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میں کے بحران کا جامح سیاسی عمل تلاش کر رہے ہیں، خالد بن سلمان

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قلمی قیادت کو براہ راست مذاکرات کے لیے بحریں آنے کی دعوت

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ایرلی سائنس دان انجری کی اطلاع میں، پہلے چار ماہ میں کے ہائیڈرو جارجیا

ایرلی سائنس دان انجری کی اطلاع میں، پہلے چار ماہ میں کے ہائیڈرو جارجیا۔ ایرلی سائنس دان انجری کی اطلاع میں، پہلے چار ماہ میں کے ہائیڈرو جارجیا۔

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مگر گذشتہ ماہ کی ویب سائٹ

مگر گذشتہ ماہ کی ویب سائٹ پر 11 صدیوں تک سب سے زیادہ سیکھنے والے لوگوں کی فہرست جاری کی گئی ہے۔ مگر گذشتہ ماہ کی ویب سائٹ پر 11 صدیوں تک سب سے زیادہ سیکھنے والے لوگوں کی فہرست جاری کی گئی ہے۔

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CRA sends out paperwork telling Canadians how much they've received in pandemic benefits

The Canada Revenue Agency began sending out T4 slips today to Canadians who have received COVID-19 benefits, reminding them that the money is taxable income and must be recorded on their tax returns.

The department said the T4s are being issued as statements of income and not necessarily as statements of money owed. As with the T4 statements employers provide to employees in advance of tax season, the T4s state details how much taxable income someone received directly from the federal government in the form of a COVID-19 benefit.

Residents of Quebec will get both T4s and RL-1 slips.

The T4s forms list how much money a person received from one or more of the following benefits: the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB), the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB).

Those who received money through one of the benefit programs need to enter the total amount they received last year on line 13600 of their 2020 income tax and benefit return. For those registered for My Account and filing with NETFILE-certified software, this information will be automatically entered into tax returns.

The CRA says that while tax was taken off at source for the CERB, CRB and CRSB, it wasn't taken off for the CESB or CESB. Once all other sources of income, deductions



and credits have been calculated, some people may discover they owe money when they file their returns regardless of whether taxes were taken off at source.

"It's going to be difficult for people and it's going to be complex or complicated for the system," Employment Minister Carla Qualtrough told CBC News last month.

"As people file their taxes, [we] are going to have to figure out what they've been... what they owe taxes off for them. If you obtained both the CERB and CRB, we took taxes off the CERB but we didn't for CERB - it's incredibly complicated," she said.

Concerned about Canadians financially stressed by the pandemic, the CRA says it has expanded the ways in which people can pay back money owed and is urging taxpayers to reach out to the agency to see which options work best for them.

CRA and CERB
 The CRA has already sent out

441,000 letters warning people who received the CERB that they may not be eligible for the benefits they have received so far. The letters asked recipients who don't meet income requirements to pay back the money by the end of 2020 so it does not negatively affect their tax returns.

Described as "education letters" by a CRA spokesperson, the letters were sent to those for whom the agency said it was "unable to confirm... employment and/or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019, or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application" - one of the key criteria for the CERB program.

In the past several weeks, many Canadians have reported they received such letters and now fear they'll have to repay thousands of dollars in benefits.

Many of those affected have argued that the federal government over clearly defined how the \$5,000 amount would be calculated. Some point to the CERB application, which asks if the person received "a

The leaders of Canada's top banks believe an economic rebound is on the horizon, but say the short-term looks difficult and spending won't truly pick up until the back half of 2021 or even 2022.

The chief executives of the country's most prominent banks think Canada is benefiting from generous government relief packages that reduced delinquencies and increased and the arrival of several promising COVID-19 vaccines.

However, they say the coming weeks don't look pretty because growing numbers of Canadians are continuing to contract the virus.

"In the short-term things are going to be not so good as one might have hoped, but overall I think we are in a probably slow way of getting more positive as the year goes by," TD chief executive Howard Masmari said Monday.

Vaccines key to recovery
 Masmari made his comment during a virtual appearance at RBC's Canadian Bank CEO conference. The event saw the CEOs of all of the country's top banks offer their economic predictions for the year.

