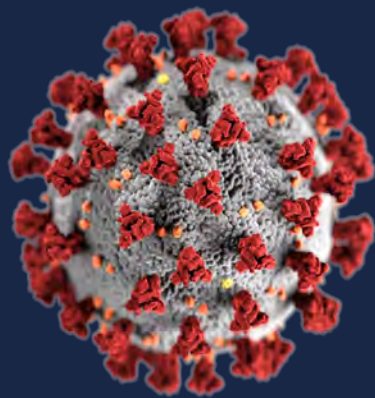




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2. INSIGHT and SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

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Crime in Canada. Data released this week by Statistics Canada shows a nation-wide trend, featuring an overall drop of 16 per cent across 13 Criminal Code categories. At the height of the pandemic lockdowns, national statistics showed that impaired driving causing death or injury was down 32 per cent, robbery declined 20 per cent, vehicle theft fell 15 per cent and shoplifting dropped 46 per cent. Also, according to Statistics Canada, there was a four per cent increase nationally in calls for domestic disturbances and wellness checks during the first four months of the pandemic.¹

International Crime. With much of the world's population isolating themselves indoors, visible manifestations of organized crime swiftly declined. London saw a sharp drop in knife crime. Violent offenses of all types went down in France. Chicago's drug arrests decreased by 42 percent, and in Los Angeles prior to the eruption of violence following George's Floyd's death, key crimes had fallen by 30 percent. Meanwhile, drugs and money are being stockpiled on both sides of the United States' southwest border, said a spokesperson for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and domestic field workers are reporting price hikes of meth, cocaine, and heroin at both the retail and wholesale level. This is a sign, the DEA spokesperson said, that supplies may be running low—although clearly also a sign that demand is undiminished. Behind the scenes, drug trafficking organizations are finding workarounds to logistical challenges and restrictions. Some experts believe the trade is actually far more resilient than the criminals themselves are letting on².

Activism. Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Anti-Fascist (Antifa) groups have held protests and instigated violent riots in multiple cities across the United States. The unrest began in response to the death of George Floyd on 25 May 2020, while being arrested by police in Minneapolis, Minnesota. BLM insists his death is the latest in several racially motivated killings of minorities by police, claiming police institutions secretly promote the targeting of African Americans. First, BLM protests turned to vandalism with the destruction of historical monuments they claimed symbolized black oppression and have now given way to violent riots. Thirty-three deaths are attributed to the violence so far, the most recent killing occurring 29 Aug, of Aaron Danielson by an unidentified BLM/Antifa rioter.

Ideological polarization and the influence of identity politics has played a role in the escalation of violence and hindered the government's response to the riots. Democratic leadership at all levels of government embraced the BLM movement in its early stages and are now hesitant to condemn the violence as this could dilute their messaging. President Trump and Republican leadership have been staunch critics of the protests once they started destroying property. Trump has offered federal aid to every city disturbed by the riots but has mostly been rejected. Tony Evers, Democratic Governor of Wisconsin, has permitted the national guard to help restore order in the city of Kenosha after the shooting of Jacob Blake on 23 Aug led to nightly riots.

There are calls for President Trump to enact the Insurrection Act, giving him the authority to disregard State autonomy in dealing with internal matters. So far, President Trump has respected the rule of Governors in affected States. It appears that this strategy is helping his campaign for re-election as his polling has jumped since the riots began. The BLM movement is losing support nationally as more people are harmed in the riots.

The BLM/Antifa movement has seen a degree of international support in the form of protests in some major cities outside the US. In Canada, BLM protests have occurred in every province, drawing out a few thousand people

¹ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/stats-crime-calgary-covid-police-property-violent-1.5712127>

² <https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/09/05/pandemic-criminal-network-drug-dealers-human-traffickers/>



supporting provincial capitals. On 29 Aug, a statue of Sir John A. Macdonald was torn down by protesters in Montreal. That same weekend protests in Toronto and Ottawa called for defunding police to fund other social programs.

The US BLM/Antifa will likely continue escalating the violence while diminishing their broader support as all but the most disenfranchised begin to reject its violent doctrine. Despite evidence that the unrest helps Trump gain support before his election, it is highly unlikely this will slow the BLM/Antifa momentum or cause them to change their messaging as they continue to radicalize. It is doubtful Trump will use the insurrection act before his re-election as that move could be perceived as an overstep and would vindicate those who accuse him of being a fascist. While BLM/Antifa messaging resonates with a small segment of the population, it is unlikely protests will gain further support in Canada as the situation declines in the US.

