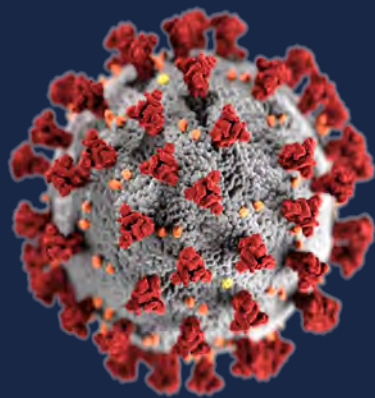




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# **COVID-19**

**INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

**Situational Awareness for:**  
Stakeholders and Decision Makers

**17 November 2020**



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	Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered	Active
Canada	302,192	11,027	240,287	50,878
USA	11,545,284	252,791	7,023,035	4,269,438
Global	55,528,197	1,335,435	38,659,882	15,532,880

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## 2. INSIGHT and SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

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Organized crime's adaptation to the COVID-19 pandemic shows its ingenuity and ability to evolve in any environment. Organized crime is thriving in the pandemic and learning to utilize the current landscape to their advantage. Criminals are also reaping the benefits of police resources being diverted to fighting the pandemic, subpar online security, numerous legitimately failed businesses, and weakened competition.

Like toilet paper at the beginning of the pandemic, gangs bought and hoarded drugs for future shortages. In the underworld, a similar division can be found between those who prospered and those who struggled and failed, some of whom then were taken over by those who succeeded, increasing their prosperity. Gangs take advantage of those who are vulnerable, including other gangs. Diversification of their products, namely drugs, are still in high demand and can assist organized crime gangs in improving their business. This not unlike how other legitimate businesses are modifying their business models and adapting it to the pandemic realities. Recently, organized crime seems to have invested in various transportation related mediums including drones, submersibles, and building of tunnels.

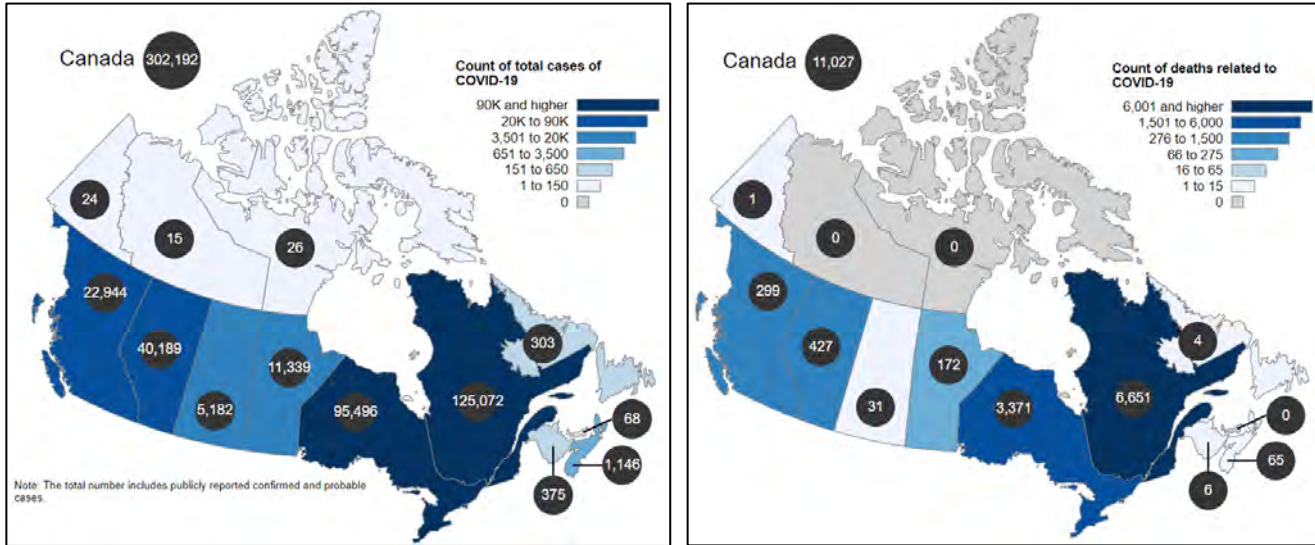
Money laundering opportunities are also available in the pandemic, where investing in any legitimate business, such as medical or cleaning supplies, is beneficial to a criminal organization's bottom line. Criminals can become silent partners in legitimate businesses who are struggling due to the pandemic. Organized criminals often have both funds and access to lawyers, accountants, and financial consultants who can approach the business owners to show an appearance of legitimacy. In smaller places, organized criminals can directly approach businesses, usually consisting of smaller owner-operator run shops who may require some assistance to get back on their feet.

