective response to keep all Ontarians safe and healthy."

The daily summary is based on data recorded by local public health units in the province's integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS), as of 4 p.m. the day before the summary is posted. iPHIS is the Ministry of Health's disease reporting system, where data is regularly updated.

In addition to the daily update to the website, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, will continue to hold regularly scheduled daily media briefings via teleconference, to provide an update on the province's ongoing response to COVID-19.

QUICK FACTS

- Everyone in Ontario should be practicing physical distancing to reduce their exposure to other people. Avoid close contact (within 2 metres) with people outside of your immediate families.
- If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool to see if you need to seek further care.
- On March 25, 2020, the federal government announced an Emergency Order under the *Quarantine Act*, that requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. They should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days.
- On March 28, 2020, Ontario issued a new emergency order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to prohibit organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people.
- Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and protect your health:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
  - Sneeze and cough into your sleeve;
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
  - Avoid contact with people who are sick; and
  - Stay home if you are sick.

LEARN MORE

- Ontario Provides $3.3 Billion More to Increase Health Care Capacity
- Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19
- Visit Ontario's website to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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