China. China continues to increase its authority in the Pacific region and globally, though China's opposition continues to grow. Of note has been the border tensions between China and India over the "green line" in Ladakh. Last week Chinese and Indian defence officials met in Moscow to de-escalate the situation along the shared border. Few details emerged from India's Rajnath Singh and China's General Wei Fenghe though this was the first high-level talk since the violence began in June where 20 Indian soldiers were killed. Though few comments were made, the Chinese government said that "Not one inch of Chinese territory can be lost" and that responsibility for the conflict "lies solely with India."

India further banned several Chinese apps this week, totaling 52 apps restricted by India under national security auspices. President Trump is now looking at banning multiple Chinese apps under the pretense that these apps collect US citizens' data. This comes as the sale of TikTok to a US firm(s) stalls.

The nation of Palau requested this week a permanent US military presence and the construction of a US military base on the island nation to counter increased Chinese aggression in the region. This comes after US defence secretary Mark Esper visited the island nation last week as part of a Pacific tour, accusing Beijing of a "malign influence" and "ongoing destabilizing activities." Of note is that under a 1994 agreement, the US is responsible for Palau's defence though it currently does not have troops stationed on the island.

Taiwan was forced to state that it did not shoot down a Chinese military jet after speculation that it gathered attention on social media. An unverified video showed a SU-35 with smoke and flames coming from it as it makes an emergency landing and a motionless pilot being attended to.

US national security adviser, Robert O'Brien stated that he believes China has taken the "most active role" in interfering in the upcoming US election and that this interference is more significant than Russia's interference in the previous election. He stated that "We've never seen anything like it. It was nothing like this in the cold war with the Soviets." This comes at a time of increased US-China tensions and an increase in counter-intelligence operations by the US looking at Chinese nationals operating in the US.

It was reported in open source that Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is attempting to freeze out Huawei from Canada's 5G network by stalling on any decision making in the Chinese firm's involvement with Canada's 5G network. This has led some Canadian companies such as Rogers to begin 5G network development without Huawei.

It is unlikely that the situation along the green line in Ladakh will de-escalate in the near term as both sides state and believe they have a right to the area's contested land. This is likely to lead to small conflicts in the long term, further destabilizing the region. It is unlikely that the US will ban Chinese apps before the US election, as this is



likely a talking point to rally President Trump's base. Public statements that China is actively interfering in the US election by senior US officials will likely further deteriorate China and the US's already turbulent situation. This will be assisted by countries such as Australia, Palau and other Asian countries rebuffing China. Reports of Taiwanese military intervention against Chinese military assets are likely false and were likely developed by the Chinese regime as a precursor to increasing pressure on Taiwan to further alienate it from its traditional allies. Reporting that Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is purposefully stalling on deciding on Huawei's involvement with the Canadian 5G network will likely have negative repercussions for the two Michaels held in China as the Meng Wanzhou trial continues.

Domestic. With many children back to in-person classes, parents are finally free to focus their attention on duties other than childcare. For many parents, this may allow them to head to an office environment instead of working from home.

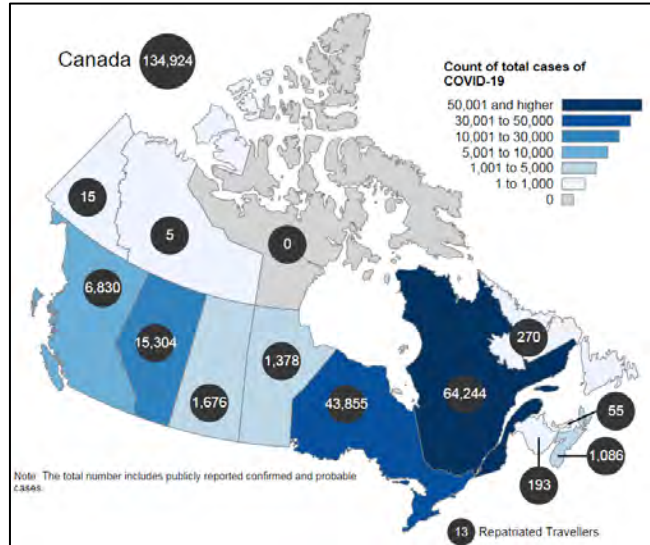
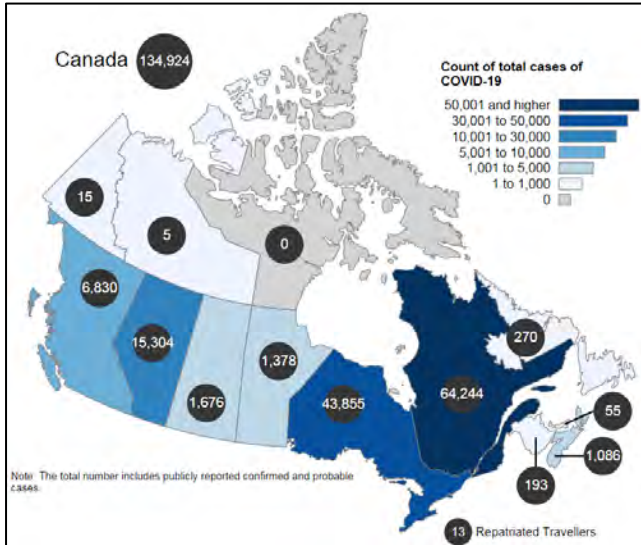
Statistics show that almost 75% of the 3.4 million Canadians that began working from home when the pandemic started, are still doing so in August. Another survey suggests that 45% of remote workers would like to work remotely at least three days of their work week and allow for flexible work hours. Just over half of the employees surveyed were allowed to continue to work remotely by their employer, suggesting employers have become more comfortable with remote work. The survey also found that employers have not seen a “significant impact” on employee productivity, work quality and work hours. With employees wanting to work from home, and employers not seeing a drastic difference in their employees’ remote work abilities, it is believed that remote work is likely here to stay for a long time.

