

## Update for Partners

### COVID-19

June 24, 2020

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### Current Situation

<b>Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Case Status</b> (As of June 24, 2020 at 13:00)			
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Current Hospitalizations</b>
577	468 (81%)	36 (6.2%)	5
<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the Partner Update on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 25 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Simcoe Muskoka.</li> <li>• Approximately one-fifth (109 or 19%) of our 577 cases are associated with a local institutional outbreak. There are currently two ongoing COVID-19 institutional outbreaks in Simcoe Muskoka. See the <a href="#">list of current institutional outbreaks</a> for more details.</li> <li>• A total of 23 local cases of our 577 cases are associated with confirmed workplace outbreaks. This includes three workplaces outbreaks within Simcoe Muskoka and two workplace outbreaks in other jurisdictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is an increase of two workplace outbreak-related cases since Friday's Partner Update.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Of the 25 new cases reported since Friday, the sources of infection are as follows: 16 close contacts; five community acquired; one associated with an institutional outbreak; one under investigation; and two workplace-related.</li> <li>• For the week of June 15 to June 21: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The weekly incidence rate in Simcoe Muskoka doubled compared to the previous week (June 8 to June 14), with 44 new cases reported.</li> <li>○ Simcoe Muskoka's doubling time decreased by nearly two months from the previous report (June 8 to June 14), and is currently 98.5 days, down from 156.1 days. Ontario's doubling time increased by 30 days from the previous week, and sits at 126.7 days.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>SMDHU <a href="#">COVID-19 HealthSTATS page</a> and the <a href="#">COVID-19 Case Explorer</a>.</p>			
<b>Ontario COVID-19 Case Status</b> (As of June 24, 2020 at 10:30)			
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Current Hospitalizations</b>
34,016	29,336 (86.2%)	2,631 (7.7%)	278

Highlights:

- On six of the last eight days, Ontario reported fewer than 200 new cases of COVID-19.
- There are currently 73 people in ICU with 48 on ventilators. Looking to previous Partner Updates, both have been trending downwards for more than a month.
- A total of 1,236,023 tests have been completed, with 23,207 tests completed in the previous day and 21,398 tests currently under investigation.

[Province of Ontario website.](#)

**Canada COVID-19 Case Status** (As of June 23, 2020 at 19:00 EDT)

Total cases	Recovered	Deaths
101,963	64,704 (63%)	8,454 (8.3%)

Highlights as of June 23, 2020 at 19:00 EDT:

- The rate of total cases of COVID-19 in Canada was 271 per 100,000 population.
  - No new cases have been reported in seven provinces or territories within the past 24 hours.
- The rate of death from COVID-19 remained steady from the June 17<sup>th</sup> Partner Update at 22 per 100,000 population.
  - British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec reported new deaths within the past 24 hours.
- 2,482,869 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Canada.
  - This equates to a rate of 66,053 people tested per 1,000,000 population.
  - Percent positive (total) is 3.8%.

The [detailed epidemiology report](#) is now updated weekly on Thursdays, with higher-level [daily epidemiology updates](#) posted at 20:00 EDT. [Government of Canada website.](#)

**Global Situation** (As of 12:08pm CEST June 24, 2020)

Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths
9,110,186	473,061

- On June 21, 2020, more than 183,000 new cases of COVID-19 were reported to World Health Organization (WHO) – the most in a single day to-date.
- The Americas continue to have the highest number of confirmed cases (4,507,006), followed by Europe (2,562,642) and the Eastern Mediterranean (950,730).
  - The United States of America has reported 2,295,272 confirmed cases.
- The investigation of a cluster of COVID-19 cases in Beijing associated with a wholesale market continues. Between June 11 and June 18, Chinese authorities reported a total of 172 cases, including 158 in Beijing, 10 linked cases in Hebei Province, 2 in Liaoning Province, 1 in Sichuan Province and 1 in Zhejiang Province.

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

**Updates**

- SMDHU issued an order under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) to employers of farm workers in Simcoe Muskoka to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on farms. The **Section 22 class order** was issued effective 12 noon today. Details – including the [order](#) and an [FAQ](#) – have been posted to our [website](#) along with the [press release](#). The Order was also emailed directly to farms with temporary workers.
- There is no **Medical Officer of Health media briefing** scheduled for the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. For the next two weeks, Dr. Gardner’s Facebook Live media briefing will take place on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., after which the briefings will be held on an as needed basis. Recordings are posted on [SMDHU Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).
- Due to the Canada Day holiday, next week’s **Partner Update** will be produced on Thursday July 2, 2020.

