

# CEO/Registrar COVID-19 Update

## Colour Code – Stay vigilant

# BAO

Bereavement  
Authority of  
Ontario

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Nov. 17, 2020

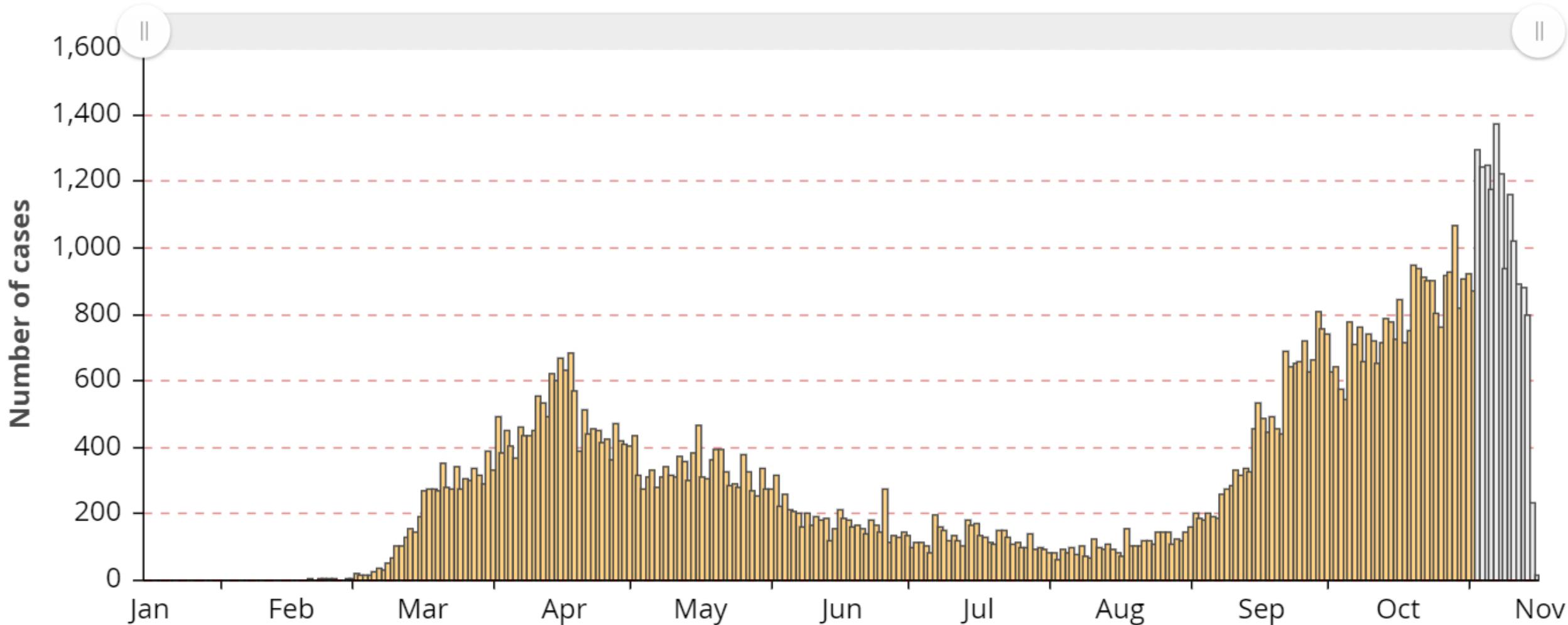


# Agenda

1. COVID-19 in Ontario now
2. Canada and the world pandemic picture
3. Ontario COVID colour framework
4. BAO colour code for funeral homes & cemeteries
5. Preventing the spread at funeral services
6. Licensee fee waiver
7. Questions

