

# COVID-19 IN CANADA

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) DAILY EPIDEMIOLOGY UPDATE

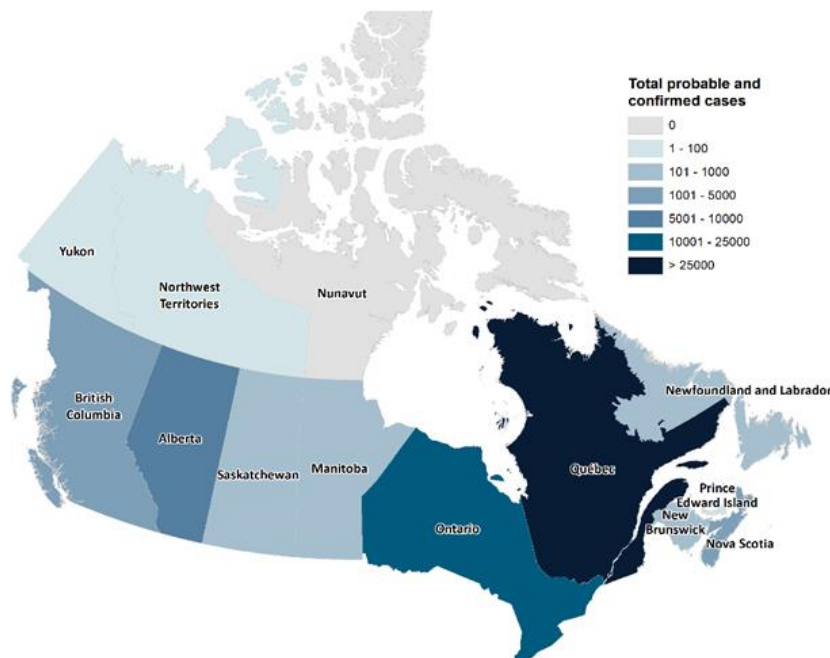
Updated: 18 May 2020, 11:00 ET

<b>77 306</b> CONFIRMED CASES	<b>38 828 (50%)</b> RECOVERED	<b>5 805 (7.5%)</b> DEATHS
<b>1 102</b> NEW CASES	<b>35 118</b> PEOPLE TESTED PER 1 000 000	<b>5.4%</b> PERCENT POSITIVE (CUMULATIVE)

### KEY UPDATES

- New cases continue to be reported across the country, however with a decreasing trend in daily reported cases observed.
- The majority of cases (85%) and deaths (94%) continue to be reported from Quebec and Ontario.
- No new cases have been reported in six jurisdictions within the past seven days.
- No new deaths have been reported in 10 jurisdictions within the past 24 hours.

**Figure 1.** Map of COVID-19 cases reported in Canada by province/territory (n=77 293\*)



Data source: P/T websites. Map from NML Geomatics

\*The total n excludes 13 repatriated travelers.

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## NATIONAL OVERVIEW

- For the past seven days:
  - No new cases have been reported in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.
- In the past 24 hours:
  - Fewer than five cases have been reported in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia.
  - No new deaths were reported in 10 jurisdictions.
- The majority of deaths (94%) were reported from Quebec (3 562) and Ontario (1 904).

**Table 1:** Summary of COVID-19 cases reported in Canada by location as of 18 May 11:00 ET

Location	Total cases	New cases reported in past 24 hours	Recovered	% Recovered	Total deaths	New deaths reported in past 24 hours
BC	2 428	0	1 932	80%	141	0
AB	6 644	57	5 453	82%	127	1
SK	592	1	444	75%	6	0
MB	289	0	257	89%	7	0
ON	22 957	304	17 638	77%	1 904	23
QC	42 920	737	11 754	27%	3 562	79
NL	260	0	249	96%	3	0
NB	120	0	120	100%	0	0
NS	1 040	3	938	90%	55	0
PE	27	0	27	100%	0	0
YK	11	0	11	100%	0	0
NT	5	0	5	100%	0	0
NU	0	0	0	0%	0	0
Repatriated travellers*	13	0	Unknown	Unknown	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77 306</b>	<b>1 102</b>	<b>38 828</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>5 805</b>	<b>103</b>

\* Repatriated travellers refer to the Grand Princess cruise ship travellers who were under quarantine in Trenton in March 2020. Update on their status is not available.