### **Local Media on Wednesday June 24, 2020**

- Isolation presents different challenges for kids: Innisfil child and family therapist ([article](#))
- Curbside pickup in 'high demand' at Orillia Public Library ([article](#))
- Pandemic strikes out Orillia slo-pitch season ([article](#))
- 'We're not out of the woods yet': Muskoka mayor talks COVID-19 ([article](#))
- City of Barrie to bump out-of-towner parking fee to ten bucks an hour at waterfront to contribute to local economic recovery ([article](#))
- Summer camps in Bradford will look a little different this year ([article](#))
- Town announces Bradford West Gwillimbury COVID-19 Temporary Patio Program ([article](#))

### **Provincial Updates since the June 17<sup>th</sup> Partner Update**

- Ontario takes immediate action to stop COVID-19 outbreaks in Windsor-Essex ([news release](#))
- Ontario extends Declaration of Emergency to July 15 ([news release](#))
- Ontario investing to help Franco-Ontarian communities grow and support recovery ([news release](#))
- Ontario moving Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 2 ([news release](#))
- Ontario supporting indigenous-owned businesses during COVID-19 ([news release](#))
- Ontario records lowest number of new COVID-19 cases in nearly three months ([article](#))
- Ontario makes historic investment in public education ([news release](#))
- Ontario prepares for the safe reopening of schools ([news release](#))
- Ontario enhancing COVID-19 case and contact management ([news release](#))
- Ontario protecting farmers and food supply chain ([news release](#))
- Ontario to gradually reopen DriveTest Centres across province ([news release](#))
- Ontario pauses commercial evictions ([news release](#))

### **National Updates since the June 17<sup>th</sup> Partner Update**

- Prime Minister's remarks on supporting and investing in Canadian businesses ([remarks](#))
- Why some CERB recipients are getting smaller payments this month ([article](#))
- Celebrate Canada Day virtually with online National Film Board of Canada films and activities ([media advisory](#))
- Statement by the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos on the easing of restrictions related to COVID-19 ([statement](#))
- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on Sunday, June 21, 2020 ([statement](#))
- More Canadians are refusing work due to COVID-19 – but it's tough to get authorities to agree ([article](#))
- Families having second thoughts as nursing home beds become vacant ([article](#))
- As cash use falls victim to the pandemic, it's also hurting societies most vulnerable ([article](#))
- New poll reveals Chinese-Canadians' experiences with racism ([article](#))
- Prime Minister announces new mobile app to help notify Canadians of COVID-19 exposure ([news release](#))
- COVID-19 is worse than a bad flu season, despite online claims to the contrary ([article](#))

## **International Updates since the June 17<sup>th</sup> Partner Update**

The World Health Organization (WHO):

- Provided a summary of a webinar titled *Sports events and COVID-19: from lockdown to a new start* in the June 23, 2020 WHO [Situation Report](#) (p. 2-3). The webinar was hosted by the WHO's Information Network for Epidemics.
- Updated its [Q & A page](#) to include information on dexamethasone and COVID-19.
- Published updated [criteria for releasing COVID-19 patients from isolation](#) reflecting recent findings that patients whose symptoms have resolved may still test positive for the COVID-19 virus for many weeks. Despite this positive test result, these patients are not likely to be infectious and therefore are unlikely to be able to transmit the virus to another person.
- Announced that the hydroxychloroquine arm of the Solidarity Trial, which seeks to find an effective COVID-19 treatment, is being stopped. [Data shows that hydroxychloroquine does not result in the reduction of mortality of hospitalized COVID-19 patients](#), when compared with standard of care.
- Published a new brief, [addressing violence against children, women and older people during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), outlining key actions that the health sector can undertake to prevent or mitigate interpersonal violence.

## **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](#).
  - **HOURS:** Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday / Sunday / Holidays - 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:**

- The recording of the [Ask an Expert: COVID-19 workplace and Business Safety in Simcoe Muskoka](#) session with speakers Dr. Gardner & Dr. Rebellato has been linked from our [Reopening and Operating your Business Safely](#) page.

## **Credible Sources of Information**

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