Remote work has its challenges – the average workday is increased by about 48 minutes, for some, making up a similar time for their travel time to the office. Meeting have also increased by about 13%, reducing the time for employees to focus on their own work and possibly increasing their responsibilities. Emailing has also increased, requiring many to type out their requests or questions, which surges the time to deal with a matter; an email requires one individual to write it, and another to read it, doubling the time required for comprehension. For some, especially those with an elderly parent or a child at home, working from home has become living at work. It is possible for many to begin burning out should they be required to balance work and home responsibilities during business hours.

Reduction in people going into work will also affect businesses that have relied on office workers. This encompasses restaurants and cafes that are often open during office hours only, located in office buildings or industrial centres where non workers frequent very little. Parking companies relying on office workers for revenue are losing it due to a reduction in in person work. Barber shops and other personal services shops located in mainly industrial or commercial places may see a significant reduction in their customers, possibly to the extent of having to close.



3. COVID-19 IN CANADA

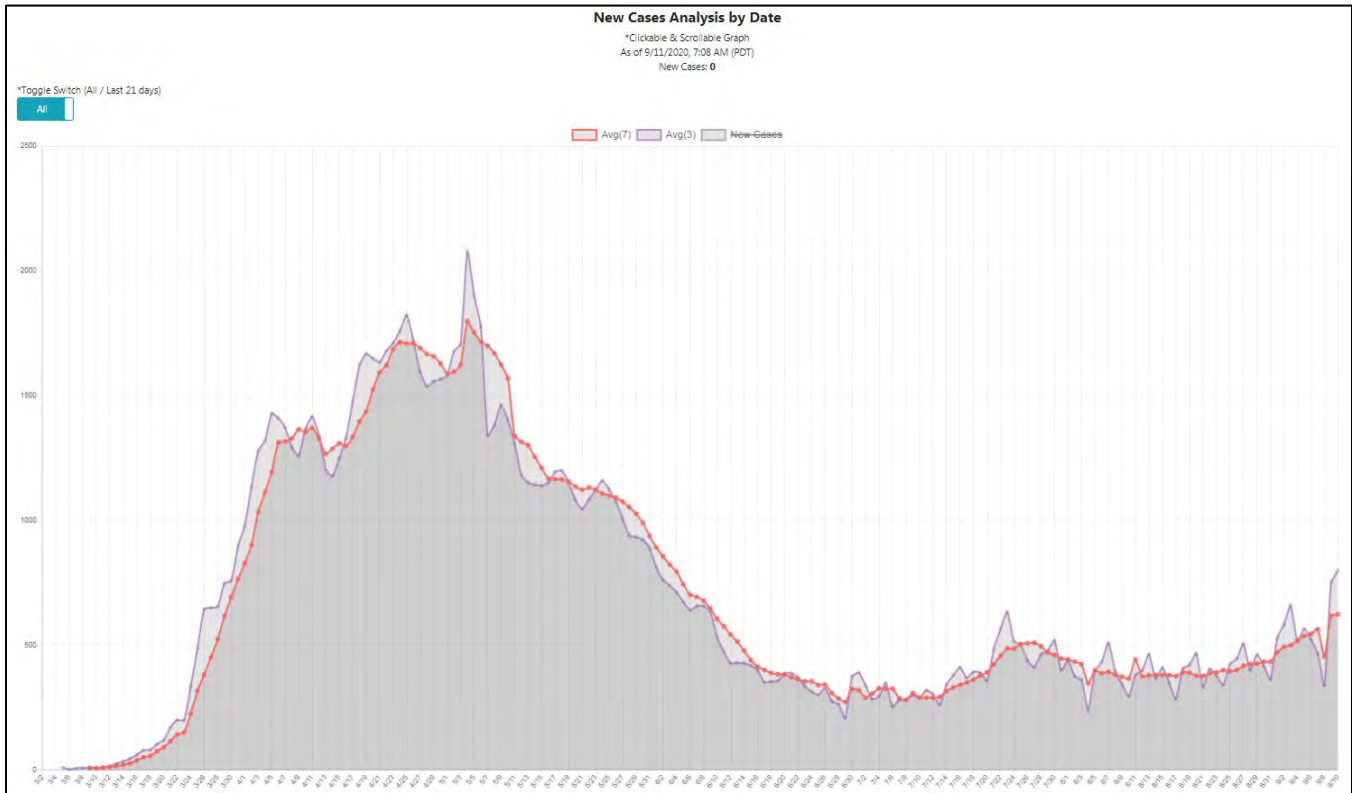


Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Prov.	Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Active
Total	134,924	9,163	118,990	6,771
BC	6,830	213	5,190	1,427
ON	43,855	2,814	39,474	1,567
QC	64,244	5,773	56,624	1,847
AB	15,304	253	13,557	1,494
MB	1,378	16	1,002	360
NB	193	2	188	3
SK	1,676	24	1,593	59
PEI	55	0	44	11
NL	270	3	266	1
