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## COVID-19 Update - April 30, 2020

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### Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
  - [Opinion: A terrible triage: How COVID-19 speaks to a future for Indigenous Elders](#)
- Northern Ontario First Nations have asked the province to put a hold on mining exploration permits and pause the operation of a system that allows for the remote staking of mining claims while they deal with the coronavirus pandemic.
- Minister of Indigenous Services Marc Miller said today that there are currently 129 cases of COVID-19 in First Nations communities.

### Provincial

- An eight-month-old infant and four staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 at one of the Toronto facilities set up to care for children of essential workers. The site has been shut down indefinitely, with dozens of children now in quarantine.
- The Ontario Energy Association has requested that the province stop subsidizing the price of hydro and instead offer targeted help to customers who need it.
- Families are asking the Ontario government to investigate a long-term care and retirement home in Pickering that has experienced 49 deaths and more than 200 cases of COVID-19.
- Premier Ford and Minister McNaughton announced today that the province has developed 60 to 65 sector-specific guidelines for workplaces to safely reopen. The government will continue to provide updated advice to additional sectors in the coming weeks. The newly released guidelines can be found at [Ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://Ontario.ca/coronavirus).
- The Ministry of Labour has added an additional 50 labour inspectors to its team. Some of these inspectors will help with the implementation of new guidelines in workplace, while others will be tasked with enforcing measures of physical distancing. Inspectors are able to issue fines of up to \$750 in order to enforce provincial measures.

### Federal

- The World Health Organization is balking at a Canadian parliamentary committee's request for key WHO adviser Bruce Aylward to testify before MPs and explain the global body's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- MP Derek Sloan refused Wednesday to heed the demands of his fellow Ontario Conservative MPs to apologize for remarks questioning the loyalty of the country's Chief Public Health Officer.



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- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said yesterday that the privacy of Canadians must be taken into account as the government looks at proposals for digital contact tracing technology and apps amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Statistics provided by the federal lobbying commissioner show 5,854 meetings and phone calls between public officials and outside consultants, corporate executives and organizations in February and March, up 40 per cent from those two months a year earlier.
- The House of Commons approved a \$9-billion package of new measures for students during a brief sitting yesterday afternoon, after the minority Liberal government agreed to several opposition requests.

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