With online usage and opportunities increasing, cyber crimes are at an all time high. Many businesses and individuals unable to keep up, put themselves at risk of various scams and data theft. Scammers are increasing their attempts, via phone and the internet, at reaching potential victims as they are likely at home. Individuals are buying almost everything online to avoid heading outside, as well as feeling more anxious and desperate than ever during the pandemic. Criminals are utilizing this by selling fake COVID-19 tests, gels and treatments which do nothing to stop or prevent the virus. During this time of desperation and heightened anxiety, computer security should be of the greatest importance for both individuals and businesses. Small habits such as having strong and unique passwords, questioning the validity of links and messages, keeping programs and system up to date and always having an active anti-virus program can aid in preventing harm or exploitation.

As most jurisdictions closed their casinos, the demand for illegal gambling increased. In Ontario, police shut down a mansion operating as an illegal casino, where attendance was by invitation only. For those participating in sports gambling, it does not appear that the sport itself matters, as an increase in those gambling in chess has been reported. However, gambling has not only increased on its own, but together with match fixing which allows fraudulent activity to take place for a monetary benefit. Additionally, sex trafficking has also adapted, with more webcam initiated sex trafficking being reported due to poverty, desperation, isolation, and online victimization increasing.



### 3. COVID-19 IN CANADA

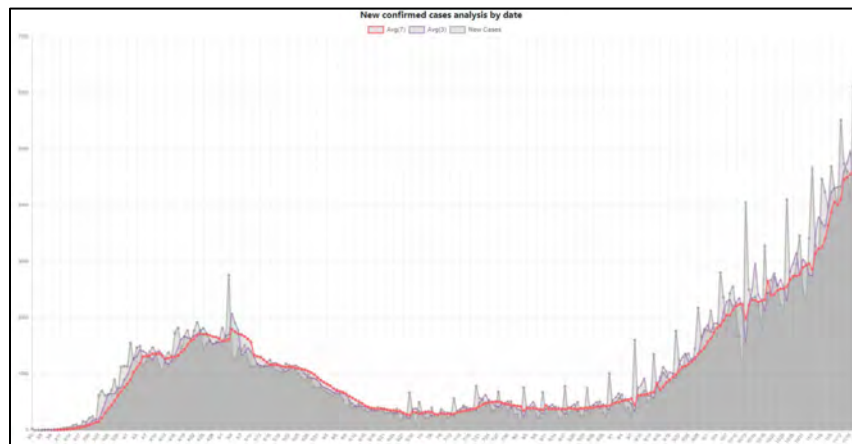


Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Prov.	Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Active
<b>Total</b>	<b>302,192</b>	<b>11,027</b>	<b>240,287</b>	<b>50,878</b>
BC	22,944	299	16,087	6,558
ON	95,496	3,371	79,295	12,830
QC	125,072	6,651	105,998	12,423
AB	40,189	427	29,731	10,031
MB	11,339	172	4,156	7,011
NB	375	6	341	28
SK	5,182	31	3,223	1,928
PEI	68	0	64	4
NL	303	4	289	10
NS	1,146	65	1,058	23
YT	24	1	22	1
NT	15	0	10	5
NU	26	0	0	26
	13	0	13	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	0.0%



Prov.	Total Test	Total Waiting	Total Hosp	Total ICU
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,012,846</b>	-	-	-
BC	987,796	-	181	57
ON	5,677,273	16,254	500	125
QC	3,508,724	-	591	87
AB	1,869,192	-	264	57
MB	312,238	-	234	42
NB	111,094	-	1	0
SK	300,838	-	68	16
PEI	49,596	-	-	-
NL	56,869	-	1	0
NS	123,828	-	0	0
YT	4,343	49	-	-
NT	6,966	30	0	0
NU	4,089	768	0	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	-	-	-