PHAC receives detailed case information from provinces and territories. The epidemiology update is based on information received for 38 439 cases. Not all data fields are complete, only cases with data available are included. Data presented are as of 18 May at 11:00 (ET).

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## DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

- Thirty-six percent (36%) of cases are 60 years and over.
- The highest proportion of cases are among those aged 40-59 years (32%), followed by those aged 20-39 years (27%); 6% of cases were ≤ 19 years of age.
- Fifty-five percent (55%) of cases are females.

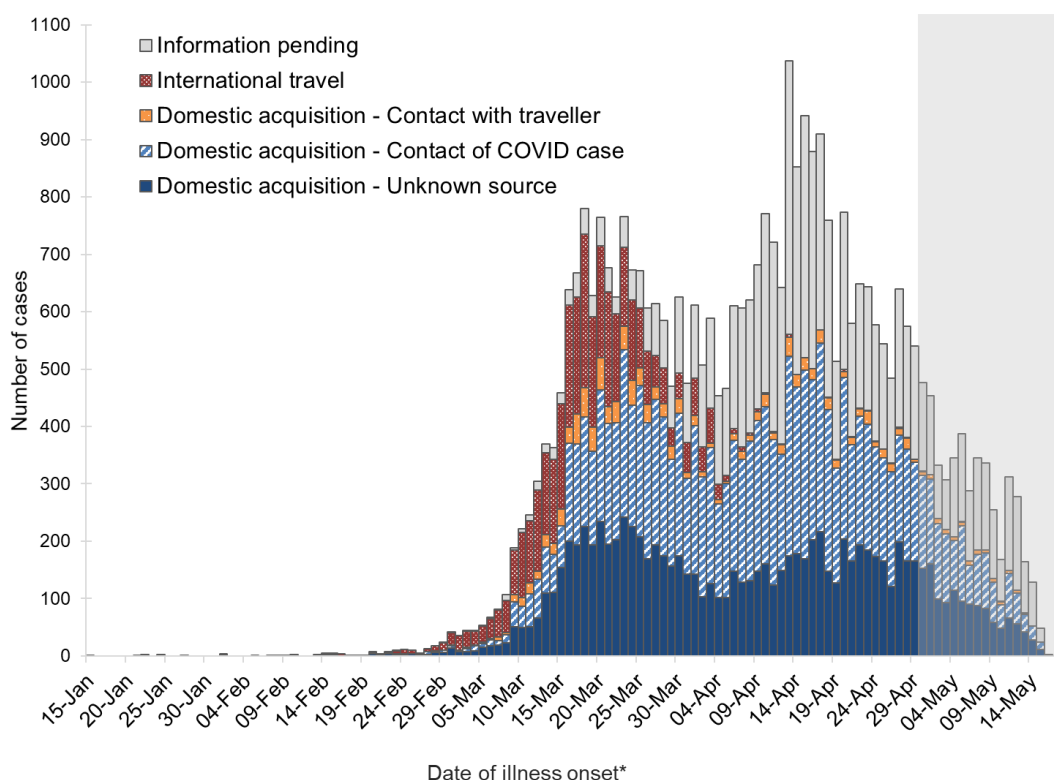
**Table 2.** Demographic characteristics of COVID-19 cases reported in Canada as of 18 May 2020

Age (in years)			
Median		51	
Range		0-111	
Age groups		n= 37 901	
≤ 19		2 093	(6%)
20-39		10 111	(27%)
40-59		12 280	(32%)
60-79		7 445	(20%)
80+		5 972	(16%)
Gender		n= 38 191	
Female		20 984	(55%)
Male		17 192	(45%)
Other		15	(0%)

## TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY

- Since 15 March 2020, the majority of cases reported have been due to community transmission.
- 3 777 cases (10%) reported having travelled outside of Canada, 23 819 (63%) cases are due to domestic acquisition, and 10 343 (27%) have information pending.

**Figure 2.** Number of newly reported COVID-19 cases in Canada, by date of illness onset and exposure category (n=36 840)



\*If date of illness onset was not available, the earliest of the following dates was used as an estimate in the following order: Specimen Collection Date, and Laboratory Testing Date.

**Note:** The shaded area represents a period of time (lag time) where it is expected that cases have occurred but have not yet been reported nationally.

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## LABORATORY TESTING

Over **1 320 063** people have been tested for COVID-19 in Canada (Table 3). This corresponds to a test rate of **35 118** per million population. The percent positive is **5.4%**, which represents the number of positive tests to the total number of tests undertaken.

