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COVID-19 Update - April 28, 2020

Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
 - [Artist beads good intentions into Treaty of Niagara Belt reproduction](#)
 - [Beendingen Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home and Family Healing Agency maintains services throughout COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- Indigenous Services Canada said on Saturday that Ottawa had approved funding requests to support 94 programs that support urban Indigenous populations.
- While waiting for funding approval from the federal government, Odawa Native Friendship Centre has entered into a coalition with local service providers in order to begin community outreach. Programs include delivering care packages to families and connecting remotely with clients. Odawa is also running a food bank out of rented storage PODS.
- Walpole Island First Nation has confirmed its first two positive cases of COVID-19.

Provincial

- A group of Toronto organizations have filed suit against the City for its handling of the safety of homeless populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The suit alleges the City has violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and breached the Ontario Human Rights Code by not allowing for proper physical distancing rules inside shelters.
- Ontario's Patient Ombudsman is asking residents of long-term care homes and their families to report complaints about care and safety during the province's COVID-19 lockdown. The ombudsman is also inviting staff to sound off about their concerns.
- The federal and provincial government are investing up to \$2.5 million to help the agri-food sector expand online, providing more opportunities for producers to grow their businesses and offer more food choices for families who are shopping from home during the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding is being provided through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.
- Later this week, Premier Ford will announce clear guidelines for how businesses can operate safely as the economy begins to reopen.
- Ontario has launched an online suggestion portal, COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers, through which public feedback can be provided to help the government develop an effective and efficient response to the current crisis.



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Federal

- Ottawa has received more than 44,000 applications for the federal wage subsidy program since the portal opened yesterday.
- The House of Commons sat virtually today, and will sit again in person tomorrow to pass student relief legislation. Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer has said his party is pushing for legislative changes to the federal government's \$9-billion support package for post-secondary students to include incentives for them to accept available jobs.
- Prime Minister Trudeau said today that while the measures in place are working, we are not yet out of the woods.
- Trudeau is expected to announce the national guidelines that he and all Premiers have agreed to work with in reopening the economy in the coming days.
- Ottawa announced updated projections for the future of COVID-19 in Canada today. Canada has conducted over 740,000 tests for COVID-19, with 7 per cent of results being positive. 20,000 people have been tested daily for the past week. There are currently 49,025 confirmed cases across Canada, including 2,766 deaths.
- In order for the epidemic to die out, we need to reach a point where each infected individual is infecting less than one other person. Today, this number is just above one per infected individual.
- Ontario and Quebec represent more than 80 per cent of all confirmed cases.
- 5.5 per cent of cases in Canada result in death. The fatality ratio is expected to continue to change over time. 17 per cent of cases have required hospitalization, with less than 5 per cent requiring intensive care.
- Adults age 60 and over account for over 95 per cent of deaths. Men account for 45 per cent of cases, but are more likely to be admitted to hospitals.
- We are experiencing a levelling off of epidemic trajectories in most jurisdictions.
- The predicted number of cases are 53,000 to 67,000 by May 5. Deaths are predicted to reach between 3,300 to 3,900 by May 5.
- Dr. Tam said today that, until we have a vaccine, we must get used to living with measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Canada will be shipping over 6 million facemasks to the provinces and territories this week. More than 100,000 face shields will also be sent out very soon.
- Prime Minister Trudeau condemned Asian racism and anti-Semitism across the country, which has reportedly been on the rise since the beginning of the crisis.

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