They all agreed that Canada is in the midst of an economic rebound, but how fast that recovery takes hold will depend on the country's ability to get the pandemic under control.

"Vaccines will be key, they said.

"We believe roughly four and 4.5 million high-risk Canadians will have to be vaccinated before we can really get back to reopening the economy and we can achieve that within 100 days, if we have the vaccines," Royal Bank of Canada chief executive Dave McKay said.

The number of doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Canada hit 319,938 on Monday. Efforts to get more shots in arms are ramping up as more supply arrives, but there are at least 38 million people living in the country.

Canada's top banks say spending not likely to pick up until late this year



Rebound could take until next year
 Once people are vaccinated, McKay believes those who have been sitting on cash and not spending it because so many things are closed will race back to pastimes like travel and entertainment.

But timing around when that will happen is still a big question.

Most businesses in provinces like Ontario remain closed and Quebec has gone as far as implementing a curfew to curtail cases. Some public health advocates and politicians are calling for similar measures to be implemented elsewhere.

Victor Dodig, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's chief executive, believes a rebound will be slow to materialize in the hospitality sector and others considered to be "discretionary."

"We are looking into the following fiscal year before you are seeing any

will have to continue and become focused on areas of the economy that are expected to take longer to recover like small businesses, hospitality businesses and transportation companies.

When a rebound occurs, so will changes to banks.

Dodig has noticed people shift rapidly to online banking during the pandemic and even those who were using digital options before the virus began circulating are moving more of their transactions online.

CIBC recently transferred 250 or one-quarter of its banking centres into advice centres because digitization was accelerated by the health crisis, he said.

Temporary closures
 McKay said that many bank branches have been temporarily closed or operating with reduced hours throughout the pandemic.

RBC has closed some branches and McKay expects to close bank another three or four per cent over the coming year, he said.

That equates to between 30 and 50 branches, according to McKay.

He believes branch footprints can be reduced and the bank can get more flexibility by focusing on shorter leases, but how it should approach branches will depend on the recovery.

"Everything is positioned to watch how clients come back and how they use the branch," he said.

"A lot of client activity still goes through our branches, but we will see what sides with consumers and what changes throughout this."

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Canada's mission in Middle East at crossroads as ISIS declines, new threats emerge



More than six years after Canada first deployed troops to the Middle East to help fight the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, hundreds of Canadian Armed Forces personnel remain in the region.

Canada is now at a crossroads with the mission, and the question facing the federal government, Canadian military commanders, diplomats and others is: How many of those troops will stay in the region after March? And if they do stay, why?

The current mission, involving more than 500 military personnel spread across several countries, is slated to end March 31. The majority of those troops are located in Kuwait and Iraq, the latter of which has been the main focus of Canada's anti-ISIS efforts.

The end of the federal fiscal year will also mark the expiration of \$1.39 billion in funding for what the Liberal government described as its Middle East strategy, which included money for the military mission and other foreign assistance to the region.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, in a recent interview with The Canadian Press, declined to say whether the mission would be extended. He emphasized instead that Canada would continue to be "a reliable partner" to its allies and countries in the region.

Yet he also said the government

will base its decision on ensuring "the hard-fought gains" made in previous years are not lost - particularly in Iraq.

"So there will be decisions made to make sure that Iraq is able to stand on their own two feet and be able to prevent anything like this from happening again."

Canada first sent troops in 2014 as part of a U.S.-led coalition to stop ISIS from turning the large swaths of Iraq and Syria it had managed to capture into a caliphate, from which it could launch terrorist attacks on the West.

That initial force involved dozens of special forces soldiers - one of whom was killed by so-called friendly fire from allied Kurdish fighters in March 2015 - as well as fighter jets and other aircraft, which helped stop ISIS's advance in Iraq.

The next few years saw the mission evolve several times as ISIS lost all of its previous gains in Iraq, and the war morphed into a more traditional insurgency, with the militant group forced to hide and launch isolated attacks in the country.

The current mission includes an undisclosed number of special forces soldiers, who senior commanders have said are helping the Iraqis find and eliminate ISIS cells. Little else has been revealed in recent years

about what those troops are doing. The mission also involves Canadian military trainers working with Iraqi counterparts on basic soldiering and high-level strategic planning.

As part of that, a Canadian officer led a larger NATO training mission for two years before Denmark took over in November.

