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COVID-19 Update – May 14, 2020

Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
 - [Wiikwemkoong educator offers free online Anishinaabemowin classes](#)
- Canada's Indigenous services minister said today that banning sacred ceremonies is a "dark stain" on the country's history and they will be allowed to continue despite restrictions put in place due to COVID-19.

Provincial

- Ontario has recorded the lowest number of new COVID-19 cases in the province in more than six weeks, reporting 258 new cases and 33 additional deaths today.
- The cities of Toronto, Markham and Hamilton are working on municipal legislation that would permit restaurants to expand their patios into neighboring parking lots and sidewalks to allow their customers to practice physical distancing.
- A rare inflammatory syndrome in children with possible links to COVID-19 is under increasing focus by the Ontario government. There are no known cases in this province, however officials say it is vital to remain vigilant.
- Mayor John Tory said Wednesday that he is encouraged by indications that the provincial and federal governments will come to the table to discuss help for Canada's municipalities.
- Today, Premier Ford and his ministers announced the beginning of stage one (link to additional details) of reopening Ontario's economy.
- This Saturday at 12:01 a.m., private parks, campgrounds, marinas and boat clubs, golf courses and businesses that board animals will be allowed to open.
- On Tuesday, May 19th, we will enter stage one. We can reopen:
 - Retail stores with street entrance not located in shopping malls with strict measures in place;
 - Certain seasonal venues, including outdoor sports fields, tennis courts, and off-leash dog parks;
 - Veterinarians and other pet services, such as pet grooming by appointment only, and animal shelters;
 - Household services such as cleaning and maintenance;
 - Certain health and medical services, including scheduled surgeries and in-person counselling; and
 - All construction.
- In the coming days, we will hear about additional adjustments, including on social gatherings, childcare, and education.



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- Today, the Ontario government launched the workplace PPE supplier directory at Ontario.ca/PPE.
- Sector specific guidelines for reopening in a safe and healthy way are available at Ontario.ca/COVID.
- Minister Elliott announced today that Ontario has virtually completed testing in long-term care and is moving to other congregate living settings. Requirements for testing have now been expanded to allow the testing of anyone showing symptoms.
- It was confirmed today that restaurants will not be opening in stage one of the province's economic recovery.

Federal

- The federal government is investing in increasing vaccine production capacity across Canada to prepare for a possible vaccine for COVID-19.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday that Canada's oil producers will need to set clear targets for fighting climate change to continue to attract global capital.
- Reports have shown that the federal government wants the option to take equity in publicly traded companies that tap into its new loan program for big business.
- NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh is calling for universal sick leave benefits as Canadians begin to return to work.
- When asked yesterday about the possibility of fraud in distribution of the CERB, Prime Minister Trudeau said that the government is planning to "clean up after the fact", as the current crisis is the main priority right now.
- Two weeks after its launch, the federal government's wage subsidy program has attracted only 13 per cent of the expected number of applicants.
- The federal Finance Department is preparing a fiscal update that will be ready within weeks.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is defending his ambassador to China after Dominic Barton said Beijing's heavy-handed diplomacy is alienating foreign countries and injuring its goodwill abroad.
- The federal government announced support for the fisheries sector today, investing approximately \$470 million in fish harvesters. This support will cover 75 per cent of losses, up to \$10 000, for workers who have experienced a minimum of a 25 per cent drop in income. Ottawa is introducing non-repayable grants of up to \$10 000 for harvesters who own their own businesses, and is allowing EI benefits to be calculated based on earnings from previous years.
- Some national parks will partially re-open on June 1. People living nearby will be allowed to use trails and green spaces where physical distancing is possible.

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