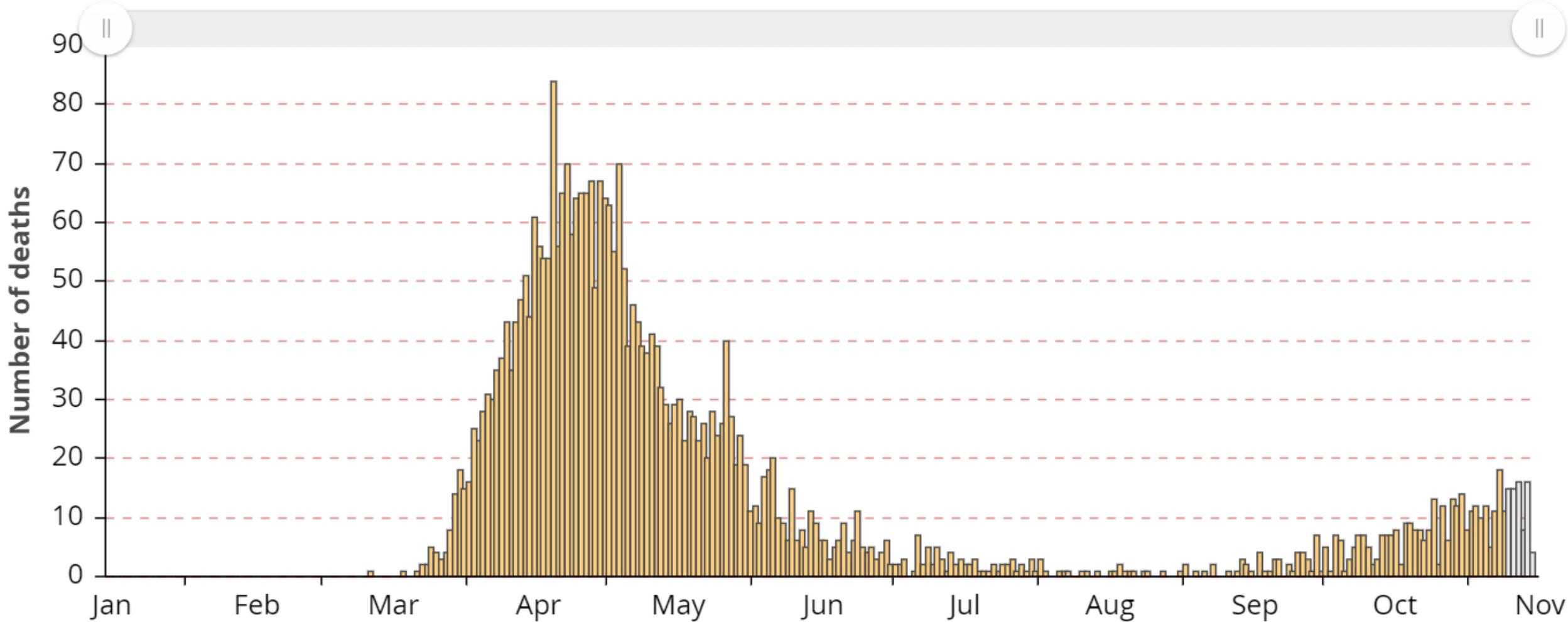
# Count of COVID-19 cases by episode date in Ontario