New challenges threaten stability in Iraq. Despite its losses, experts say ISIS remains a threat if the pressure isn't maintained.

"As much as the Islamic State is weakened now, there is no doubt that the conditions for its eventual revival are still there," said Thomas Janes, an expert on the Middle East at the University of Ottawa.

Analysts have blamed the rapid U.S. withdrawal from Iraq in December 2011 for having left a vacuum that ISIS could fill. The international community then stepped into the country's affairs once again.

Meanwhile, new challenges threaten what little peace and stability exist in Iraq, including age-old divisions inside the country, as well as its emergence as the front line in a slow-burn conflict between the United States and Iran.

Basma Moazzami, a Middle East expert at the University of Waterloo, believes that is why Ottawa will keep some troops in Iraq, to act as a check

against Iran's growing influence and prevent the country's "destabilization." The Canadian military mission in Iraq has already shifted over the past two years to include those other objectives - including preventing Iran from taking control - even if Ottawa hasn't come right out and said it.

"From a U.S. perspective, it's very clear that one of the objectives of this mission is to build up the Iraqi state to prevent it from coming even more under the influence of Iran than it already is," Moazzami said.

That influence already includes links to many in Iraq's ruling class. Iran's top general was killed by a U.S. drone near the airport in Baghdad last January while reportedly on a trip to meet members of Iraq's political leadership.

Under the Biden administration, Moazzami says, Iran has also supported numerous Shia militia groups in Iraq, some of which have launched attacks against Western targets. That includes a rocket attack last fall against a military base in northern Iraq used by U.S. and Canadian soldiers.

"One of the biggest challenges the Iraqi military faces is these [militia] units that are very much beholden to the Iranians," Moazzami said. "That's not something you want to advertise. So you see there's a need to assist the Iraqi military fighting ISIS, but in a sense they're really there to help professionalize the Iraq military to not succumb to these militia factions within."

One open question is what approach incoming U.S. president Joe Biden's administration will take on the Middle East and Iraq, which will no doubt affect Canada's decision.

Under outgoing President Donald Trump's orders, the U.S. started to withdraw troops this year. Canada also started to shrink its footprint, with military commanders quietly drawing down from more than 800 troops in the region to about 500 over the summer. Canadian commanders at the time said this reflected a loosened need for basic soldiering training.

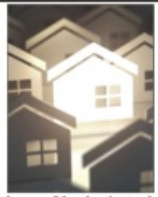
It's unclear how the Biden administration will approach Iraq and the region, but Janes and Moazzami say they think it will remain engaged. And it will be looking for allies to continue playing a role, which will be another factor for Canadian officials to consider.

Housing Sales Are Red Hot in Canada But Could Crash at Any Time

The year that just passed saw a buying frenzy in Canada's housing market. COVID-19 spurred home sales after the lifting of lockdowns. Data from the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) shows that the national home sales level in November 2020 remains historically strong. Real estate markets posted double-digit growth except for two cities: Thunder Bay and Trois Rivières.

Home sales and prices soared in Canadian cities last year amid the unprecedented economic slowdown. The 2021 RIMAX Housing Market Outlook Report estimates a 4-6% increase in the average residential sales price nationwide. However, some market observers believe trouble is coming, and the hot housing conditions might end in 2021.

Broomfin CREA forecasts a 9.1% jump in house prices this year. Real estate agents and experts in Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver are just as optimistic. All of them anticipate prices, especially for mid-range detached homes, to go up



because of the relocation trend. Buyers who want to move up or move over will keep the housing market hot.

According to Christopher Alexander, executive vice-president and regional director, RE/MAX of Ontario-Atlantic Canada, significant lifestyle changes in households are supporting families in relocating to less-dense cities and neighborhoods. It was the reason why sales in suburban and rural parts of Canada were over the top in 2020.

The present housing boom is unlike the previous ones. Shaun Calkins, CREA's Senior Economist, said the market has gone from weakness because of COVID to strength despite COVID. While the pandemic endangers Canadians' incomes and livelihoods, the ultra-low interest rates make it attractive for first-time homebuyers.

