

COVID-19

2019 novel coronavirus

as of March 13, 2020

The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) causes a respiratory infection with symptoms that may include **fever, cough, and difficulty breathing**. Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care centre.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic.

Worldwide



Total cases:
137,000+
resulting in death:
5,000+

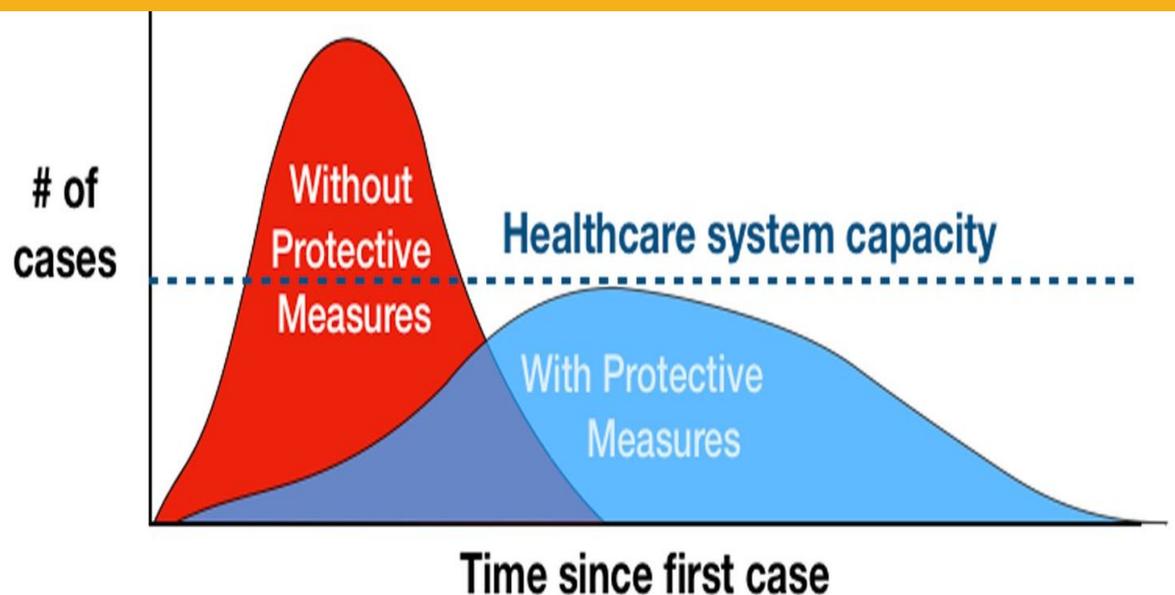
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For updates on the number of cases, positive tests and cases currently under investigation, as well as countries included in the **health travel advisory**, visit the Ministry of Health's **COVID-19 webpage**. It's updated twice daily.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

FLATTENING THE CURVE

The below chart explains why measures are being taken to reduce social interaction.



What is the province doing?

- Established Command Table for quick and effective responses to any scenario
- Setting up assessment centres where significant testing is needed
- Working with public health and Ontario Health to expand lab-testing capacity
- Providing one-time mitigation funding to public health units to effectively respond to COVID-19
- Launched a public education campaign including a dedicated web page, updated twice daily

What is happening locally?

Chatham-Kent's Medical Officer of Health has declared a local emergency to deal with COVID-19. This includes the following measures:

- Social distancing (keep at least one metre between yourself and others, avoid large gatherings)
- All schools and licensed childcare facilities to be closed until April 5 (not including home daycares)
- All gatherings of more than 250 people are banned
- Anyone 17 and younger who travel internationally (including the U.S.) must self-isolate for 14 days when they return
- Adults who travel internationally (including the U.S.) must self-monitor for 14 days and isolate if they become ill

Partners within the CKOHT are working together to put measures in place to help keep patients and the community safe, including local processes for an assessment centre and community screening, if/when needed.

What can I do?

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer; both are effective
- ✓ Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- ✓ Avoid contact with people who are sick
- ✓ Stay home if you are sick

For more information about COVID-19 and local planning efforts, please visit the Chatham-Kent Public Health

Unit's website at <https://ckphu.com/2020/01/covid19/>