- Public Health Ontario: Nov. 16, 2020



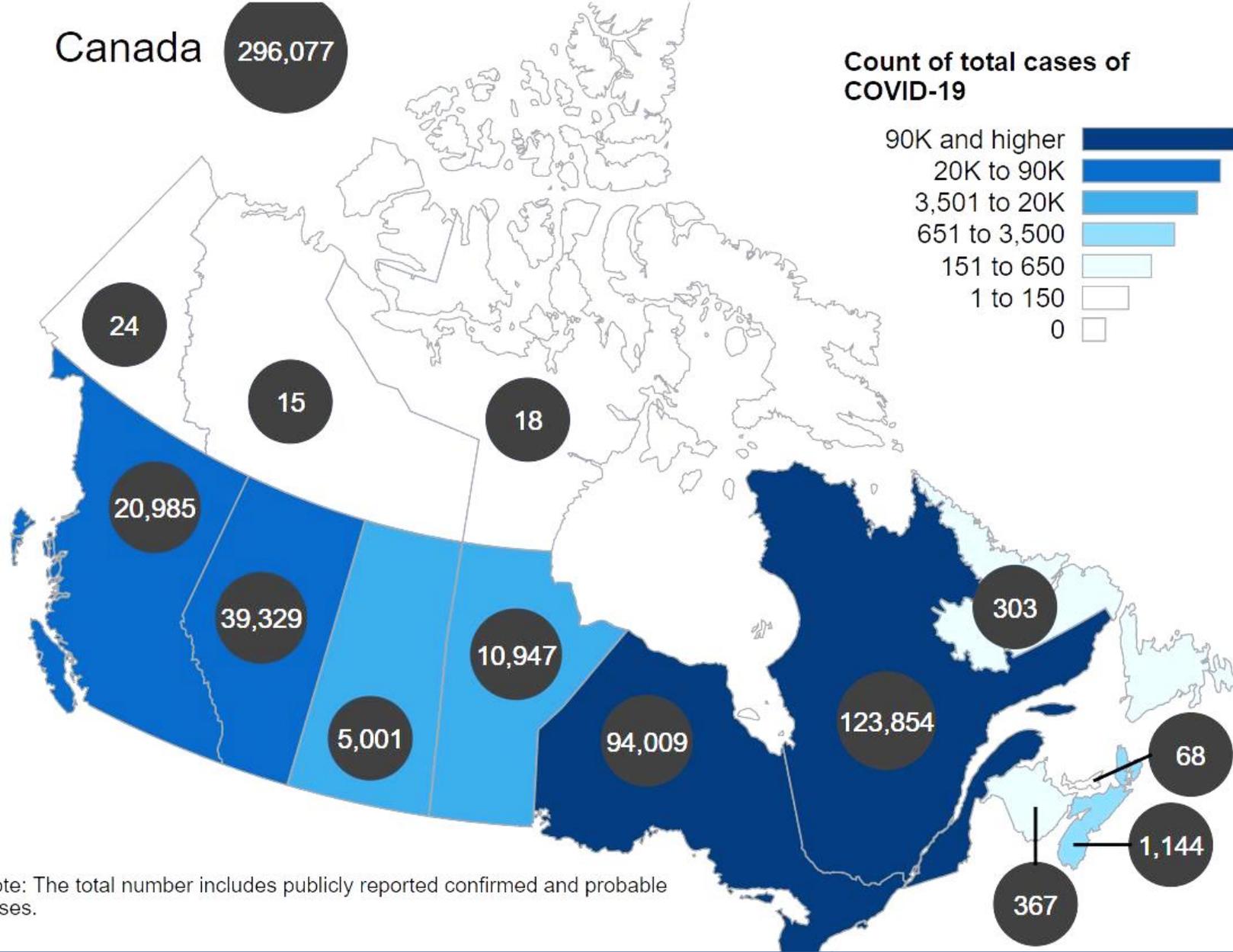
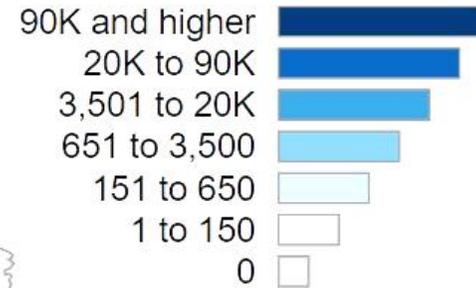
# Count of COVID-19 deaths in Ontario