Most economists expect the Bank of Canada to maintain the rate at the "effective lower bound" of 0.25% until the second half of 2022. However, the banking giant Royal Bank of Canada predicts the rate to rise 0.5%, it also warns that Canada could be facing a potentially historic housing correction.

StandardREIT Canadian real estate investment trusts (REITs) are great passive-income sources, although some REITs suffered a devaluating blow in 2020. Top retail REIT, RSCan, slashed dividend payouts by 33% due to the challenging environment. However, Summit Industrial (TSX:SMU.U) stood tall as a

passive-income machine. The industrial REIT held steady and delivered an 18.5% total return besides paying a decent 4.04% dividend. This \$2.22 billion REIT is benefiting from e-commerce.

If you want exposure to the real estate sector without owning real property and a lower cash outlay, Summit Industrial is your best option. You'll become a pseudo-lender to a portfolio of high-quality light industrial properties. The REIT is enjoying a high occupancy rate, because generic-use spaces are in high demand.

Summit Industrial owns and operates 160 properties, 81 of them (51%) are in Ontario. Properties in the light industrial sector are proven asset classes on account of long-term strength and stability. The key takeaways to invest in this REIT are low market rent volatility and stable, enduring cash flows.

Reyoufcoff with reservations The outlook for the Canadian housing market is rosy in 2021. However, sales could suffer, not because of lack of demand, but because of limited inventory. That according to investment research firm Veritas, home prices could plummet once mortgage-deferral arrangements end.

taking time off work when it could jeopardize their "standing" with their employer or future earnings," de Villa said.

Tory said he is aware that some people are worried about losing their psyches and that pressure to attend work even when sick. He said he is also aware of cases where employees are encouraged to attend work when ill. He said that due to the pressure many people decide not to get tested or self-isolate.

"This is a real source of fear and concern out there. It is just beyond comprehension, that no-one has come forward and clearly stated, yes, we will look after you and your families during that period of time," Tory said.

Ontario's Toronto health officials have said that workplaces are major areas of concern for the spread of COVID-19. Earlier this month, the City of Toronto began publicly identifying the location of some COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces to deal with the issue.

Councillor Joe Cressy, who is also the chair of the Toronto Board of Health, said that 60 per cent of Toronto's recorded workplace outbreaks have been in front-line settings.

Toronto's top doctor, mayor call on provincial government to implement 10-day emergency paid sick leave

Toronto's mayor and medical officer of health are calling on the Ontario government to ensure workers have access to 10 paid sick days during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Toronto's top doctor Eileen de Villa and Mayor John Tory made the request at a news conference on Monday following a report to the Toronto Board of Health on the issue.

"It's been identified to me by our health people as being important to getting more people tested and wrestling this virus to the ground," Tory told reporters on Monday.

"So let's just get on with it. I'm optimistic that will now happen maybe because myself and the other mayors are speaking even more forcefully about this [and] it's become an emergency." The board of health report states

that only 42 per cent of working Canadians currently have access to paid sick leave, and among low-wage and front-line workers that number is about 10 per cent.

Premier Doug Ford's government cancelled paid sick days in 2018 and made it so that most employees in Ontario have the right to take up to three days of unpaid, job-protected sick leave each calendar year.

His government extended the policy amid the pandemic so that workers could take an unspecified number of days to isolate without pay until July 3.

The Toronto Board of Health said the federal government's recovery sickness benefit, which provides people with \$500 per week, for up to two weeks, is an important step but not "adequate on its own."


Workers seeking to use it," the board said in a statement.

Tory said on Monday both the federal and provincial governments have not been taking the issue of paid sick leave as seriously as they need to.

"It's my impression they're playing a bit of ping pong with each other," he said. "A ping pong game is always interesting and entertaining except when it has to do with the health of people who live in our city and who are contracting COVID-19 and who, in many cases, are the people least able to speak for themselves."

The report issued by de Villa found that workers without paid sick leave, particularly low-wage essential workers, experience financial pressure to work even when ill.

"Not only do they face an immediate loss of much needed income if they do not work, but the tenuousness of their employment status also sometimes means that



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Priyanka Chopra denies flouting COVID-19 lockdown rules in the UK when she visited the salon, police intervenes

After Priyanka Chopra is currently in the UK along with her husband and rapper Nick Jonas. The actress flouting lockdown rules in the UK when she visited the salon, police intervenes.



owner of the salon was given a verbal reminder of the need to comply with all regulations regarding COVID-19 and signposted to sources of advice. No disciplinary notices were issued. But, the actress' representatives denied that she flouted the COVID-19 rules. No fixed penalties were issued.