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

### 3.1. CANADA NEWS

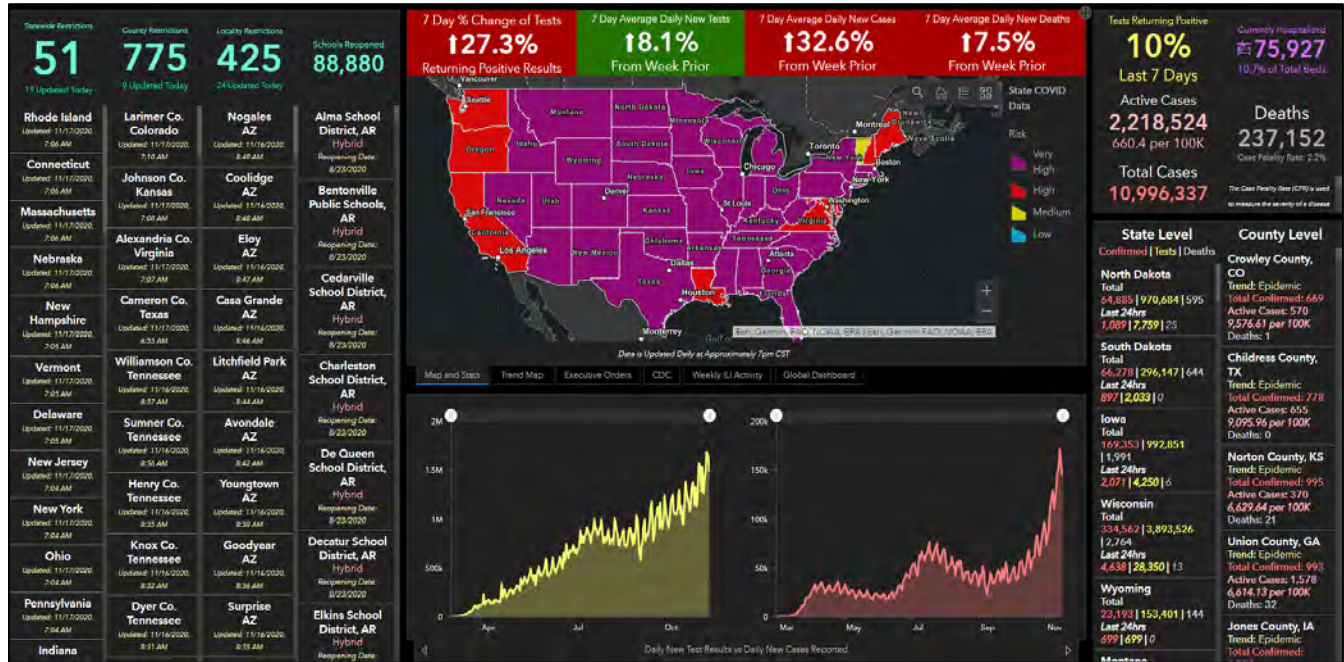
- [Canadian coronavirus cases grow and spread as once-effective unity frays](#)
- [More regions classified as 'red zones' in Ontario after coronavirus thresholds lowered](#)
- ['We are drowning': Doctor begs Manitobans to obey health orders, take burden off hospitals](#)
- [Quebec reports 1,218 new cases of COVID-19, 25 more deaths](#)
- [New survey says 15% of Canadians skeptical or undecided about COVID-19 risks](#)
- [Nunavut adds 10 more coronavirus cases as infections soar across Canada](#)
- [Green Party leader calls on Trudeau to curb COVID-19 confusion and appoint a national task force](#)
- [Alberta ICU admissions could double in 2 weeks, leaked AHS email says](#)





- B.C. continues to break records with 1,959 new COVID-19 cases over three days, nine new deaths

