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COVID-19 Update – May 7, 2020

Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
 - [Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre brings COVID-19 testing to select southwestern First Nations](#)

Provincial

- Ontario has recorded 399 new cases of COVID-19 today, as well as 48 deaths. The province has also recorded two new outbreaks in long-term care homes.
- To date, there have been 3,131 healthcare workers infected with the virus.
- According to today's epidemiological summary, of all deceased patients in Ontario, seven were between the ages of 20 and 39, 64 people were between the ages of 40 and 59 and 371 people were between the ages of 60 and 79.
- Sidewalk Labs has pulled out of the Toronto Quayside smart city project with Waterfront Toronto, citing an unprecedented economic uncertainty as reasoning.
- Toronto is promising to move quickly to create more space for cyclists and pedestrians, taking action after more than a month of calls for the sort of changes other cities have been making in response to the pandemic.
- The Ontario government has developed a comprehensive framework to help hospitals assess their readiness and begin planning for the gradual resumption of scheduled surgeries and procedures, while maintaining capacity to respond to COVID-19. Timelines will vary from hospital to hospital and be conditional on approval by regional oversight tables involved with planning and coordinating Ontario's response to COVID-19.
- Minister Elliott said today that the backlog of procedures in Ontario is in the tens of thousands, while people in urgent, life threatening situations have been treated throughout the pandemic. She estimated that it will still be several more weeks before operations commence once again.
- Minister Fullerton of Long-Term Care announced over Twitter today that a comprehensive review of the long-term care sector will take place when the current crisis is over. Premier Ford commented on this during his daily press conference, saying Fullerton will have more details on this in the coming days, and that system reviews will not be limited to long-term care.



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Federal

- Treasury Board President Jean-Yves Duclos said yesterday that the government will soon be announcing assistance for seniors because of the cost crunch they may face.
- The Canada Revenue Agency is waiving the one per cent minimum required employer contribution on defined contribution pension plans for the remainder of 2020.
- Greyhound Canada says it is temporarily ending its remaining bussing and service operations.
- The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced that all provinces and territories have confirmed, or are in the process of confirming, plans to cost share wage top-ups for their essential workers. The Government of Canada will provide up to \$3 billion in support to increase the wages of low-income essential workers. Each province or territory will determine which workers would be eligible for support, and how much support they will receive.

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