

Fact Sheet Feuille de renseignements



Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Update

Listed below is the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's SARS statistical update, as of Monday, May 26, 2003.

KEY FACTS

- 11 active probable cases
- 11 active probable hospital cases
- 211 discharges as of today
- 27 deaths as of today

PROBABLE CASES last 10 days

	May 16	May 17	May 19**	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	TODAY
PROBABLE CASES (cumulative)	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	144	144
Deaths	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	26	26
Discharges	103	105	105	105	106	106	106	107	107	107
ACTIVE PROBABLE CASES										
Hospitalized	10	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	11	11*
Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(*) – Of today's 11 hospitalized probable cases, six are in critical or deteriorating condition.

SUSPECT CASES last 10 days

	May 16	May 17	May 19**	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	TODAY
SUSPECT CASES (cumulative)	122	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	147	146
Deaths	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Discharges	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	105	104
ACTIVE SUSPECT CASES										
Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	18*
Home	19	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Under Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

(*) – Of today's 18 hospitalized suspected cases, none are in critical or deteriorating condition.

TOTAL CASES last 10 days

	May 16	May 17	May 19**	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	TODAY
TOTAL CASES (cumulative)	258	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	291	290
Deaths	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	27	27
Discharges	205	207	207	207	208	208	208	209	212	211
ACTIVE CASES										
Hospitalized	10	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	34	29*
Home	19	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Under Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

(*) – Of today’s 29 hospitalized cases, six are in critical or deteriorating condition.

(**) – a daily statistical update was not issued on May 18

Suspect case: A person presenting with a fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) **AND** one or more respiratory symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing **AND** one or more of the following: 1) close contact* within 10 days of onset of symptoms with a suspect or probable case; 2) recent travel within 10 days of onset of symptoms to a WHO reported “affected area” outside of Canada (see WHO website for latest information: <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/>); 3) recent travel or visit within 10 days of onset of symptoms to a defined setting that is associated with a cluster of SARS cases **AND** no other known cause of current illness.

*Close contact means having cared for, lived with or had face-to-face (within 1 metre) contact with, or having had direct contact with respiratory secretions and/or body fluids of a person with SARS.

Probable case: A person meeting the suspect case definition together with severe progressive respiratory illness suggestive of atypical pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome with no known cause **OR** a person meeting the suspect case definition with an unexplained respiratory illness resulting in death, with an autopsy examination demonstrating the pathology of acute respiratory distress syndrome with no known cause.

Comments: In addition to fever and respiratory symptoms, SARS may be associated with other symptoms including: headache, myalgia, loss of appetite, malaise, confusion, rash and diarrhea. Severe respiratory illness may be characterized by decreased oxygen saturation requiring oxygen support including ventilation. Chest X-ray abnormalities may or may not be present.

SARS Deaths

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Female	78	March 5
Male	43	Mar. 13
Male	76	Mar. 21
Male	77	Mar. 29
Female	78	Mar. 31
Male	74	April 1
Male	82	Apr. 1 (reported approximately Apr. 5)
Female	57	Apr. 2
Male	62	Apr. 5
Female	75	Apr. 6
Female	80	Apr. 12
Female	86	Apr. 12
Female	73	Apr. 12
Female	99	Apr. 17
Male	63	Apr. 22
Female	78	Apr. 23
Male	44	Apr. 24
Female	69	Apr. 25
Female	64	Apr. 25
Male	77	Apr. 26

Female	79	Apr. 26
Male	39	Apr. 30
Male	72	Apr .30
Male	96	May 1
Female	67	May 11
Female	90	May 19
Male	62	May 25

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