- Public Health Ontario: Nov. 16, 2020



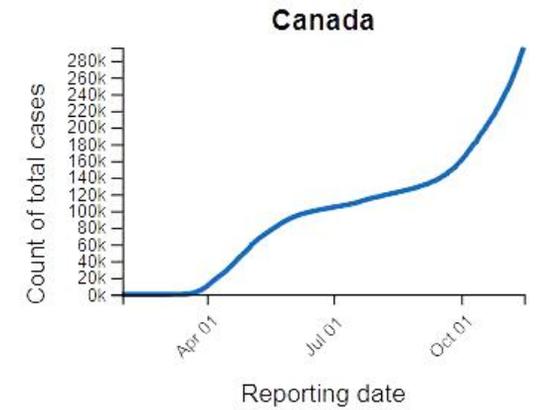
Canada 296,077

### Count of total cases of COVID-19



- Government of Canada

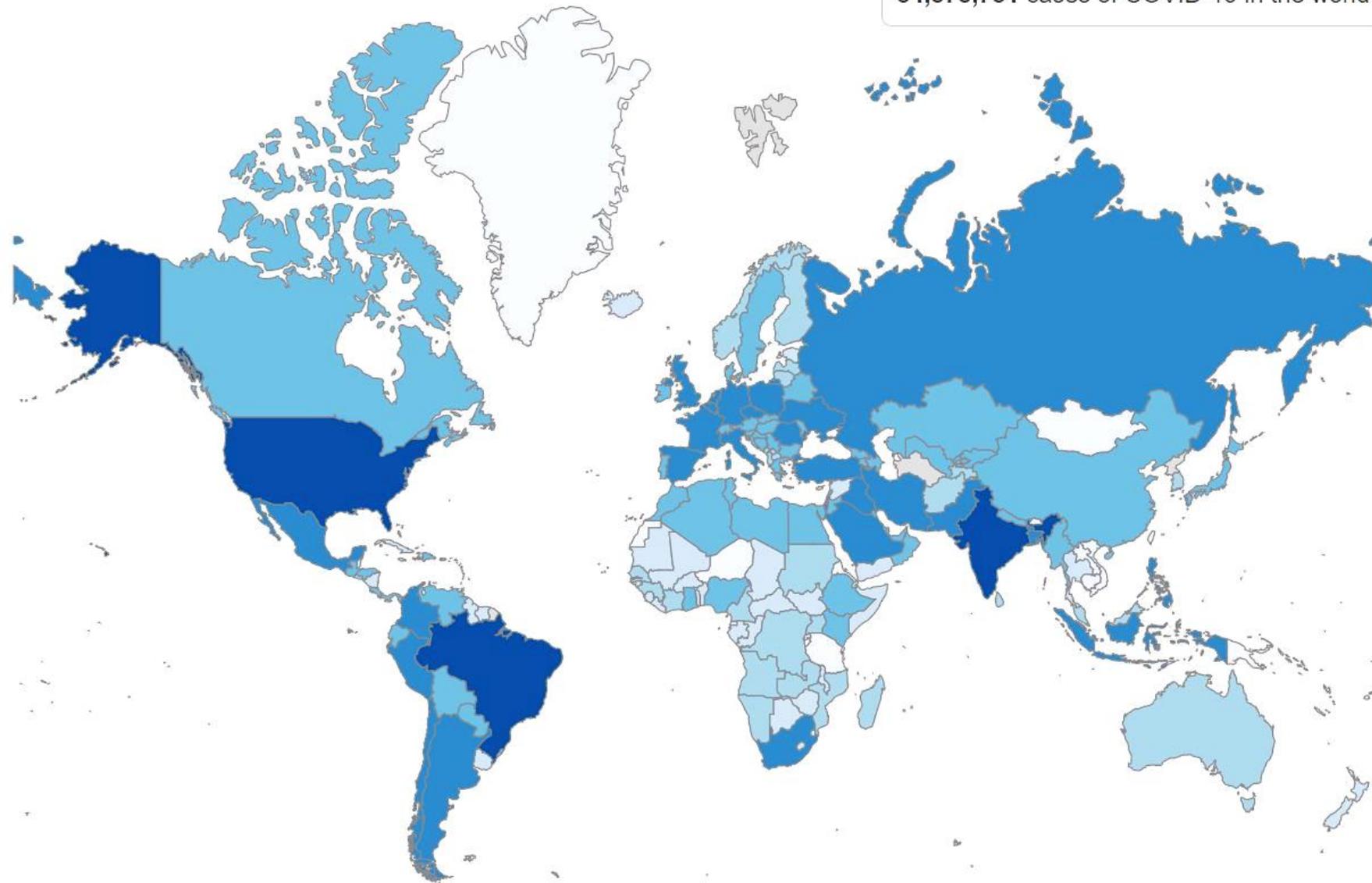
The number of total cases of COVID-19 in **Canada** was **296,077** as of November 15, 2020.