NS	1,086	65	1,019	2
YT	15	0	15	0
NT	5	0	5	0
NU	0	0	0	0
Repatriated Travellers	13	0	13	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	0.0%



Prov.	Total Test	Total Waiting	Total Hosp	Total ICU
Total	6,431,120	-	-	-
BC	414,020	-	42	14
ON	3,213,336	25850	54	14
QC	1,206,522	-	119	12
AB	1,072,681	-	43	7
MB	150,350	-	11	3
NB	65,169	-	0	0
SK	153,649	-	1	0
PEI	28,792	84	-	-
NL	34,239	-	0	0
NS	82,682	-	0	0
YT	2,855	44	-	-
NT	4,360	234	0	0
NU	2,465	400	0	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	-	-	-



Source: <https://www.covid-19canada.com>

Coronavirus Cases

6,589,020

Deaths:

196,345

Recovered:

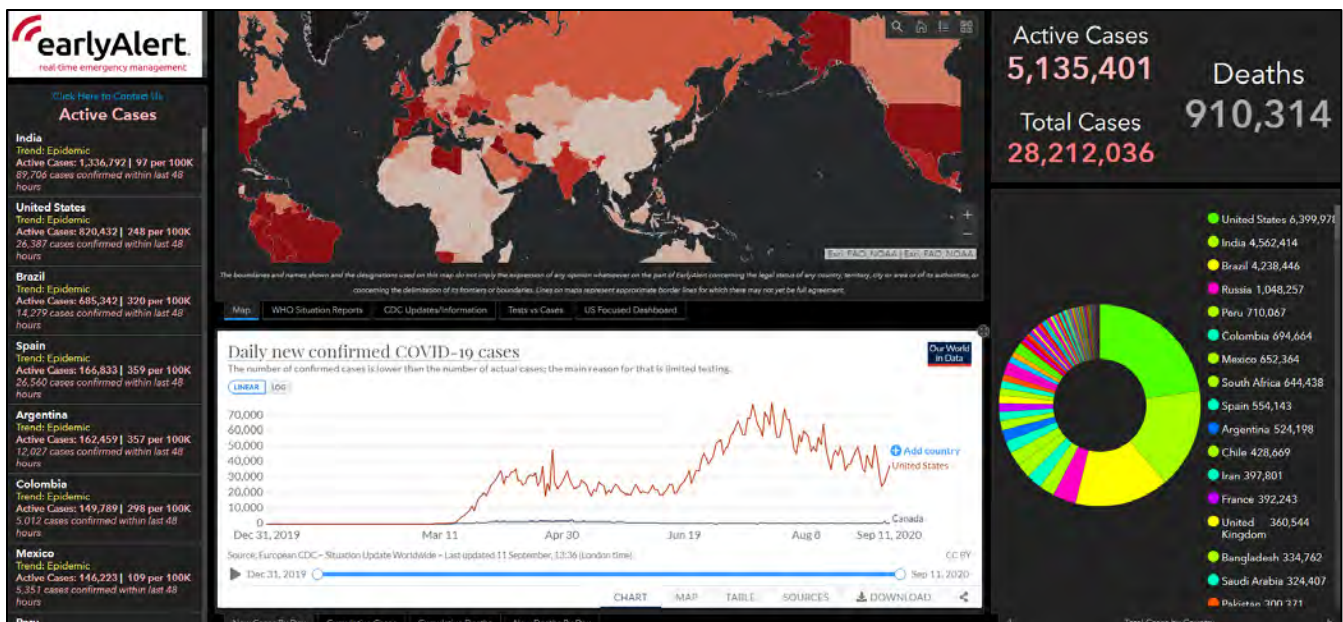
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USA State	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
USA Total	6,589,020	196,345	3,880,707	2,511,968	19,906	593	89,990,118	271,871	
California	751,747	14,090	366,463	371,194	19,026	357	12,389,991	313,574	39,512,223
Texas	681,986	14,199	583,718	84,069	23,520	490	5,878,234	202,727	28,995,881
Florida	654,731	12,326	128,422	513,983	30,484	574	4,857,274	226,154	21,477,737
New York	475,035	33,109	379,680	62,246	24,419	1,702	9,052,978	465,364	19,453,561
Georgia	289,123	6,204	57,108	225,811	27,231	584	2,828,796	266,430	10,617,423
Illinois	257,571	8,461	197,808	51,302	20,326	668	4,575,721	361,094	12,671,821
Arizona	207,002	5,273	32,310	169,419	28,439	724	1,545,586	212,343	7,278,717
New Jersey	198,949	16,136	165,091	17,722	22,399	1,817	3,113,654	350,550	8,882,190
North Carolina	180,744	2,990	156,652	21,102	17,233	285	2,521,839	240,448	10,488,084
Tennessee	168,237	1,988	151,202	15,047	24,635	291	2,388,318	349,723	6,829,174
Louisiana	155,419	5,161	140,440	9,818	33,432	1,110	2,009,584	432,281	4,648,794
Pennsylvania	146,735	7,911	116,339	22,485	11,462	618	1,786,084	139,516	12,801,989