4. COVID-19 IN USA



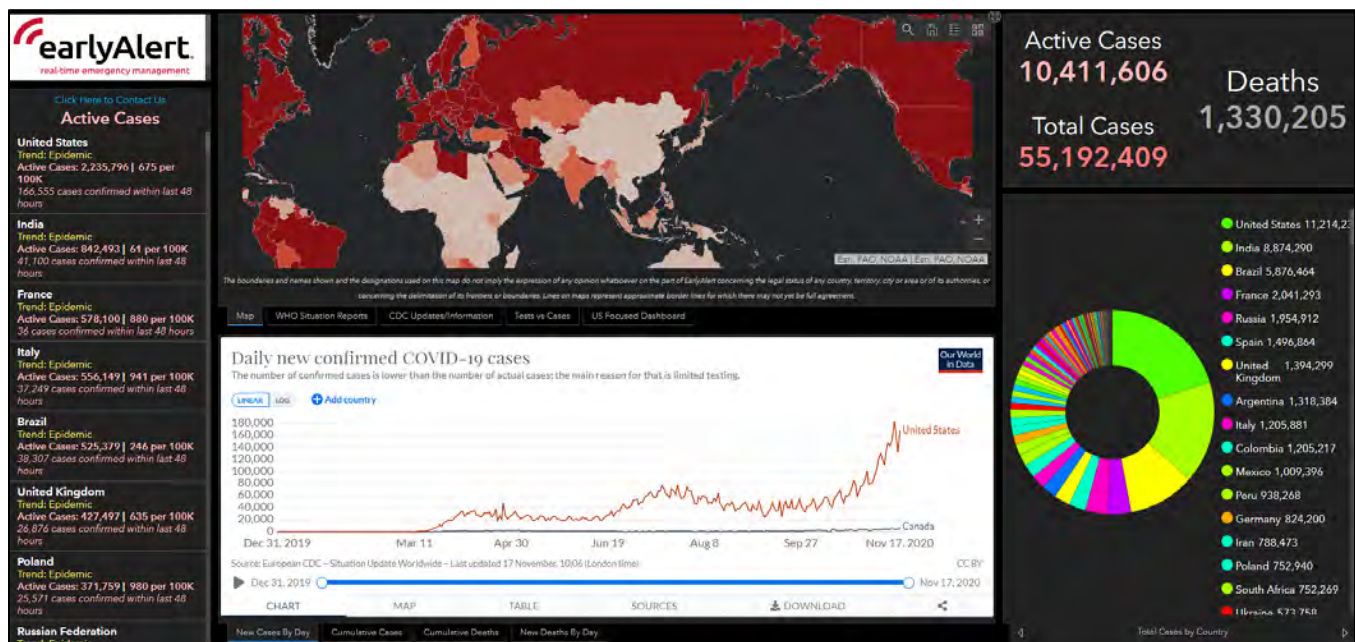
#	USA State	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	USA Total	11,545,775	+7,495	252,792	+140	7,023,295	4,269,688	34,881	764	170,193,627	514,176	
1	Texas	1,106,235		20,218		899,579	186,438	38,151	697	10,395,826	358,528	28,995,881
2	California	1,044,896		18,304		518,461	508,131	26,445	463	21,068,894	533,225	39,512,223
3	Florida	889,864		17,561		619,819	252,484	41,432	818	11,073,495	515,580	21,477,737
4	New York	601,457		34,033		430,973	136,451	30,918	1,749	16,876,843	867,545	19,453,561
5	Illinois	585,248		11,204		317,943	256,101	46,185	884	9,161,453	722,978	12,671,821
6	Georgia	426,236		8,967		267,955	149,314	40,145	845	4,247,184	400,020	10,617,423
7	Tennessee	318,888		3,923		271,864	43,101	46,695	574	4,139,612	606,166	6,829,174
8	Wisconsin	316,758		2,649		243,841	70,268	54,403	455	2,325,906	399,473	5,822,434
9	North Carolina	314,207		4,814		276,132	33,261	29,958	459	4,644,683	442,853	10,488,084
10	Ohio	305,364		5,778		205,198	94,388	26,124	494	5,303,068	453,676	11,689,100
11	Michigan	288,954		8,431		138,862	141,661	28,933	844	6,211,869	622,004	9,986,857
12	New Jersey	287,917		16,708		187,893	83,316	32,415	1,881	5,339,070	601,098	8,882,190
13	Arizona	276,912		6,302		45,737	224,873	38,044	866	2,338,177	321,235	7,278,717
14	Pennsylvania	275,257		9,410		183,336	82,511	21,501	735	3,157,897	246,672	12,801,989
15	Indiana	256,744		4,936		150,235	101,573	38,137	733	3,569,955	530,279	6,732,219
16	Missouri	256,126		3,542		68,793	183,791	41,732	577	2,973,032	484,410	6,137,428



