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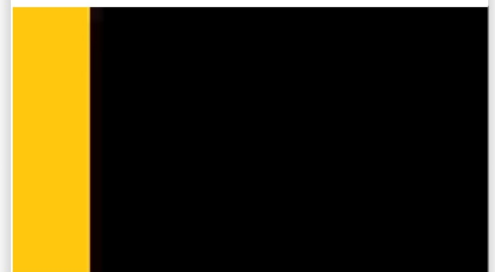
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# Coronavirus updates: 'I went to join them for Easter' Trudeau defends his holiday trip to Harrington Lake

*Meanwhile, Scheer defended his decision to pack a government jet, saying he avoided 'speaking moistly' with other passengers on flight in March*



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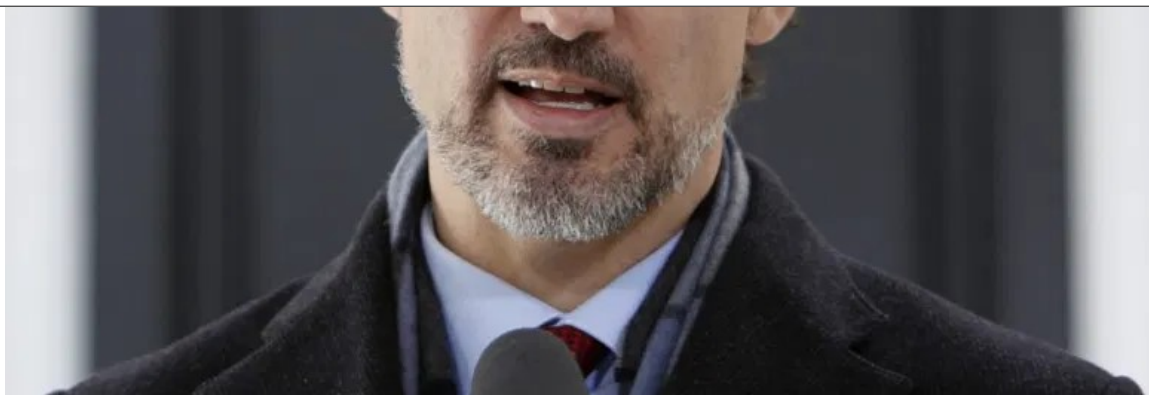
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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, speaks during a news conference outside Rideau Cottage in Ottawa, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. *David Kawai/Bloomberg*

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Both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer fended off criticism Tuesday that they're asking Canadians to do more to stop the spread of COVID-19 than they're willing to do themselves.

Both men defended family trips that appeared to flout the physical distancing measures they've spent weeks imploring people to uphold.

Trudeau travelled from Ottawa into Quebec over the weekend to meet up with his family at their official country residence of Harrington Lake.

Non-essential travel in Canada has been restricted for weeks, and Quebec authorities began earlier this month to implement provincial border checks in a bid to stop recreational travellers into the province. They also asked people to stay away from their cottages.

Trudeau's wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, and their three children had gone to Harrington Lake in late March, once she recovered from COVID-19 and their

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Trudeau dodged questions on how his trip could be considered in keeping with those measures.

"After three weeks of my family living up at Harrington, and me living here, I went to join them for Easter," he said Tuesday outside his Ottawa residence at Rideau Cottage.

"We continue to follow all the instructions of public health authorities."

Speaking to reporters, Scheer said passengers aboard the nine-seat Challenger jet, which was taking Scheer and two other MPs back to Ottawa for the spring Parliamentary session, took every precaution to limit the potential spread of the [COVID-19](#) virus, including avoiding "speaking mostly on each other." The Conservative leader pushed back against criticism that he and his family put the small jet at full capacity, making social distancing impossible for other passengers.

"The idea that we were packed one on top of each other is just ridiculous,"

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in British Columbia, before collecting Scheer in Regina along with his wife and children, which brought the plane to full capacity. The story was first reported by the CBC.

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Ontario has extended its state of emergency for another 20 days.

The bill to extend the measure passed during a special session at the provincial legislature today.

Premier Doug Ford says it is too soon to relax measures as the province continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The order closes non-essential businesses and child-care centres until May 12.

Ford says his government is moving more resources to fight COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care homes.

Ford says new orders allocating the resources to the homes will come tonight.

There are more than 90 outbreaks in long-term care homes across the province.

