



# 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## As of 4:00 P.M Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- **Globally:** 7,156,194 cases (+73,596); 407,756 deaths (+2,673); 3,496,304 recovered<sup>1</sup>
- **US:** 2,018,175 (+10,726), 112,823 deaths (+354). Death Rate = 5.6%
- **Brazil:** 694,116 (+2,154), 37,312 deaths (+813)
- **Russia:** 476,658 (+8,985), 5,971 deaths (+122)
- **Canada:** 96,149 cases (+450), 7,830 deaths (+30). Death Rate = 8.0%
- **Ontario:** 30,860 cases (+243); 2,450 deaths (+24). Death Rate = 7.9%
  - 24,492 recovered (+240), 3918 active cases (-21)

## Summary of Key National & Provincial Press Conferences:

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

- **Ontario:** In total, Ontario has seen 30,860 cases of COVID-19 with 2,450 deaths.
- **Lab tests:** Sunday's numbers: 19,374 tests completed, with 6,779 tests outstanding. Of the tests completed, 2% of them have returned a positive result.
- **Hospitalizations:** Currently, there are 635 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 635 hospitalized individuals, 118 of them are in ICU, and 81 are ventilated.
- **Long-Term Care Homes:** 78 LTC homes are currently experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19, and 220 homes have outbreaks that have been resolved. The total number of resident deaths in long-term care homes sits at 1,720.
- **Retirement Homes:** 26 homes are currently experiencing an outbreak, and 124 homes have outbreaks that have resolved. The total number of resident deaths in retirement homes sits at 193.
- **Health Care Workers:** 5,099 health care workers have tested positive for COVID-19. The cumulative number of health care works hospitalized is 190, with 47 of these individuals in ICU.
- In Ontario, Toronto/Peel regions are the area with the highest concentration of COVID-19 cases currently. This is followed by York, and then Durham.

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



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## Prime Minister Trudeau and Federal Ministers Press Conference

- The Prime Minister started the press conference by talking about racism and systemic discrimination in Canada, especially in the face of the pandemic.
- Prime Minister talked about the steps the Federal government has been taking to attempt to address systemic discrimination in Canada, and they know that there is much more that needs to be done.
- The Prime Minister highlighted the fact that the Federal and provincial governments are working towards an agreement that will provide \$14 billion to provinces to support the restart of provincial economies.
- The Federal government is will be instating a “limited exemption” to Canada-US border restrictions. This will allow Canadian citizens, or permanent residents, to be able to reunite under strict conditions through a modification of the directives for the Canada Border Services Agency.

## Premier Doug Ford’s Press Conference

- Reopening the province means different things in different parts of Ontario.
- Today we are taking the next step. This Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, we are increasing the limits from 5 to 10 people for social gathering.
- Restrictions around places of worship across province be able to reopen as of June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 30% of building capacity.
- Moving forward with a regional approach. Most regions of Ontario will be allowed to proceed to stage 2. We will keep a close eye on regions that will not open this Friday. I am confident that the rest of the province will get to stage 2 soon.
- Businesses/services permitted to reopen for regions entering stage 2:
  - Bar and restaurant patios
  - Tattoo parlours, barbershops, hair salons and beauty salons
  - Tour and guide services, such as bike and walking, bus and boat tours.
  - Outdoor splashpads and all swimming pools.
  - Beach access and additional camping at Ontario Parks
  - Camping at private campgrounds
  - Outdoor rec facilities and training for outdoor team sports.
  - Drive-in and drive-through venues for theatres, concerts, animal attractions and cultural appreciation.
  - Weddings and funerals, with limits on social gatherings to 10 people.
- Legislation for a ban on commercial evictions
- 34 Public Health Units, will move forward to stage 2. Certain PHU will remain if stage 1, Durham, York, TO, Hamilton and Niagara, Windsor.
- Every Monday Prov will provide a public report on health units that remained in Stage 1.

## Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health Press Conference



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- 24 of 34 health units able to move to stage 2 of reopening province.
- COVID-19 is still a risk. You should continue to be careful, face masks, frequent hand washing, monitor carefully your contacts.
- Medical Officers of Health recognize reopening is good for people’s mental health, but we stress that people must continue to take precautions.
- Number of cases are looking promising; most are related to institutional outbreaks.
- We increased size of public gatherings from 5 to 10, however you must still continue to social distance.
- We are encouraged by trends we are seeing. Most health units in Ontario have seen no new cases. Prov average of 329 new cases per day, most in GTA.
- On Sunday only 192 new cases. Today 243 new cases. Total is 30,860, 79% or 24,492 recovered. Steady decreases of number of people in hospital.
- June 1, 781 in hos, today 603. 81 on ventilators, 7 day low.
- Active outbreaks in LTC homes have been steadily decreasing.
- Favourably decreases in retirement homes with 26 active outbreaks.
- 866,000 tests completed in Ontario. As tests are increasing, number of new cases are not increasing.
- New cases are more milder and more in younger people (less than age 60). Less cases been reported in those over 60.

## Provincial Press Releases June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ontario Proposing Temporary Ban on Commercial Evictions. *Government to introduce changes to the Commercial Tenancies Act to Protect Small Businesses.* [June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2:00 P.M.](#)

Ontario Permits More Businesses and Services to Reopen in the Coming Days. *Restrictions Being Eased in Communities Where It Is Safe to Do So.* [June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:15 P.M.](#)

Summary of cases of COVID-19: Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 7, 2020		
Severity	Number	Percentage
Number of cases <a href="#">footnote 1 [1]</a>	30,860	N/A
Change from previous report (new cases)	243	0.8% increase
Resolved <a href="#">footnote 2 [2]</a>	24,492	79.4
Change from previous report	240	1.0% 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>	5,256	17.0
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	1,932	6.3
Total number of deaths <a href="#">footnote 7 [7]</a>	2,450	7.9



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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>	1,575	64.3
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	5	0.2

## Demographics - Ontario, January 15, 2020 to June 7, 2020

Case characteristics	Number	Percentage
Male	13,793	44.7
Female	16,813	54.5
19 and under	1,243	4.0
20-39	8,457	27.4
40-59	9,472	30.7
60-79	6,066	19.7
80 and over	5,609	18.2

Hospitalizations	Number	Percentage
Number of patients currently hospitalized with COVID-19 <a href="#">footnote 11 [11]</a>	603	N/A
Number of patients currently in ICU <a href="#">footnote 12 [12]</a> with COVID-19	118	N/A
Number of patients currently in ICU <a href="#">footnote 12 [12]</a> on a ventilator with COVID-19	81	N/A