**Table 3:** Summary of COVID-19 testing reported in Canada by location as of 18 May 10:30 ET

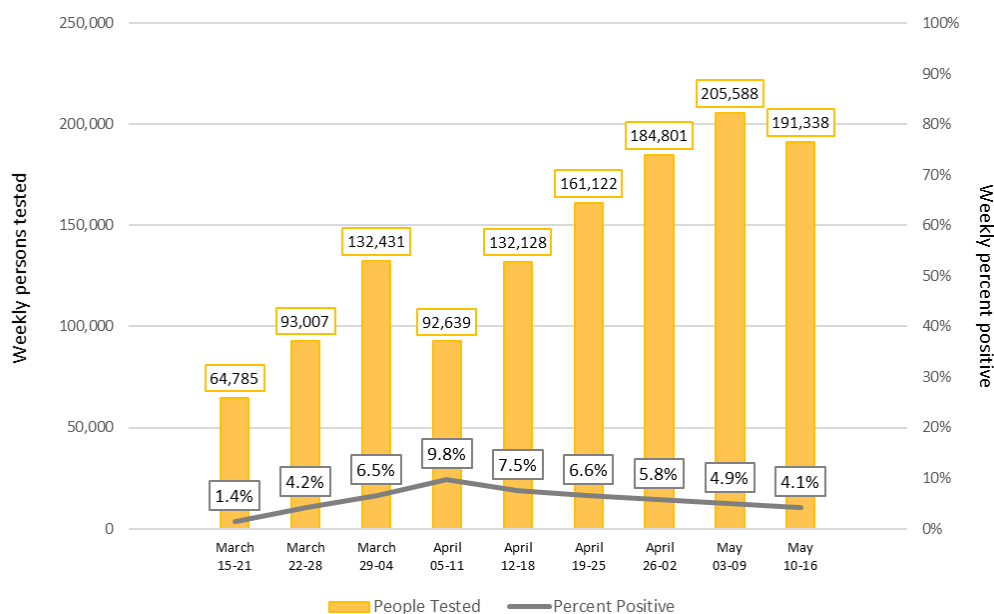
Location	Total people tested*	New tests since last report	People tested per 1 000 000 pop'n
BC	105 078	2 052	20 720
AB	196 309	3 211	44 908
SK	37 697	294	32 097
MB	34 042	747	24 858
ON	535 866	8 856	36 787
QC	335 232	7 450	39 509
NL	10 673	51	20 464
NB	19 260	250	24 793
NS	37 406	223	38 508
PE	4 761	142	30 335
YK	1 124	0	27 513
NT	1 879	14	41 918
NU	660	2	17 019
<b>Total*</b>	<b>1 320 063</b>	<b>23 292</b>	<b>35 118</b>

‡For provinces and territories which report the number of tests completed, mathematical formula is used to estimate the number of unique people tested. \*Includes 76 repatriated travellers tested.

**Note:** Laboratory testing numbers may be underestimated due to reporting delays and may not include additional sentinel surveillance or other testing conducted in the P/T.

For the week of May 10 to 16, 191 338 persons were tested and the daily average percent positive over that same period was 4.1% (Figure 3).

**Figure 3:** Number of persons tested for COVID-19 and percent positive by week in Canada



Data source: Provided by the NML, who receive lab testing data from provincial labs

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## CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS AND OUTCOME

- Of the **4 201** cases for which the clinical presentation was reported, **561** cases (13%) reported having been clinically or radiologically diagnosed with pneumonia.
- Among those 561 cases, 57% were aged  $\geq 60$  years, and 41% were aged 60-79 years.
- Those aged  $\geq 60$  years experienced higher proportions of pre-existing conditions and clinical complications.

