



# Briefing Note

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**Purpose:** To inform ONWA, ONWA Chapters and Councils and community partners on recent developments on COVID-19 for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## As of 3:30 P.M Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- **Globally:** 8,343,324 cases (+92,100); 448,537 deaths (+3,349); 4,363,903 recovered<sup>1</sup>
- **US:** 2,223,749 (+15,349), 119,556 deaths (+424). Death Rate = 5.4%
- **Brazil:** 934,769 (+5,935), 45,585 deaths (+129)
- **Russia:** 553,301 (+7,843), 7,478 deaths (+194)
- **Canada:** 99,774 cases (+307), 8,254 deaths (+41). Death Rate = 8.3%
- **Ontario:** 32,744 cases (+190); 2,550 deaths (+12). Death Rate = 7.9%
  - 27,784 recovered (+353), 2410 active cases (-175)

## Summary of Key National & Provincial Press Conferences:

### Ministry of Health Daily Novel Coronavirus Update Conference Call

Guest speaker on the MEOC Call today: Allan Angus MacDonald, COO, Canadian Tire Corp Ltd., Chief COVID-19 Procurement Advisor

- As one of the largest Canadian corporate trading partners with China, Canadian Tire ships billions worth of merchandise around the world and has vast access to the global supply chain and procurement.
- The COVID-19 Procurement table has been working hard to provide expertise in procurement assistance and stabilizing the immediate supply chain provincially and nationally.
- Currently, we have 65 public sectors that are not familiar with PPE, purchasing is fragmented, and very few sectors are qualified or have received PPE training and certification.
- At the outbreak, here in Ontario we had enough protective gowns in stock to last 3 days.
- The procurement table has now shifted their focus and energies to re-opening the economy and ensuring there is affordable, accessible and sustainable quantities of PPE across the public and private sectors.
- It is key that the re-opening strategy ensure that we not only maintain our domestic supply and sourcing during this pandemic, but to also ensure we are never again at the mercy of the global supply chain with unstable access to materials and unpredictable pricing.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>



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- Now that Ontario is in a stable position, we are beginning to plan for re-opening the economy and seeking out information on what all sectors needs are for training in PPE use, and what are the domestic PPE supply needs.
- The procurement table is continuing to increase our supply by expanding and supporting our existing processing capacities in factories that can contribute.
- This table is also working on developing an advisory report to the Ministry that will highlight the challenges and best practices showing what has been learnt since the onset of the outbreak till now regarding PPE.
- Need to continue growing Ontario's power as a purchaser.
- Update of pandemic response: what we've supplied to who with members across the ministry and tables as of April 01, 2020 – example of 2 months of supply alone to the essential health sectors workers - 18 million surgical masks, 80 million gloves. For the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> supply of 1.5 million surgical masks, 4 million gloves, hand sanitizer and wipes, gowns – coordinating a massive scale of response every week to meet the health and safety demands.
- Prioritized the most critical and at risk/most vulnerable populations (EMS, Renal units, health care providers, mental health and addictions, retirement, long-term health care, police and fire).
- Increasing stable supply for PPE – ability to move quickly resolve PPE requests from regions and sectors within 24 hours 90% of the time. **Working hard to respond rapidly to First Nations and Indigenous service providers in under 24 hours, and to respond to critical needs in Northern and remote Indigenous communities within a couple of hours.** Continue to struggle with procuring N95 masks.
- **Putting efforts into assisting smaller community organizations in their procurement of PPE** – understand how challenging, time consuming and expensive it is to source. Aim to support this process and get them what they need by providing opportunities for bulk purchasing to ease this burden.

## Prime Minister Trudeau and Federal Ministers Press Conference

- The House of Commons will be holding a series of key votes Wednesday on spending measures that will allow MPs to indicate whether or not they still have confidence in the Liberal minority government amid the pandemic.
- Caucus will vote in support of the supplementary estimates—otherwise known as supply or the next cycle of scheduled and new federal spending—which will tie over federal departments and in this case, COVID-19 aid programs until the fall.
- **This round of estimates adds up to approximately \$87 billion and the Liberals are asking MPs to consider, debate, and pass the package within about four hours.**
- Before the special sitting gets underway—scheduled for around 2:30 p.m. ET today—MPs are holding their second last meeting of the special all-party COVID-19 committee of MPs. The committee is the first real experiment with a hybrid parliamentary sitting in the House chamber, but that experiment is nearly over.
- In the motion passed on May 16, which put in place the structure of the summer sittings, MPs voted to cease the special committee after Thursday's meeting. Its end will also mark the end of some form of MPs meeting four days a week, with them not all together until the first of four special sitting days in July.



