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COVID-19 Update – May 26, 2020

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Provincial

- Ontario is reporting 287 new cases of COVID-19 and 21 more deaths today. Only 9 875 tests were processed in the province yesterday. The total case count in the province rests at 26 191, 19 958 of which are now resolved.
- According to the latest data from the province, Toronto-area public health units account for 64.8 per cent of Ontario's cases.
- Hospitals have assumed control of two long-term care facilities, one in North York and one in Sutton, Ontario.
- Five business groups called on the Ontario government on Monday to impose a commercial eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying many small and medium-sized businesses are at risk of closing. The groups include the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association, Restaurants Canada and the Retail Council of Canada.
- Medical officers are advising Toronto residents who crowded Trinity Bellwoods Park over the weekend to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms over the next two weeks.
- A “disgusting and appalling” report by the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has been released with information regarding the five long-term care homes to which they have been deployed. Conditions include rotten food, forced feeding, cockroaches, patients with COVID-19 left in rooms with uninfected residents, and residents left in soiled diapers for long periods of time.
- Premier Ford responded to the CAF report into long-term care today, calling findings shocking and gut wrenching, and asking the CAF to extend their mission for another 30 days.
- Numerous investigations are already underway into the five long-term care homes mentioned in the military's report, including a coroner's investigation, results of which will be handed to the police in case further investigation or charges are necessary.
- Premier Ford was asked today if he is considering integrating long-term care into the public health system. He responded, saying nothing is off the table. Ford is calling on the federal government to help Ontario fix the system.



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Federal

- Prime Minister Trudeau announced today that his government has received requests from both Ontario and Quebec to extend the deployment of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been serving vulnerable seniors in long-term care homes.
- The Prime Minister announced the government is increasing its orders of PPE, noting that so far more than 40 plane loads of supplies have arrived in Canada as domestic companies continue to produce much-needed medical gear. He announced the federal government has signed a contract with General Motors to produce 10 million facemasks, which are already in production.
- The Prime Minister also announced a new contract for 10 000 ventilators. Deliveries will begin this summer bringing the total of made-in Canada ventilators to 40 000.
- The federal government will be funding up to 700 new youth jobs in agriculture.
- The Liberal government – with the support of the NDP – introduced a motion Monday outlining alternative scenarios for political debate during the proposed suspension to September 21, such as meetings of some committees and a total of four formal sitting days.

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