## 4.1. USA NEWS

- [U.S. records 1 million new coronavirus cases in the past 6 days](#)
- [Michigan and Washington State clamp down as US cases pass 11 million mark](#)
- [Trump's failure to work with Biden is becoming more urgent as Covid spreads](#)
- [As COVID-19 Cases Surge In Texas Walmart Begins Counting Customers Again, Limiting Capacity](#)
- [North Dakota nurses worry about working with COVID-19 infected colleagues](#)
- [El Paso businesses reopen after court blocks shutdown order](#)
- [Biden COVID adviser says next two months will be "most dangerous period" in U.S.](#)

## 5. GLOBAL COMMON OPERATING PICTURE







		Total Confirmed	Total Deaths			Total Recovered	Mortality Rate			
		55,528,197	1,335,435			38,659,882	2.4%			
#	Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Recov.	Mort.	Critical	Active	Cases /1M	Active /1M	Deaths /1M
1	USA us	11,545,284 (+7,004)	252,791 (+139)	7,023,035	2.2%	21,184	4,269,458	34,802	12870	762
2	India IN	8,886,987 (+12,815)	130,670 (+111)	8,303,358	1.5%	8,944	452,959	6,416	327	94
3	Brazil BR	5,876,740	166,067	5,322,406	2.8%	8,318	388,267	27,573	1822	779
4	France FR	1,991,233	45,054	140,880	2.3%	4,919	1,805,299	30,480	27634	690
5	Russia RU	1,971,013 (+22,410)	33,931 (+442)	1,475,904	1.7%	2,300	461,178	13,504	3160	232
6	Spain ES	1,521,699	41,253	n/a	2.7%	3,156	1,480,646	32,546	31664	882
7	UK GB	1,390,681	52,147	n/a	3.7%	1,355	1,338,534	20,445	19678	767
8	Argentina AR	1,318,384	35,727	1,140,196	2.7%	4,322	142,461	29,070	3141	788
9	Italy IT	1,205,681	45,733	442,364	3.8%	3,492	717,784	19,956	11878	757
10	Colombia CO	1,205,217	34,223	1,111,867	2.6%	2,376	59,127	23,591	1157	670
11	Mexico MX	1,009,396 (+2,874)	98,861 (+319)	754,200	9.6%	2,941	156,335	7,798	1208	764
12	Peru PE	938,268	35,271	865,348	3.8%	994	37,649	28,309	1136	1,064
13	Germany DE	823,422 (+5,896)	13,011 (+120)	530,200	1.6%	3,436	280,211	9,816	3340	155
14	Iran IR	788,473 (+13,352)	42,461 (+482)	570,774	5.4%	5,691	175,238	9,342	2076	503
15	Poland PL	752,940 (+19,152)	10,848 (+357)	324,282	1.4%	2,114	417,810	19,903	11044	287
16	South Africa ZA	752,269	20,314	695,496	2.7%	546	36,459	12,624	612	341
17	Ukraine UA	557,657 (+11,968)	9,856 (+159)	250,983	1.8%	177	296,818	12,781	6803	226
18	Belgium BE	537,871 (+1,932)	14,616 (+195)	33,032	2.7%	1,408	490,223	46,333	42229	1,259
19	Chile CL	533,610 (+1,006)	14,663 (+20)	509,401	2.8%	724	9,326	27,824	486	776
20	Iraq IQ	524,503 (+2,961)	11,752 (+40)	453,025	2.2%	363	59,726	12,932	1473	290
21	Indonesia ID	474,455 (+3,807)	15,393 (+97)	398,636	3.2%	n/a	60,426	1,728	220	56
22	Czechia CZ	465,523	6,416	341,249	1.4%	1,110	117,858	43,440	10998	599
23	Netherlands NL	457,003 (+4,302)	8,616 (+86)	n/a	1.9%	587	448,387	26,649	26146	502

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIME REPORTING

- [Loansharking, fake test results and betting on chess: How organized crime learned to thrive in the pandemic](#)
- [What's behind Edmonton's recent rash of shootings? One expert says look south](#)
- [Police live in fear of catching Covid-19 as criminals 'weaponise' virus by 'spitting, biting and coughing'](#)