Parineeti Chopra Shares a Family Click From Ambala and Calls Them Her Producers

Parineeti Chopra is surely having a blast as she's spending some great quality time with her family in Ambala. The actress is currently in her hometown and the actress is making sure that she shares some special moments with her fans and relatives on social media.



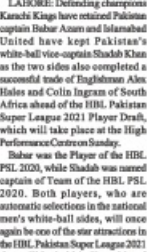
scolded by her father is a very childlike. Parineeti Chopra is surely making the most of her free time at home because once she returns to her family, she has some major projects to complete and some to even kickstart. She plays Sita Nehral on the big screen and has some portions pending for the project to wrap up. She even has the adaptation of The Girl On The Train pending for release, an intense thriller drama. And then she will start shooting for Sunny Bhojdy Yaghs Aastal in which she stars opposite Ranbir Kapoor for the first time. The film also stars Anil Kapoor and Bobby Deol.

Sandhya Mridul: Tandav brought out the softer side of me

Sandhya Mridul, who will next be seen in Amazon Prime Video series Tandav, says her character in the show gave her the opportunity to tap into emotional and sensitive side of her personality.

Co-wrote and directed by filmmaker Anirban Ghose, the nine-part political drama is set in Delhi and aims to take viewers inside the closed, chaotic corridors of power and uncover the manipulations, charades as well as the dark sides of people who will go to any lengths in pursuit of power. The show features an ensemble cast headlined by Sufi Ali Khan, Dingko Kapadia, Tigmasha Datta, Karan Mishra and Mohd Zeeshan Ayub. Mridul, known for movies such as Sandhya, Page 3 and Honeymoon Tavsha Pw. Ltd and Angry Indian Goddesses, says the role of Professor Sandhya Nigam in the show. The actor said that she often tries to find the closest to connect with her role and in case of Tandav, it was the sensitivity of Sandhya that spoke to her.

HBL PSL releases teams' retention list; draft to be held today



LABORE: Defending champions Karachi Kings have retained Pakistan captain Babar Azam and Islamabad United have kept Pakistan's white-ball vice-captain Shadab Khan as the two sides also completed a second round of Englishmen Alex Hales and Colin Ingram of South Africa ahead of the IHLI Pakistan Super League 2021 Player Draft, which will take place at the High Performance Centre on Sunday.



As per the event schedule, five sides have consumed their allocation of retaining up to eight players except Peshawar Zalmi, who have retained five players, the PCB states. In the first round, five sides have consumed their allocation of retaining up to eight players except Peshawar Zalmi, who have retained five players, the PCB states. In the first round, five sides have consumed their allocation of retaining up to eight players except Peshawar Zalmi, who have retained five players, the PCB states.

ISL: Bengaluru FC go down to East Bengal

Mati Steinhilber was the difference as SC East Bengal beat Bengaluru FC 1-0 to record their second win of the Indian Super League here on Saturday. The Kolkata team is now unbeaten in their last five games, while IFC's misery continued with their fourth consecutive defeat this season. IFC captain returned to the Bengaluru starting XI after serving his one-match suspension as Nashed Moosa made four changes in his first game as an interim coach. While Udeme Singh was also in the first XI, Moosa headed first start to the defenders Pang Srivas and Ajith Kumar. SC East Bengal just got change with Jaques Maghoma replacing Aaron Amadi-Holloway. Skipper Daniel Fox made the line-up after his red card against FC Goa was earlier overturned. Bengaluru had only chances in the game but struggled to get the goals. First, it was Sual Chhetri, whose 10th-shot over the rival defence was easily dealt with by Debjit Majumdar. Clayton Silva soon had a chance to put his side ahead in the 15th minute. But the Brazilian failed to direct his header at the goal after Juan Antonio Gonzalez had pushed Pang Srivas' long throw-in in the box. Steinhilber put SC East Bengal in the lead in the 20th minute with a fine outside-foot finish. Ankit Mukherjee's cross was not dealt with cleanly by Ajith and Juanan and it found Narayan Das on the left. Narayan then played a low cross to Steinhilber who scored his third of the season. SC East Bengal is total control of the game at this point and made Bengaluru chase shadows.

