

Update for Partners

COVID-19

June 2, 2020

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Current Situation

Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Case Status (As of June 2, 2020 at 13:00)				
Total cases	New Cases since June 1 st	Recovered	Deaths	Current Hospitalizations
480	+4	397 (83%)	36 (7.5%)	8
<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no new deaths reported in almost two weeks (since May 20th). Of the 480 people who have had COVID-19, 461 (96%) have been from Simcoe and 19 (4%) have been from Muskoka. Although the number of cases per 100,000 people (incidence rate) of COVID-19 disease is significantly lower in Simcoe Muskoka than in Ontario, the number of deaths per 100 people (case fatality rate) is similar (Simcoe Muskoka: 7.5%; Ontario 8.1%). 22% of people who have had COVID-19 and 64% of those who have died from COVID-19 are connected to an institutional outbreak. 12% of all people who have had COVID-19 have been hospitalized and 4% have required treatment in the ICU. Individuals aged 45-64 years account for the largest proportion of cases (30%) Seniors 80 years of age or older are more likely to contract COVID-19 (with incidence rate of 196 per 100,000 population) and are more likely to result in death (with a fatality rate of 36 deaths per 100 cases). There have been a total of 10 institutional outbreaks in Simcoe Muskoka with one continued outbreak related to COVID-19. See the list of current institutional outbreaks for more details. SMDHU COVID-19 HealthSTATS page and the COVID-19 Case Explorer. 				
Ontario COVID-19 Case Status (As of June 2, 2020 at 10:30)				
Total cases	New Cases	Recovered	Deaths	Current Hospitalizations
28,709	+446 (1.6% increase)	22,484 (78.3%)	2,293 (8%)	801

Highlights:

- In the last day, 17 people have died of COVID-19 in Ontario.
- A total of 747,964 tests have been completed with 15,244 tests completed yesterday, 10,622 tests are currently being investigated.
- There are currently 125 people in ICU with 87 on ventilators.
- 12.3% of people with COVID-19 have been hospitalized.
- Almost 25% of people who have had COVID-19 and 64% of those who have died from COVID-19 in Ontario are among residents and health care workers in long-term care homes.
- There have been 309 outbreaks reported in long-term care homes, with about one-third still in active outbreak.
- The GTA represents 66.2% of cases in Ontario.

[Province of Ontario website](#)

Canada COVID-19 Case Status (As of June 2, 2020 at 11:01 EDT)			
Total cases	New Cases	Recovered	Deaths
92,151	+800	49,235 (54%) as of June 1 st	7,344

Highlights:

- Although there continues to be a decreasing trend in the number of new cases, there appears to be an upward trend in the number of new deaths. According to the WHO Dashboard, the last time Canada had more deaths than yesterday (213) was May 4, 2020. Almost 95% of the deaths that occurred yesterday happened in Quebec.
- 87% of cases (Quebec: 56%, Ontario: 31%) and 94.5% deaths (Quebec: 63.5%, Ontario: 31%) continue to be reported from Quebec and Ontario.
- Yesterday, people with new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- Yesterday, people died of COVID-19 in Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan.
- A total of 1,721,511 tests have been completed with a test rate of almost 45,000 people tested per million population.
- The number of people tested for COVID-19 who tested positive continues to decrease and is now lower than it was in mid-March.

[Government of Canada website](#) and [Canadian Epidemiologic Summary](#)

Global Situation (As of 10:06 CEST June 2, 2020)		
Confirmed Cases	New Cases	Confirmed Deaths
6,140,934	118,619	373,548

- In the last 24 hours, the countries with the most new cases today were: U.S.A., Brazil, Russia, Peru and India.
- In the last 24 hours, the countries with the most new deaths were: U.S.A, Brazil, India, **Canada** and Russia.
- The highest total number of cases: U.S.A., Brazil, Russia, United Kingdom, Spain.
- Global highest total number of deaths: U.S.A., United Kingdom, Italy, Brazil, Spain.

[WHO COVID-19 Disease Dashboard](#); daily [WHO Situation Report](#)

Updates

- Dr. Gardner's media briefings and this Partner Update are produced on Tuesdays and Fridays. Dr. Gardner's Facebook live media briefings can be found on the [SMDHU Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

SMDHU Medical Officer of Health Key Messages

- **Enhanced Provincial Testing Strategy**

- Ontario has announced a further enhanced testing strategy including proactive surveillance testing to detect outbreaks and more actively monitoring any spread among our most vulnerable populations in hospitals, long-term care homes, group homes, shelters, emergency child care centres, correctional facilities and other shared living spaces.
- Testing will include symptomatic and asymptomatic residents and frontline staff in long-term care and retirement homes, as well as those working with priority populations, including first responders, essential workers and other workplaces.
- If you think you've been exposed or if you have at least one symptom you are encouraged to be tested. If you are self-isolating (because you are a case contact of a person who is a positive case) you must still remain in self-isolation for the full 14 days regardless of the result of a test.