4.1. USA NEWS

- [US sees almost 90,000 COVID deaths from Memorial to Labor Day](#)
- [Cuomo allows indoor dining at NYC restaurants at 25% capacity starting Sept. 30](#)
- [Illinois university quarantines entire student body due to coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Minnesota wedding linked to 70 coronavirus cases, officials say](#)
- [U.S. to end coronavirus airport screenings for international travelers: report](#)
- [With Washington silent, states are torn between saving bars and stopping coronavirus](#)
- ['Play it down': Trump admits to concealing the true threat of coronavirus in new Woodward book](#)

5. GLOBAL COMMON OPERATING PICTURE





		Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Total Recovered			Mortality Rate			
		28,397,385	914,858	20,402,438			3.22%			
#	Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Recov.	Mort.	Critical	Active	Cases /1M	Active /1M	Deaths /1M
1	USA US	6,589,020 (+857)	196,345 (+17)	3,680,707	3.0%	14,506	2,511,968	19,883	7580	593
2	India IN	4,592,533 (+32,808)	76,546 (+242)	3,565,949	1.7%	8,944	950,038	3,322	687	55
3	Brazil BR	4,239,763	129,575	3,497,337	3.1%	8,318	612,851	19,919	2879	609
4	Russia RU	1,051,874 (+5,504)	18,365 (+102)	868,107	1.7%	2,300	165,402	7,207	1133	126
5	Peru PE	710,067	30,344	544,745	4.3%	1,460	134,978	21,478	4083	918
6	Colombia CO	694,664	22,275	569,479	3.2%	863	102,910	13,624	2018	437
7	Mexico MX	652,364 (+4,857)	69,649 (+554)	458,850	10.7%	2,892	123,865	5,049	959	539
8	South Africa ZA	644,438	15,265	573,003	2.4%	539	56,170	10,839	945	257
9	Spain ES	554,143	29,699	n/a	5.4%	1,136	524,444	11,851	11216	635
10	Argentina AR	524,198	10,994 (+87)	400,121	2.1%	2,880	113,083	11,578	2498	243
11	Chile CL	428,669	11,781	401,356	2.7%	951	15,532	22,387	811	615
12	Iran IR	397,801 (+2,313)	22,913 (+115)	342,539	5.8%	3,753	32,349	4,724	384	272
13	UK GB	358,138	41,608	n/a	11.6%	80	316,530	5,270	4658	612
14	France FR	353,944	30,813	88,742	8.7%	615	234,389	5,420	3589	472
15	Bangladesh BD	334,762 (+1,792)	4,668 (+34)	236,024	1.4%	n/a	94,070	2,029	570	28
16	Saudi Arabia SA	324,407 (+687)	4,213 (+24)	300,933	1.3%	1,368	19,261	9,291	552	121
17	Pakistan PK	300,371 (+516)	6,370 (+5)	288,206	2.1%	535	5,795	1,355	26	29
18	Turkey TR	286,435	6,895	255,407	2.4%	1,209	24,153	3,389	286	82
19	Italy IT	283,180	35,587	211,885	12.6%	164	35,708	4,685	591	589
20	Iraq IQ	278,418	7,614	213,817	2.8%	540	56,787	6,893	1406	193
21	Germany DE	258,789 (+662)	9,421 (+2)	233,300	3.6%	233	16,048	3,087	191	112
22	Philippines PH	252,964 (+4,040)	4,108 (+42)	186,606	1.6%	990	62,250	2,303	567	37
23	Indonesia ID	210,940 (+3,737)	8,544 (+88)	150,217	4.1%	n/a	52,179	770	190	31
24	Ukraine UA	148,756 (+3,144)	3,076 (+53)	67,005	2.1%	177	78,675	3,406	1801	70
25	Israel IL	147,379 (+1,853)	1,086 (+9)	111,556	0.7%	482	34,737	16,024	3777	118
26	Canada CA	134,924	9,163	118,990	6.8%	52	6,771	3,560	179	242