Australia cricket board apologises after Indian players complain of racist abuse

Cricket Australia apologised to the India team on Saturday and launched a Vozus New South Wales, which operates the stadium, said CCTV footage was being reviewed to assist the investigation and any facts identified as engaging in racial abuse would be handed from the SCG and other major stadiums in Sydney. India's Ravichandran Ashwin said the team had been insulted by Sydney spectators in the past but the racial abuse had crossed a line during the ongoing match, which is being played in front of a reduced crowd of less than 10,000. "It is definitely not acceptable in this day and age. This must definitely be dealt with in a fair and just manner and we must make sure it doesn't happen again," he vowed.

As he is, we once again apologise to the Indian team. "Having gone through many incidents of racial abuse, this is the absolute peak of racial abuse," Kohli said on Twitter. "It's sad to see this happen on the field. The incident needs to be looked at with absolute urgency and seriousness and strict action against the offenders should be taken straight for once." Australia coach Justin Langer joined the condemnation. "It's upsetting and it's disappointing," he said. "It's one of my greatest pet hates in life that people think they can come to a sporting event and abuse or say anything they like. "I have it as a player and I have it as a coach. It's really sad to see it happen in Australia." The International Cricket Council said it had taken immediate action to deal with the racial abuse on Saturday and the governing body was "seriously disappointed" with the incident at the SCG.

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Coronavirus: What's happening in Canada and around the world on Monday

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Monday Britain was in "a race against time" to roll out COVID-19 vaccines as deaths hit record highs and hospitals run out of oxygen. His top medical adviser said the pandemic's worst weeks were ahead.

Seven large-scale vaccination centres were opening in England on Monday, joining around 1,000 other sites across the country, including hospitals, doctors' clinics and some drugstores.

The centres include the Excel Centre in London, Ashton Gate in Bristol, the Epsom racecourse in Surrey and the Edgware Tennis Club in Manchester.

The openings come as a new, more transmissible variant of the disease surges through the population - with one in 20 people in parts of London now in the infected - threatening to overwhelm the health service with hospitalised patients.

The death toll in the United Kingdom has been soaring and now stands in excess of 81,000 - the world's fifth-highest toll - while more than three million people have tested positive.

In a bid to get on top of the pandemic and to try to restore some degree of normality by spring, Britain is making one of its largest ever vaccination programs, with shots to be offered to about 15 million people by the middle of next month.

"It's a race against time, because we can all see the threat that our NHS (National Health Service) does, the pressure it's under, the demand in intensive care units, the pressure on ventilated beds, even the shortage of oxygen in some places," Johnson said on a visit to a vaccination centre in Bristol, in southwest England.

"This is a very perilous moment. The worst thing now for us is to allow anyone to roll out a vaccine program to breed any kind of complacency about the state of the pandemic."

The government's chief medical adviser Chris Whitty said there are now 36,000 people in hospital, compared to about 18,000 during the peak of the first outbreak in April.

Johnson's government is pinning its hopes on a mass vaccination program after Britain became the first country to approve vaccines developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca and by Pfizer-BioNTech, and approved Moderna's shot on Friday.



Its plan, announced Monday, envisages two million shots being delivered at some 2,700 centres a week in England by the end of January, with the aim of immunizing tens of millions of people by spring and offering all adults a vaccine by summer.

Johnson said two million people had already been given the vaccine - more than any other European country - but admitted that inoculating 15 million people in the four highest-risk levels, including those over 70 and frontline health workers, by Feb. 15 target was "a huge task."

"We believe it's achievable, we're getting there absolutely everything at it, to get it done," he said.

What's happening across Canada As of 3 p.m. ET on Monday, Canada had reported 666,967 cases of COVID-19, with 83,613 cases considered active. A CBC News tally of deaths stood at 17,041.

The federal government is introducing legislation to close a loophole that allows Canadians who travelled abroad to claim up to \$1,000 in sick pay while quarantining back home.