**Table 4.** Clinical presentation\* summary of COVID-19 cases reported in Canada as of 18 May 2020

Clinical presentation	By age group		Overall **
	0-59	$\geq 60$	
<b>Pre-existing conditions</b>	<b>n= 5 712</b>	<b>n= 2 541</b>	<b>n= 8 745</b>
Cardiac	287 (5%)	867 (34%)	1 208 (14%)
Respiratory disease	565 (10%)	466 (18%)	1 085 (12%)
Diabetes	287 (5%)	513 (20%)	848 (10%)
<b>Symptoms</b>	<b>n= 5 928</b>	<b>n= 2 531</b>	<b>n= 8 702</b>
Cough	4 238 (71%)	1 747 (69%)	6 392 (73%)
Headache	3 586 (60%)	920 (36%)	4 822 (55%)
Weakness	3 079 (52%)	1 257 (50%)	4 658 (54%)
Fever	2 551 (43%)	1 188 (47%)	3 984 (46%)
<b>Clinical evaluations, complications or diagnosis</b>	<b>n= 2 642</b>	<b>n= 1 296</b>	<b>n= 4 201</b>
Pneumonia	221 (8%)	318 (25%)	561 (13%)
Dyspnea	96 (4%)	198 (15%)	314 (7%)
Abnormal lung auscultation	103 (4%)	144 (11%)	271 (6%)

\*The categories for pre-existing conditions, symptoms and clinical evaluations, complications or diagnosis are not mutually exclusive and the list is non-exhaustive.

\*\*Cases for which there is detailed information

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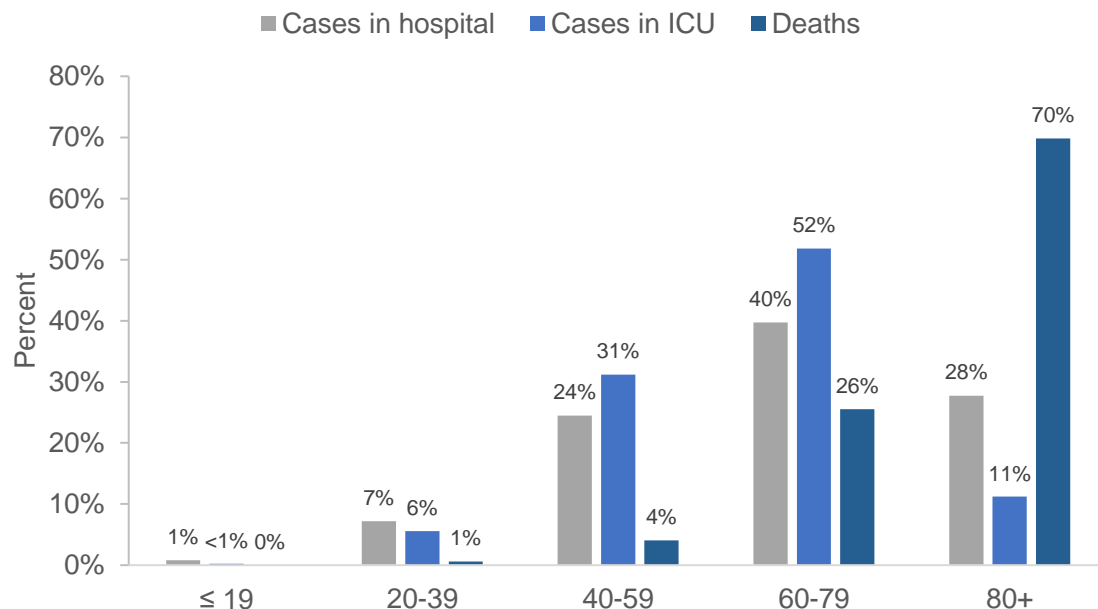
## CASE SEVERITY

- **4 154** cases (**16%**) reported hospitalization, including **931** (**22%**) admitted to the ICU, and **168** (**4%**) of hospitalizations requiring mechanical ventilation.
- Seventy-four percent (74%) of cases reported one or more pre-existing conditions.
- Individuals ages  $\geq 60$  years comprise:
  - 68% of hospital admissions
  - 63% of ICU admissions
  - 96% of deaths

**Table 5.** Clinical presentation summary of COVID-19 cases reported in Canada as of 18 May 2020

Case Severity						
	All Hospitalizations		Admitted to ICU		Deaths	
Age groups						
≤ 19	34	(1%)	2	(<1%)	0	(0%)
20-39	295	(7%)	51	(6%)	13	(1%)
40-59	998	(24%)	285	(31%)	87	(4%)
60-79	1 630	(40%)	479	(52%)	562	(26%)
80+	1 148	(28%)	101	(11%)	1 509	(70%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 105</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	<b>2 171</b>	<b>(100%)</b>
Gender						
Female	1 884	(45%)	332	(36%)	1 134	(53%)
Male	2 256	(54%)	597	(64%)	1,015	(47%)
Other	2	(<1%)				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 142</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	<b>2 149</b>	<b>(100%)</b>

**Figure 4.** Proportion of COVID-19 cases hospitalized, admitted to ICU and deaths in Canada, by age group, as of 18 May 2020



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## FLUWATCHERS

**FluWatchers** is an online health surveillance system that relies on volunteer reports to track spread of flu-like illness across Canada.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, FluWatchers is shifting focus to track COVID-19 symptoms over the spring and summer months.