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIME REPORTING

- [‘Can you imagine living with this all day?’ Vancouver restaurant to close due to rising crime](#)
- [Kelowna RCMP trying to cancel high school ‘torch pass’ parties, citing COVID-19](#)
- [Woman accused of spitting on EMTs, claiming she had COVID-19 faces added assault charges](#)
- [How Colombia’s armed groups are exploiting COVID-19 to recruit children](#)

7. TRAVEL

- [Transat revenues drop by 99%, with 2,000 layoffs expected](#)
- [YVR cancels \\$600-million expansion project](#)
- [British Airways' parent to cut flights following quarantines](#)

8. SOLUTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS

- [Late-stage COVID-19 vaccine trial on pause due to possible serious side effect. Here's what that means](#)
- [Some scientists spot 'unlikely' patterns in Russia vaccine data: letter](#)
- [8,000 jumbo jets needed to deliver coronavirus vaccines globally, IATA warns](#)



- [Can grandparents remain in our social circles once kids go back to school?](#)
- [More than 1 per cent of Torontonians have COVID-19 antibodies: Canadian Blood Services study](#)

9. MEDICAL INFORMATION

- [Study: 1 in 5 young adults hospitalized with COVID-19 require ICU](#)
- [How the Coronavirus Attacks the Brain](#)
- [Coronavirus is hundreds of times more deadly for people over 60 than people under 40](#)
- [Cats may be contracting COVID-19 at a higher rate than thought before: study](#)
- [The Great Vaccine Race: Inside the Unprecedented Scramble to Immunize the World Against COVID-19](#)

10. INTERNATIONAL DATA

- [Brazil could launch Chinese coronavirus vaccine this year, says governor, citing 'extremely positive' results](#)
- [India reports record daily jump of 95,735 coronavirus cases](#)
- [Europe Passes U.S. in New Covid Cases, Re-Emerging as Hot Spot](#)
- [Latin America passed 300,000 confirmed deaths of coronavirus and 8 million contagion cases](#)
- [On the Texas border amid coronavirus, families are seeking medical care in Mexico](#)

11. ECONOMIC IMPACT

- [85 per cent of Canada Life downtown staff still working from home](#)
- [Landlords in B.C. feel hit as fewer students rent during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Bank of Canada warns of slower recovery for women, youth, low-wage workers](#)
- [COVID-19 Has Nearly Destroyed the Childcare Industry](#)
- [The financial impact of COVID-19 will be billions of dollars in B.C., minister confirms](#)