7. TRAVEL

- [Relaxed travel restrictions in New Brunswick welcome news for families](#)
- [Tofino, Ucluelet urge Lower Mainland residents to stay away amid tightened COVID-19 rules](#)
- [This airline will let you swap airline miles for a free at-home COVID-19 test](#)

8. SOLUTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS

- ['Breakthrough finding' reveals why certain Covid-19 patients die](#)
- [Doctors Are Calling It Quits Under Stress of the Pandemic](#)
- [Fauci: Don't abandon masks, social distancing after getting vaccine](#)

9. MEDICAL INFORMATION

- [Moderna's coronavirus vaccine is 94.5% effective, company says](#)





- [Two anti-inflammatory compounds shown to be capable of accelerating recovery from COVID-19](#)

## **10. INTERNATIONAL DATA**

- [Germans should brace for 4-5 months of severe COVID-19 measures, minister says](#)
- [WHO chief Tedros says countries that let Covid run unchecked 'are playing with fire'](#)
- [India to fly in medical staff, ramp up testing amid rising cases in Delhi](#)
- [Moscow turns ice rink into hospital as Russia's COVID-19 cases hit record](#)
- [65 Covid cases reported in WHO staff based at Geneva headquarters](#)

## **11. ECONOMIC IMPACT**

- [WHO says defeating COVID-19 best way to reopen economies](#)
- [Food bank visits were already up before COVID-19. Now they're reaching record highs](#)
- [Japan's Economy Surges, but the Comeback May Not Last](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine progress sends stock markets soaring](#)
- [CANADA FX DEBT-Canadian dollar rallies after positive COVID-19 vaccine news](#)

## **12. CYBER NEWS**

- [COVID-19-related data breach affects thousands in Delaware](#)
- [Trudeau government set to introduce privacy bill aimed at protecting Canadians](#)
- [City of Saint John, N.B., hit by cyber attack that prompts shutdown of IT systems](#)