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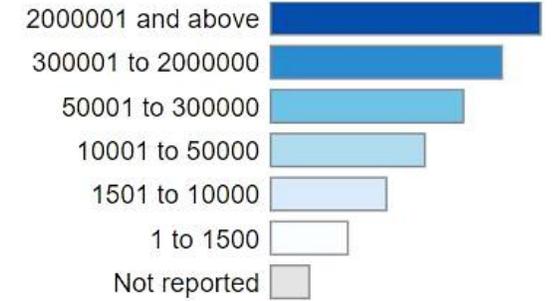
Note: The total number includes publicly reported confirmed and probable cases.

54,575,731 cases of COVID-19 in the world



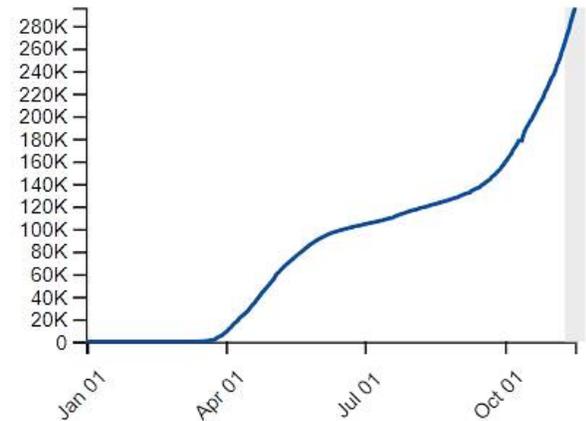
## - Government of Canada

Number of total cases of COVID-19



## Canada

296,077 cases of COVID-19 as of November 16th, 2020



# Ontario Government COVID Colour Framework

Objective	 <b>PREVENT</b> (Standard Measures)	 <b>PROTECT</b> (Strengthened Measures)	 <b>RESTRICT</b> (Intermediate Measures)	 <b>CONTROL</b> (Stringent Measures)	 <b>LOCKDOWN</b> (Maximum Measures)
Tactics	<p>Focus on education and awareness of public health and workplace safety measures in place.</p> <p>Restrictions reflect broadest allowance of activities in Stage 3 absent a widely available vaccine or treatment.</p> <p>Highest risk settings remain closed.</p>	<p>Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines, and enhanced education to limit further transmission.</p> <p>Apply public health measures in high risk settings.</p>	<p>Implement enhanced measures, restrictions, and enforcement avoiding any closures.</p>	<p>Implement broader-scale measures and restrictions, across multiple sectors, to control transmission.</p> <p>Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure.</p>	<p>Implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission (Return to modified Stage 1 or pre-Stage 1).</p> <p>Consider declaration of emergency.</p>