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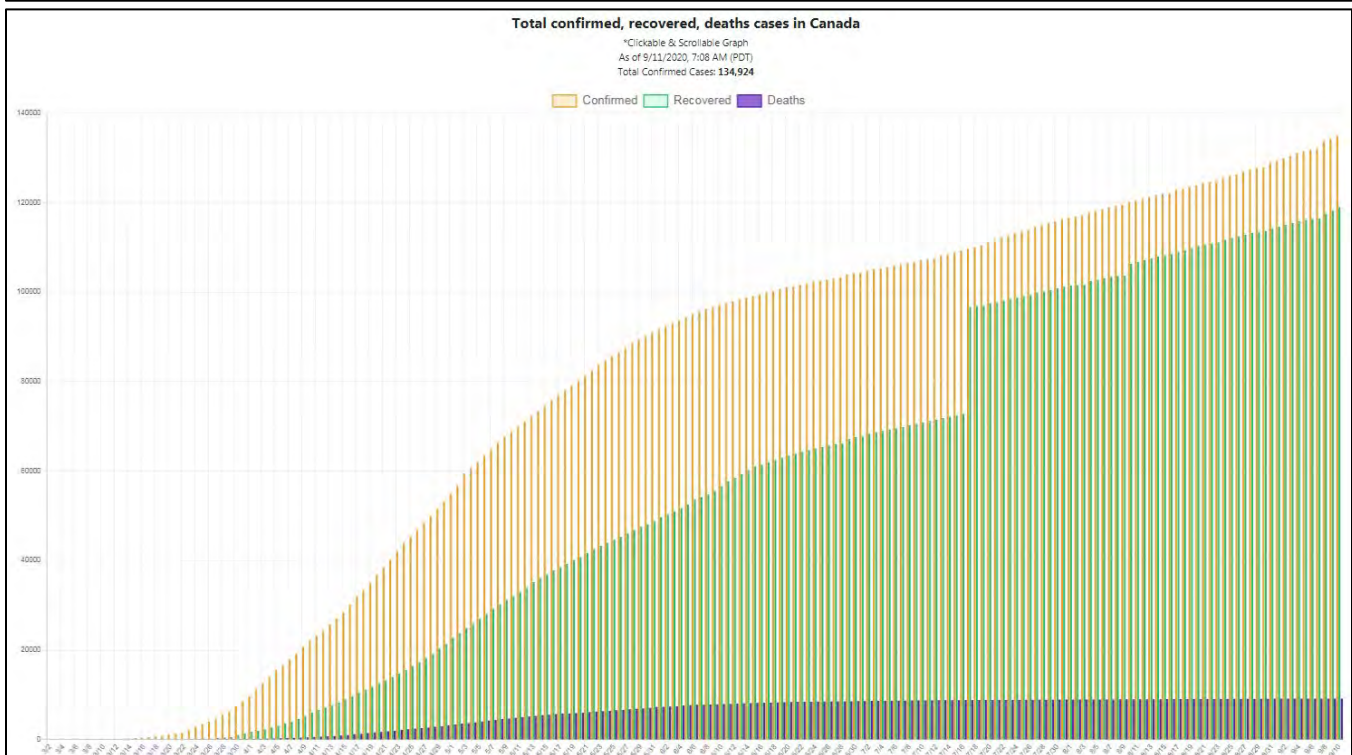
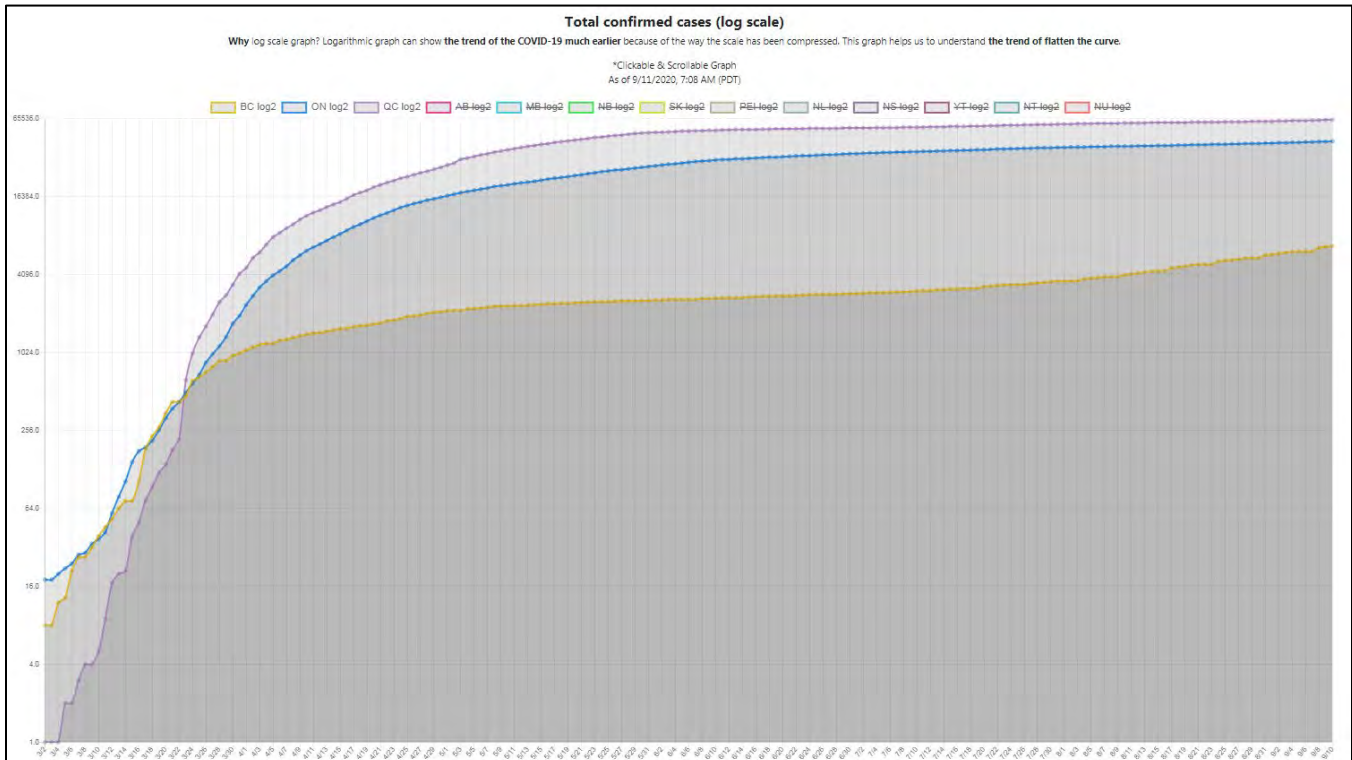
- [Two in five Brits working from home at risk of cyber attacks](#)
- [The role of cybersecurity in helping retail open post-COVID-19](#)
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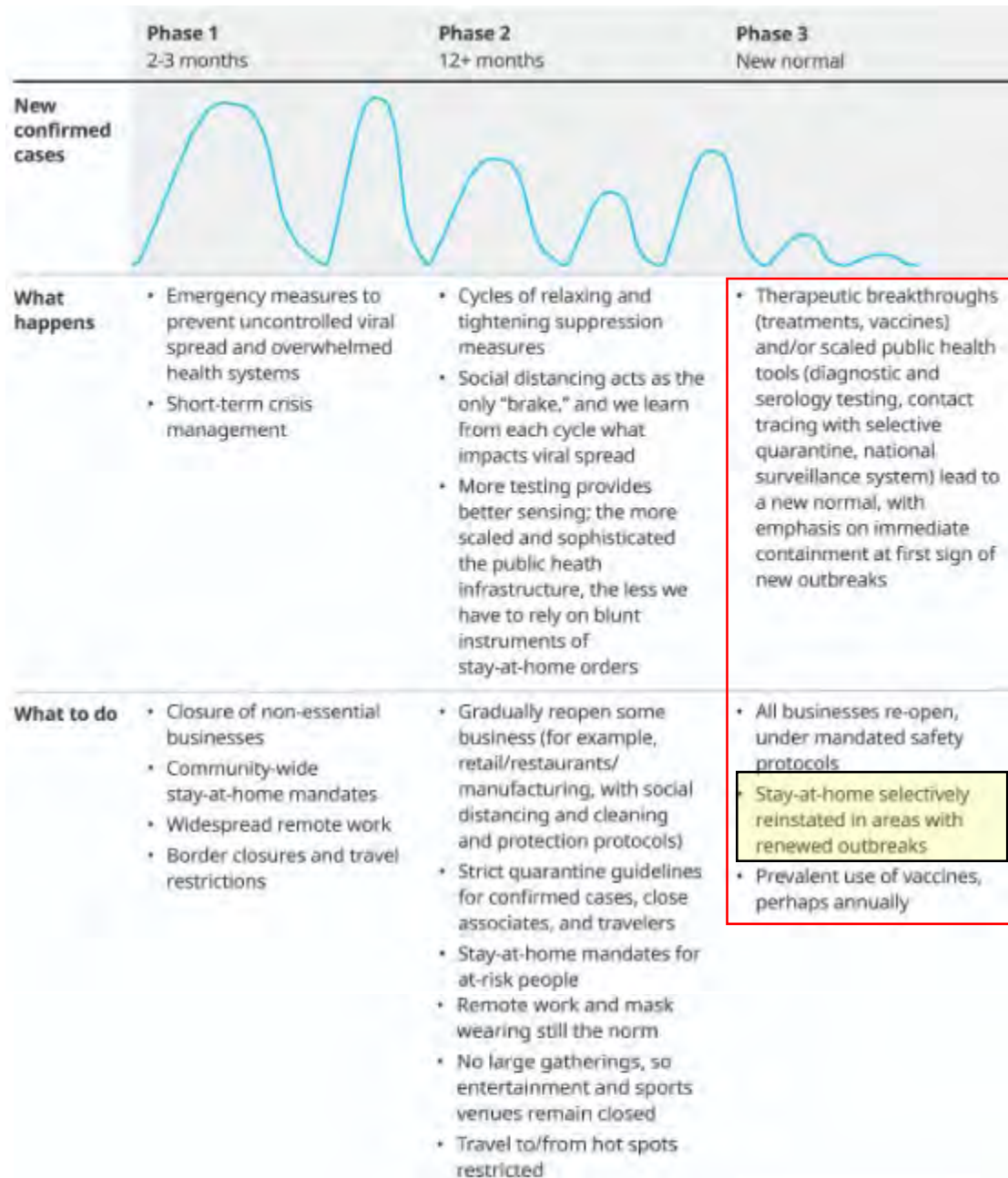
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13. APPENDIX A – Canadian Tracking Information



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14. APPENDIX B – Phase 1 to 3: Progression on Managing COVID-19 Pandemic



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