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COVID-19 Update - April 29, 2020

Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
 - [Nokiiwin Tribal Council release authentic cultural lessons for children to learn at home during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) has reaffirmed its commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples after it received a strongly worded letter from Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde outlining concerns.
- The CAPP has responded to the Assembly of First Nations directly and is in the process of arranging for a meeting between Mr. Bellegarde and Mr. McMillan, the association's president and CEO.
- The Chief of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) is urging all people, especially those within First Nation communities, to take the threat seriously and to use his community's example as a cautionary tale. This comes after the community has experienced a six-patient outbreak.
- A temporary emergency testing facility arrived at Kiashke Zaaging over the weekend from Winnipeg, with tests slated to begin this past Monday.

Provincial

- Public Health Ontario has added 347 cases to the province-wide case count today, the lowest number of new cases in three weeks. This comes as health officials announce a backlog of over 9,500 people.
- Mayor John Tory of Toronto announced at a news conference Tuesday that free Internet will be made available for residents in lower-income neighbourhoods, seniors in long-term care homes and people in some city shelters.
- The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto has declared a COVID-19 outbreak. This news comes after a patient, his parents and one healthcare worker have contracted the virus. The hospital says one other patient has also tested positive for the virus, but is not connected to the first patient.
- The Ontario government has expanded pandemic pay to additional health care sector workers, including paramedics and public health nurses.
- Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliott said yesterday that cancer and cardiac operations will take priority once restrictions on hospitals are lifted. A report has recently revealed that almost 53,000 procedures have been cancelled or delayed since mid-March as a result of COVID-19.



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- Premier Ford announced today that the province is expanding the list of essential service workers who are eligible for emergency childcare. Retail, grocery, and meat packing workers will now be included. Those working in pharmacies, retirement homes and the trucking industry will also be eligible.
- Ford is reassuring the public that we are now seeing a positive trend in case decline.

Federal

- 79 per cent of all deaths in Canada have now been connected to long-term care and seniors' homes.
- MPs sat in person in the House of Commons today to pass student relief legislation.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the premiers have released "a set of common principles for restarting the Canadian economy," as the latest federal projections show that the COVID-19 curve is flattening in some jurisdictions. In order for restrictions to loosen, regions must demonstrate:
 - The ability to contain COVID-19 transmission to a level the health system can manage, including stabilizing the number of hospitalizations and new cases;
 - That sufficient capacity is in place to test, trace and isolate the virus so when, for example, someone around you tests positive, you will be notified quickly so you can isolate;
 - The health system's ability to support both COVID-19 and non COVID-19 patients has been expanded, including making sure there is enough medications and supplies to go around;
 - That there are additional protections in place for vulnerable groups, communities, and key populations such as long-term care homes, jails and shelters;
 - That workplace protocols are in place and are being monitored to prevent the spread of COVID-19 when people do return to their jobs, such as providing personal protective equipment for workers who can't maintain physical distancing;
 - The easing of restrictions on non-essential travel in a "co-ordinated manner;" to avoid the risk of importing the virus through domestic travel and,
 - Seeing to it that communities are able to manage localized outbreaks, including within schools or on public transit.
- Health Minister Patty Hajdu says Canada remains open to reviewing the actions of the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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