

## UPDATE FROM THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ON COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) – SDG & P-R FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Dear Community Partners,

Below is an update on the status of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus (previously called 2019 Novel Coronavirus), and the situation in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry and Prescott-Russell at this time.

### As of February 13, 2020:

There are currently more than 60,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally (including over 1300 deaths), with the vast majority of these cases occurring in China. In Canada, 7 cases have been confirmed at this time, including 3 cases in Toronto and 4 cases in British Columbia.

Please note that **there are no suspected or confirmed cases in the counties of SDG or Prescott-Russell at this time. Risk of infection is still considered low for our area, and across Canada.**

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) continues to work with our partners at the regional, provincial and federal levels to monitor the situation, and is prepared to respond to any potential cases in our area should they occur. To assist with this surveillance, individuals returning to Canada from the affected area (China) are being asked to self-isolate or self-monitor; the local health unit then follows up with these individuals.

We will continue to inform you of any significant updates for our region. More information and updates can also be found at the sites below:

- [www.EOHU.ca/coronavirus](http://www.EOHU.ca/coronavirus) - General information and local updates
- [www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus) - General information and updates from Ontario's Ministry of Health. Updates on the status of Ontario cases are made daily at 10:30 a.m. ET.
- [www.Canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.Canada.ca/coronavirus) - General information and national updates
- Follow the Eastern Ontario Health Unit on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for local updates.

If you have any questions, please call the EOHU at 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120.

Sincerely,



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