- **Day Camp Guidance**

- [Guidance for day camps](#) to operate this summer was released from the Province June 1st. No overnight camps will be permitted as previously announced. Procedures will include:
 - Daily screening of staff and camp participants before programming begins;
 - Limiting the number of children in a group, with a single counsellor;
 - Keeping groups from mixing in washrooms and at drop off/pickup;
 - Minimizing shared equipment, proper cleaning before use by another group;
 - Physical distancing, face coverings where/when recommended, frequent handwashing, sanitization procedures;
 - Campers bringing own water bottle, no self-serve food items will be provided;
 - Restrictions on types of field trips as no group transportation will be permitted.
- Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance: Summer Day Camps is posted on our [website](#).

Local

- Municipally run summer camps cancelled in Township of Springwater ([article](#))
- List of reopened Collingwood businesses ([article](#))
- *Patios Everywhere Program* gets the green light from Barrie City Council ([article](#))
- Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) moves Canada Day celebrations online ([article](#))
- 'Cities will have tough choices to make,' warns Barrie mayor as revenue losses and additional costs are faced due to COVID-19. Yesterday's announcement from the federal government did not include new funding ([article](#))
- Town of New Tecumseth expects to end year with healthy stash of cash despite coronavirus challenges ([article](#))
- Increase in overdoses locally sparks new outreach program from the Canadian Mental Health Association in Orillia and the Barrie-based Gilbert Centre ([article](#))
- The Community Foundation of Orillia & Area is partnering with the Community Foundations of Canada to provide emergency funds to local registered charities ([news release](#))
- **Good News Stories:**
 - Bracelets are youth's way of lifting spirits of region's health-care workers ([article](#))
 - The BWG Diversity Group and World Citizen Youth Group dropped off 250 handmade cards for Bradford Valley Care Community residents ([article](#))

Provincial

- Guidance for Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations has been posted to the Ministry's [website](#).
- [COVID-19 Guidance Summer Day Camps](#) has been provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health to support summer day camps planning to operate in July and August.
- Ontario helps manufacturers ramp up production of personal protective equipment. Initiatives will benefit frontline workers during COVID-19. ([news release](#))
- New management appointed at Kitchener long-term care home. Temporary measures required to help contain COVID-19 outbreak. ([news release](#))
- **Change to Chief Medical Officer of Health media briefings:** beginning on June 1st media briefings by Dr. David Williams (Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health) and Dr. Barbara Yaffe (Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health) will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. ([media advisory](#))
- Anglican churches across most of Ontario will remain closed for in-person worship services until at least September. Online worship services and other essential outreach and community ministries in church buildings will continue. ([article](#))
- Ontario extending infectious disease emergency leave for workers during COVID-19. ([news release](#))
- Ontario supports those struggling with electricity bills during COVID-19. ([news release](#))
- Ontario takes additional steps to protect seniors in retirement homes during COVID-19. ([news release](#))
- Ontario provides consumers with greater stability and predictability with their electricity bills. ([news release](#))
- Backcountry camping available at Ontario parks and crown lands starting June 1. ([news release](#))

National

- Prime Minister announces support to help communities create jobs and restart economy. ([news release](#))
- Federal department becoming work-from-home office by default: If Transport Canada keeps a work-from-home policy beyond COVID-19, it will be the first federal department to join the ranks of tech giants who made similar announcements. ([article](#))

International

The World Health Organization (WHO)

- [Urged all governments to take the mental health consequences](#) of the pandemic seriously, and ensure widespread availability of mental health support. WHO discusses this in a [recently released article](#) and has published guidelines for communities, [considerations with key messages](#), and a [children's book](#).
- Published [key planning recommendations for mass gatherings](#) in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak. The document provides guidance on containing risks of COVID-19 transmission associated with mass gathering events.
- Regional Director for Europe, has released a statement analyzing the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe and emphasizing that [recovery must lead to a different economy, an economy of well-being](#).
- Published a [case report form for suspected cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome \(MIS\)](#) in children and adolescents temporally related to COVID-19.

SMDHU Resources

- SMDHU [COVID-19 HealthSTATS page](#) and the [COVID-19 Case Explorer](#).

- SMDHU Health Connection line responds to calls and emails about COVID-19. Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 5829 or via [email](#).
 - Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- [SMDHU Vulnerable Populations for COVID-19 Response Interactive Map](#) highlights vulnerable populations (e.g. seniors, persons living in low income) and places (e.g. long-term care homes, COVID-19 Assessment Centres) in Simcoe Muskoka.
- Current COVID-19 information is available on our [website](#).

New/revised content:

 - Two new sections will be added under [Partners and Municipalities](#) today, providing [interim guidance](#) to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading COVID-19 in cooling shelters and links to resources for harm reduction workers in our community.
 - Under [Reopening and Operating your Business Safely](#) a day camps expander bar will be added today and include the link to the Ontario Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Guidance: Summer Day Camps](#).

Credible Sources of Information

- [Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
- [Public Health Ontario](#)
- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)