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- As of June 18, the special committee will cease to exist, leaving just the four gatherings— July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, and Aug. 26— before the prospect of a more ‘normal’ House of Commons could convene come Sept. 21.
- And as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on Wednesday morning, the July 8 sitting will also be where Finance Minister Bill Morneau will present “an economic and fiscal snapshot.”

## Premier Doug Ford’s Daily COVID-19 Press Conference

- We pulled out every single stop to pull out this virus. We left nothing on the table.
- Nearly 5 months after seeing our first positive case, and three months since the pandemic has been declared, we have come a long way.
- For 4<sup>th</sup> day in row, we seen less than 200 new cases
- For the last week, resolved cases outpaced new cases.
- Since last week, there are now 1400 less active cases in Ontario (now 2410 active).
- Hospitalizations, those in ICU and those on ventilators also continue to decline.
- Everyday a clear majority of public health units report 5 or less cases everyday, and most reporting none at all.
- As we lead the country in daily testing, our positivity rate remains at an all time low.

## Provincial Press Releases June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ontario Marks Three Months Since Declaration of Emergency. *Province Enters Stage 2 of Reopening Amidst Extraordinary Progress in Stopping the Spread of COVID-19 and Protecting Public Health and Safety.* [June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 P.M.](#)

Canada and Ontario Support Beef and Hog Farmers During COVID-19. *Funding will cover increased costs, while redirecting surplus pork to those in need.* [June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:00 A.M](#)

Ontario Extends Emergency Orders. *Province Focuses on Safe, Gradual Approach as Reopening Continues.* [June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00 A.M.](#)

## Summary of cases of COVID-19: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 16, 2020

Severity	Number	Percentage
Number of cases <a href="#">footnote 1 [1]</a>	32,744	N/A
Change from previous report (new cases)	190	0.6% increase
Resolved <a href="#">footnote 2 [2]</a>	27,784	84.9
Change from previous report	353	1.3% increase
Subset of all cases that are reported to be long-term care residents <a href="#">footnote 3 [3]</a> <a href="#">footnote 4 [4]</a> <a href="#">footnote 5 [5]</a>	5,359	16.4



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Subset of all cases that are reported as a health care worker <a href="#">footnote 4 [4]</a> <a href="#">footnote 5 [5]</a> <a href="#">footnote 6 [6]</a> associated with long-term care outbreaks	2,097	6.4
Total number of deaths <a href="#">footnote 7 [7]</a>	2,550	7.8
Deaths <a href="#">footnote 7 [7]</a> reported for residents in long-term care homes <a href="#">footnote 4 [4]</a> <a href="#">footnote 5 [5]</a> <a href="#">footnote 6 [6]</a>	1,636	64.2
Deaths <a href="#">footnote 7 [7]</a> reported for health care workers <a href="#">footnote 5 [5]</a> <a href="#">footnote 6 [6]</a> <a href="#">footnote 2 [2]</a> in long-term care homes	6	0.2

## Demographics - Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 16, 2020

Case characteristics	Number
Male	14,796
Female	17,677
19 and under	1,441
20-39	9,196
40-59	10,031
60-79	6,334
80 and over	5,729

## Testing - Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 16, 2020

Testing	Number
Total tests completed <a href="#">footnote 8 [8]</a>	1,071,429
Total tests completed in the previous day <a href="#">footnote 9 [9]</a>	24,205
Currently under investigation <a href="#">footnote 10 [10]</a>	21,635

## Hospitalizations - Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 16, 2020

Hospitalizations	Number
Number of patients currently hospitalized with COVID-19 <a href="#">footnote 11 [11]</a>	383
Number of patients currently in ICU <a href="#">footnote 12 [12]</a>	92
Number of patients currently in ICU <a href="#">footnote 12 [12]</a> on a ventilator with COVID-19	65