Ford says the order will deploy more staff to the homes and make it mandatory that they only work in one home. (The Canadian Press)

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The City of Toronto says 60 residents in its shelter system have tested positive for COVID-19.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Elaine de Villa says no one has died from the disease, but they are preparing for deaths among the homeless.

The city is trying to move those in the notoriously crowded shelters into other venues to allow for better physical distancing.

Some shelter residents are being sent to rooms in hotels that the city has recently purchased and leased in an effort to curb the spread of the disease.

De Villa says those who've tested positive for COVID-19 are being sent to a recovery centre. (The Canadian Press)

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deaths.

That brings the province to a total of 7,953 cases, including 334 deaths and 3,568 cases that have been resolved.

Tuesday's numbers represented an increase of 6.5 per cent over Monday's total, continuing a relatively low growth rate over the past several days.

The province has said it will do 8,000 tests daily by Wednesday, but just under 5,000 were completed in the last 24 hours.

Premier Doug Ford expressed frustration last week that Ontario has been testing for COVID-19 well below its capacity of 13,000 a day.

**(The Canadian Press)**

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Ontario is expected to extend its state of emergency by another month on Tuesday, as a small group of politicians gathered at the provincial legislature to pass the bill.

Premier Doug Ford said the fight against COVID-19 is not over and it's too soon to lift restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

The legislature began an emergency session Tuesday afternoon to extend the order, which closed non-essential businesses and child-care centres, by another 28 days. The government has not yet said whether school closures will be extended beyond the current end date of May 4.

The government was also expected to pass a number of other pieces of legislation to change some regulations for school boards, post-secondary institutions and municipalities during the pandemic.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said her party would support the Progressive Conservative government's bill to extend the state of emergency and would help speed its passage.

However, she urged the Tories to increase supports for people in financial need who aren't eligible for federal income support.

Horwath also urged the province to take further action to protect residents of long-term care homes, where 93 outbreaks of COVID-19 have been reported.

The government should immediately stop workers from being employed in multiple homes and boost their wages, said Horwath.

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Tuesday, leaving the provincial total at 25 cases. Chief public health officer Dr. Heather Morrison says 23 of those cases are considered recovered. Modelling released Tuesday shows the province could have up to nine deaths from the pandemic by June 1, but that could have been 900 if the province hadn't taken the public health measures it did. **(The Canadian Press)**

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The Royal Canadian Mint is doing something it hasn't done since the Second World War: retooling. [@chrisgnardi](#) on the shift from coins to face shields for the fight against COVID-19: [nationalpost.com/news/canada/fr...](https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/fr...)

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on the economic front came from the International Monetary Fund, whose latest forecast predicted Canada's economy would shrink by 6.2 per cent this year. That is more than double the global retraction, which would be the worst year since the Great Depression of the 1930s, the IMF said. **(The Canadian Press)**

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Starting at midnight, the federal government says all people returning to Canada will have to check in to a hotel or other designated site unless they have an acceptable self-quarantine plan.

The government says returnees — whether they have COVID-19 symptoms or not — must have an appropriate isolation plan that includes access to food and medicine.

They will also be forbidden to live with vulnerable people, such as anyone older than 65 or with pre-existing health conditions.

If a returnee lacks a credible plan, they will need to quarantine in a location, such as a hotel, designated by Canada's chief public health officer.

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland says the measure means returning Canadians will need to plan ahead of time.

She describes it as “an additional layer” in Canada's protective actions against COVID-19.

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Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister is asking many government workers to accept a reduced work week to save money during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pallister says he will speak with union leaders to pitch his idea, which would affect civil servants and Crown corporation workers who are not on the front line.

Pallister says a reduced work week is preferable to layoffs and the measure would be temporary, but there is no definitive end-time at this point.

Pallister says workers who stay on the job two days a week, as an example, could collect federal benefits for the other three days and receive about three-quarters of their salary.

He also says the move would free up some resources for front-line services such as health care.

Pallister says the reduced work week will not apply to politicians in the legislature.

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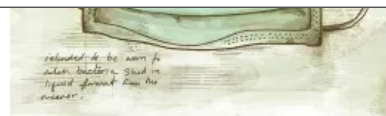
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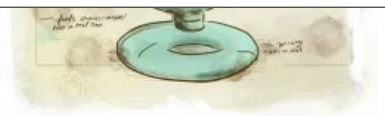
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