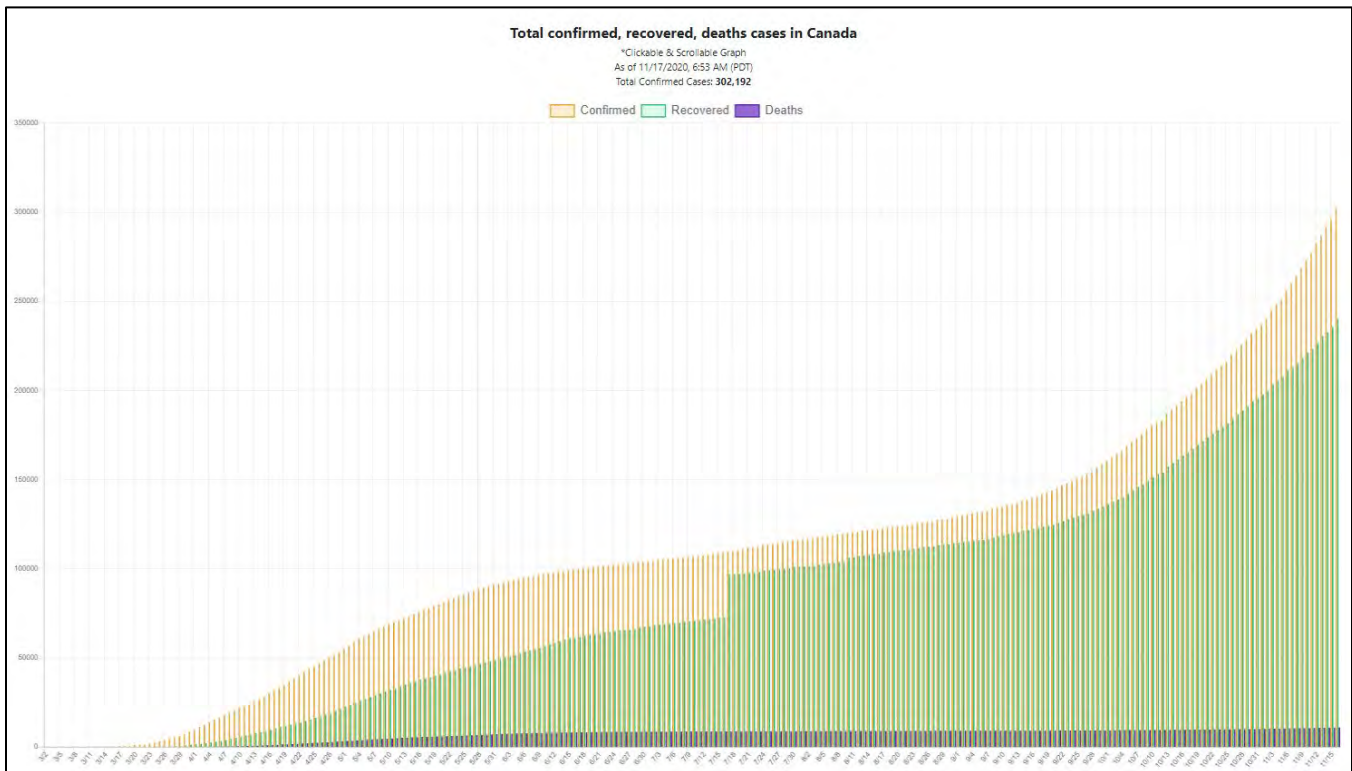
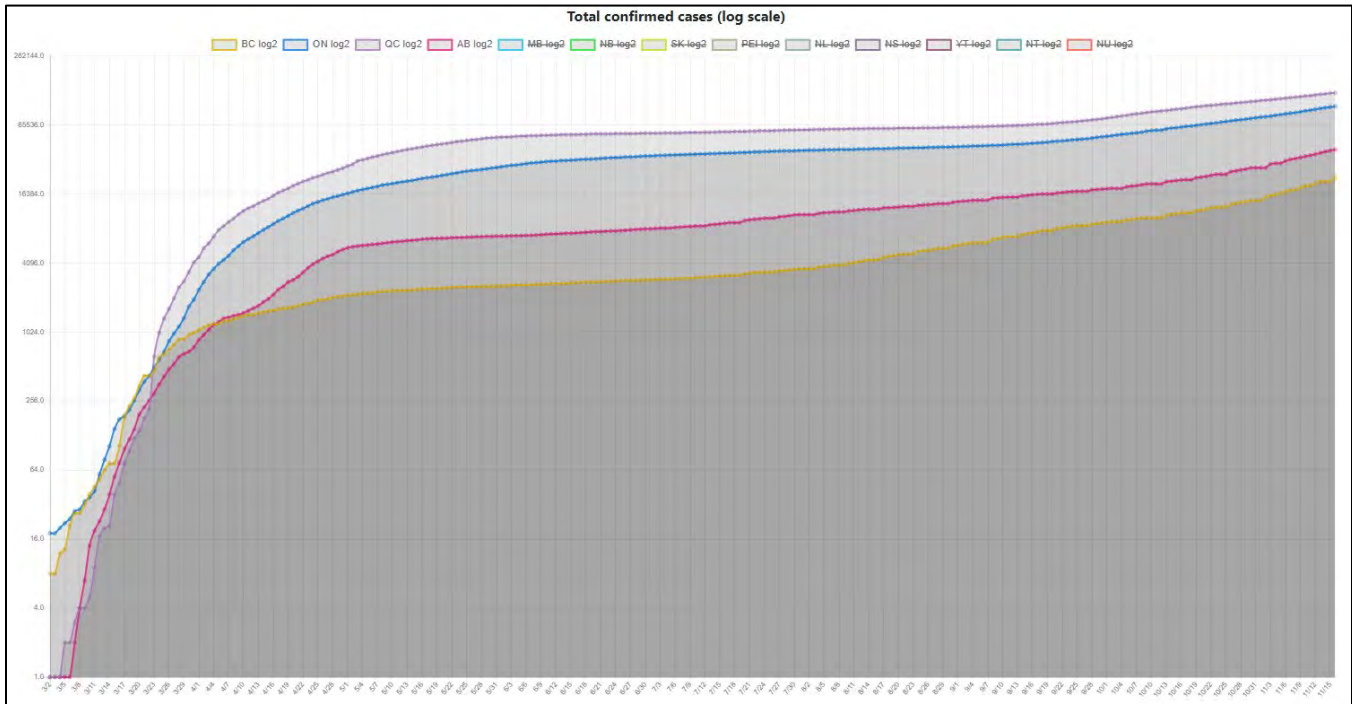
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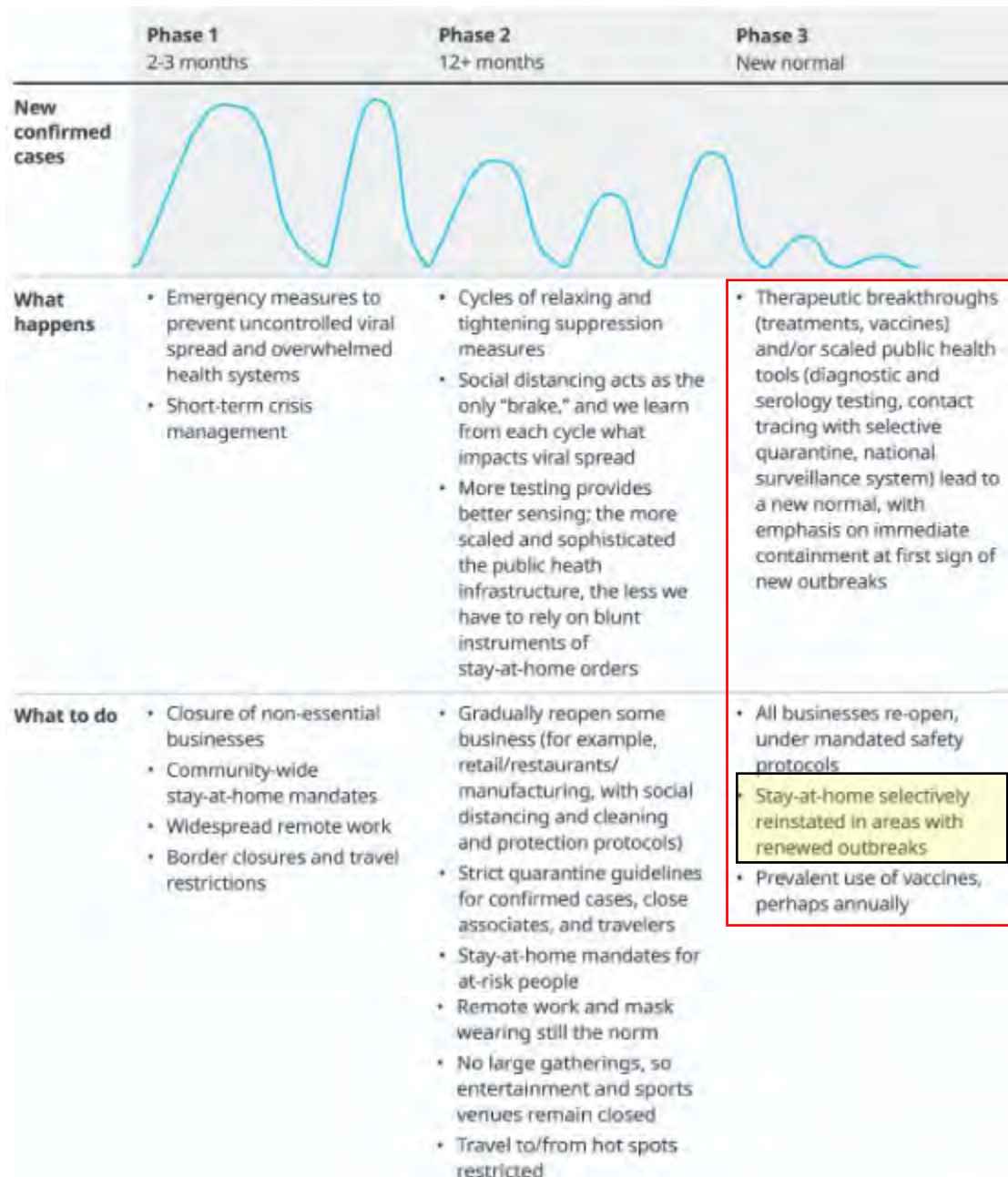
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14. APPENDIX B – Phase 1 to 3: Progression on Managing COVID-19 Pandemic



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