In the week of May 3, 2020, 10,795 participants reported into the FluWatchers program. A total of 28 participants (0.2%) reported cough and fever.

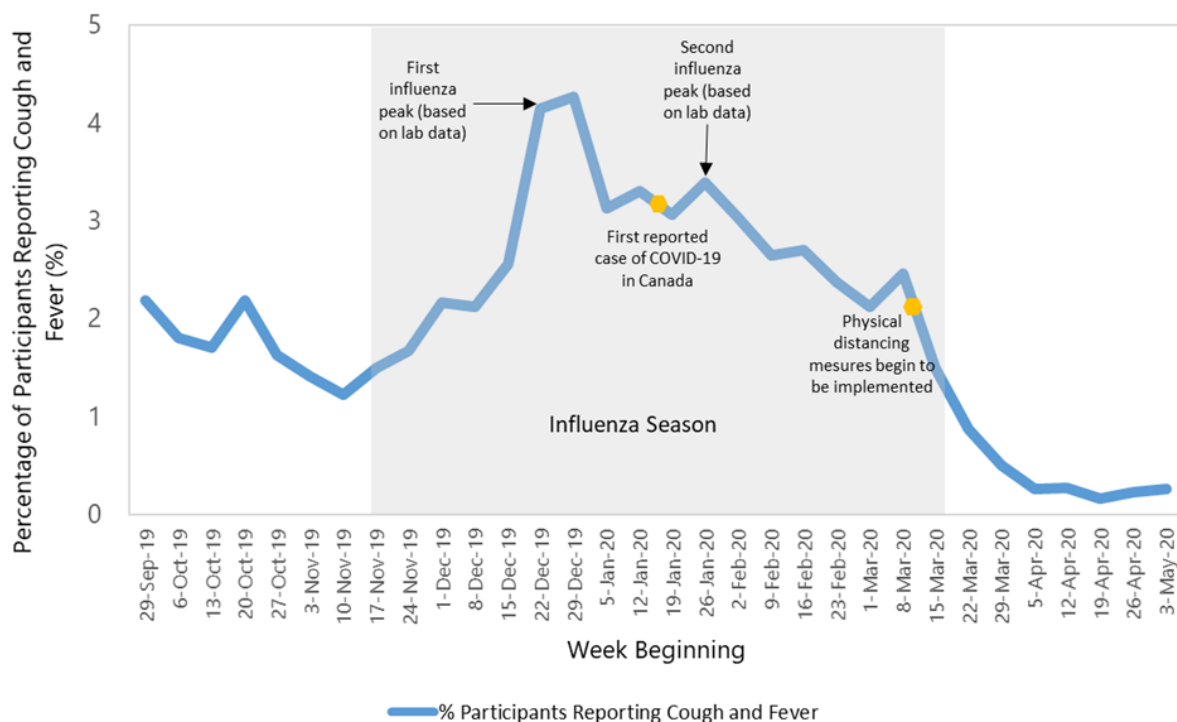
Among the 28 participants reporting cough and fever:

- 11 (40%) sought medical attention
- 7 (25%) were tested
  - 3 tests were positive for COVID-19, 3 tests were negative and one did not have a result at the time of reporting

Additionally, 232 participants (2%) reported having a cough and at least one other symptom\* in the week of May 3, 2020. Twenty-one of these participants reported being tested and one test was positive for COVID-19 (18 tests were negative and 2 results were unavailable at the time of reporting).

