

# New Guidance and Case Definition Issued for Novel Coronavirus

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Ontario's Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has issued new guidance for health professionals in four different sectors regarding the ongoing novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) situation. The Ministry has also revised the case definition for this new disease.

Visit [york.ca/healthprofessionals](http://york.ca/healthprofessionals) for the latest information, including:

- A link to the updated 2019-nCoV case definition (persons under investigation and probable)
- All recent communications on 2019-nCoV from York Region Public Health
- Sector-specific guidance issued from the Ministry for: primary care; acute care; long-term care; and home/community care providers
- Helpful links to other external resources, including testing information and infection, prevention and control (IPAC) practices

This dedicated 2019-nCoV page will continue to be updated as new information emerges. Health professionals are encouraged to refer to [york.ca/healthprofessionals](http://york.ca/healthprofessionals) and the Ministry's health care provider page ([health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019\\_guidance.aspx](http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx)) often to ensure they are using the latest details and guidance in their practice.

The page also provides links to credible 2019-nCoV information for the general public and a detailed frequently asked questions (FAQ) document translated into many languages commonly spoken in York Region, including French, Arabic, Farsi and Chinese (simplified and traditional).

York Region Public Health continues to work with health professionals in York Region to help respond to this evolving health issue.

**2019-nCoV is a reportable disease. If you suspect a case of 2019-nCoV in your practice, call public health immediately at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 905-953-6478 after hours (before 8:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 24 hours per day on weekends/holidays).**