# BAO colour code for funeral homes & cemeteries

BAO DIRECTIVE	GREEN - PREVENT	YELLOW - PROTECT	ORANGE - RESTRICT	RED - CONTROL	LOCKDOWN
NOV. 12, 2020					
<b>NUMBERS</b>	30% of capacity with physical distancing to a maximum of 50 for each room.	30% of capacity with physical distancing to a maximum of 50 for each room.	30% of capacity with physical distancing to a maximum of 50 for each room.	30% of capacity with physical distancing to a <b>maximum of 50 people for the ENTIRE facility</b>	To be determined
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>1:10 ratio is not a requirement</b>	1 staff member for every 10 guests	1 staff member for every 10 guests	1 staff member for every 10 guests	
<b>FOOD/DRINK</b>	If permitted by local health unit	If permitted by local health unit	No food or drinks	No food or drinks	
<b>GUEST MANAGEMENT</b>	Screening and logging of guests	Screening and logging of guests  Attendances scheduled by appointment only	Screening and logging of guests  Attendances scheduled by appointment only  No line-ups or "cycling" of guests. 1 entire group at one time.	Screening & logging of guests  Attendances scheduled by appointment only  No line-ups or "cycling" of guests. 1 entire group at one time.	
<b>CEMETERIES</b>	Maximum 100 people.	Maximum 100 people with funeral director in charge, and 1 staff for 10 guests	Maximum 100 people with funeral director in charge, and 1 staff for 10 guests	Maximum 50 people with funeral director in charge and 1 staff for 10 guests	
<b>ALL FUNERAL SERVICES AT ANY LOCATION</b>	Wear a mask / Physical distancing of 2 metres between people / Wash your hands / Disinfect and clean facilities	Same	Same PLUS continuous cleaning of surfaces. 15 minute interval between visitations for detailed disinfection of facility.	Same PLUS continuous cleaning of surfaces. 15 minute interval between visitations for detailed disinfection of facility.	

# Preventing the spread at funeral homes and cemeteries

- Let's maintain our bereavement sector's well-earned reputation for public and staff safety. **Thank you!**
- Remember the fundamentals: time & distance
- Remember: Things can go wrong
  - ❖ **Newfoundland banned funerals** during the first wave after an outbreak at one funeral home - 143 known cases traced to "the Caul's cluster"
  - ❖ **The stockpiling of bodies** in the US (New York), Italy, Spain, and Quebec
  - ❖ **EL Paso**, Texas, is currently in serious trouble
- **You don't want to be the HEADLINE!**
- BAO will be strictly enforcing the pandemic measures.



# You don't want to be the HEADLINE!

British Columbia

## Multi-day events like weddings, funerals linked to COVID-19 surge, B.C. doctor says



President of Fraser Health says some gatherings are being reported to municipalities

CBC News · Posted: Oct 22, 2020 2:46 PM PT | Last Updated: October 24



A banquet hall is pictured in Surrey, B.C. on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020. Dr. Victoria Lee says any gatherings should be limited to the six people in your social bubble. (Ben Nelms/CBC)

58 comments

The president of British Columbia's most highly populated health authority says multi-day events including weddings, funerals and gender-reveal parties have caused a surge in COVID-19 cases.

## COVID-19 survivor from St. John's funeral home cluster describes recovery experience

Andrew Robinson (andrew.robinson@thetelegram.com)

Published: Apr 23 at 7:50 p.m.

Updated: Apr 24 at 8:53 a.m.



Bill Woolridge, a St. John's resident who recovered from COVID-19, speaks Thursday during the daily COVID-19 briefing. - Computer

# Licensee fee waiver

- ❖ As you know - Licence renewal fees for all BAO licensees are being waived thanks to funding from the provincial government
- ❖ Fees waived for routine licence renewals  
-- due between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021

## Please note that –

- ❖ The BAO's licence renewal portal is being adjusted to accommodate the fee waiver for this renewal period
- ❖ Until further notice, do not use the portal and do not to pay your licence renewal fees
- ❖ We expect that our database portal will be operating in first week of December or sooner

## Licensure reporting still required

- ❖ Licensees will still be required to do annual licensure reporting to the BAO, but without paying the licence renewal fees.
- ❖ Annual reports and renewal applications must be received complete and on time, by the due date for each licence class.
- ❖ **Licensees who do not submit these documents by the due date will not be eligible** to receive the fee waiver and full fees will be due.
- ❖ The BAO will issue a refund to licensees who have already paid all or part of their licence renewal fees

## Eligibility

The fee waiver applies to renewals of existing licences only. A licensee applying for renewal must have had a valid licence in 2020.

The fee waiver does not apply to:

1. First-time or new applicants for any licence class;
2. Students who haven't yet passed their licence exam; and
3. Bereavement sector staff who are not licensed by the BAO.

Thank you