*\*sore throat, fatigue/exhaustion, diarrhea/vomiting/stomach ache, joint pain, muscle pain, shortness of breath and headache*

**Figure 5:** Percentage of FluWatchers Participants Reporting Cough and Fever (N=10 795 the week of May 3, 2020)





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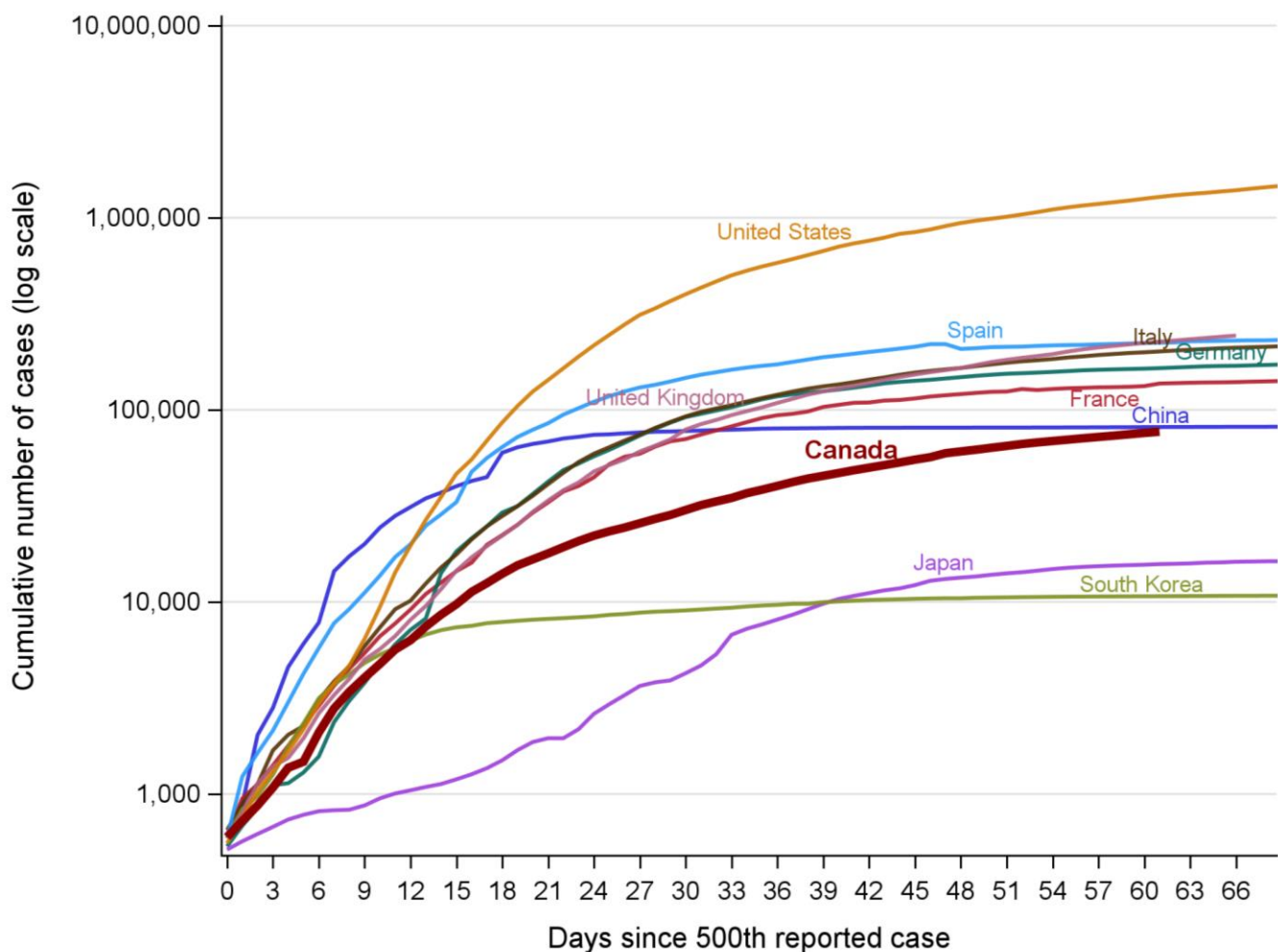
## INTERNATIONAL

A summary of the cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Canada compared to other countries by date of report can be seen in **Figure 6**.

Up-to-date country-specific risk levels is found on [travel health notices](#).

For more information on COVID-19 internationally, please refer to the [World Health Organizations' COVID-19 Situation Report](#).

**Figure 6.** Cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Canada compared to other countries by date of report



**Note:** At this time, results from international comparisons should be interpreted with caution. The number of tests conducted and indications for testing by country all have a large influence on total reported case counts. Therefore, the data displayed does not necessarily represent the true size of outbreak within each country.