The Canada recovery sickness benefit has been available to those who are unable to work for at least half of their scheduled work week because they tested positive for COVID-19 or are isolating due to the virus.

But critics have warned it could be going to Canadians completing their mandatory 14-day quarantine after returning from potential vaccination abroad.

In Atlantic Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador reported no new cases on Monday. On Sunday it reported its first new case in five days, which the Department of Health said was related to international travel.

New Brunswick reported 21 new cases on Monday. Dr. Jennifer

people in hospital right now, with 31 in intensive care; the previous hospitalization record was 182.

On Sunday, Alberta reported 811 new cases of COVID-19 and 12 new deaths.

In British Columbia, the Vancouver Canada resumed training camp Monday after a COVID-19 test for a player came back with a "false positive" on Sunday, leading the team to cancel training camp for the day.

The team said in a release Sunday it cancelled practice "out of an abundance of caution due to potential exposure to COVID-19." A subsequent second test on the player - who has not been identified - came back negative, coach Travis Green said.

After two weeks with no new cases of COVID-19, Nova Scotia said it will lift lockdowns in the last two communities that were still facing strict public health measures.

But Dr. Michael Patterson, the highest-ranking public health official, said it will take until the end of January to officially declare over 100 COVID-19 cases on Monday, including one at Acadia University in Wolfville and another at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Quebec reported 1,869 new cases and 51 new deaths on Monday. There were 1,436 people in hospital with COVID-19, including 211 in intensive care.

Thousands of elementary school students headed back to in-person classes in the province on Monday, amid debate over how to best reduce COVID-19 transmission in schools and whether classrooms should even be reopening at all.

Ontario reported another 3,338 cases of COVID-19 on Monday, as well as 29 new deaths - pushing the province's total death toll past 5,000.

The number of patients with COVID-19 in hospitals climbed to 1,563, with 387 of those being treated in intensive care.

Scenes have told CBC News that Ontario's latest COVID-19 model line, due to be released publicly on Tuesday, will project the province's intensive care units to be filled beyond capacity by early February.

Meanwhile, the CEO of the London Health Sciences Centre has been fired after it was revealed that he had travelled five times during the pandemic to the United States.

Manitoba public health officials announced 133 new cases of COVID-19 and three more deaths on Monday.

Saskatchewan announced 412 new cases and eight more deaths on Monday. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are at an all-time high. According to the province, 197

48,000 Canadians asked to take blood sample for coronavirus survey

Statistics Canada is mailing out test kits to tens of thousands of Canadians in the first survey of its kind launched by the agency.

The survey involves asking 48,000 Canadians to poke their fingers and return a blood sample. That sample will be sent to the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg where it will be tested for the presence of coronavirus antibodies. In order to get a good result, the agency is hoping for a minimum 45 per cent response rate.

Statistics Canada started sending out the kits - which include gloves, alcohol swabs, a needle for poking your finger and paper for the blood sample - in November. The survey will continue through March.

Lee-Anne Murray, one of 3,500 Prince Edward Islanders targeted for the survey, was surprised to receive the kit in the mail. She wasn't sure it was legitimate.



"It would have been nice to hear something about it on the news, that they were even being mailed out to random people," said Murray.

(There was some news coverage of the study back in November, but it received little attention in the months since then.)

Murray said she called Statistics Canada to confirm they are indeed conducting the study, but did not hear back immediately.

Personalists protect identifying information. That means confirmed to CBC News that the study is legitimate.

Given that this is an official study of Statistics Canada, Jiao said, privacy of the results will be protected by the federal Statistics Act. In addition to the usual protocols the agencies use, Jiao said Health Canada was consulted for ethical considerations of gathering this kind of health information.

Packages being sent back to Statistics Canada contain no personal identifying information. That means

that if they are opened by someone who is not authorized, the blood samples can't be linked back to the sender, he said.

Statistics Canada had considered using medical professionals to secure capacity to collect the samples, but determined in order to get the volume of samples it needs, self-collection was the best option.

"We do understand there is a level of discomfort associated with this test, but do hope that Canadians see the value in taking the time," Jiao said.

Respondents provide The test will be able to determine whether someone contracted COVID-19 and whether they developed symptoms or not. It will also identify whether the antibodies were the result of receiving a vaccine.

From the tests, Statistics Canada will produce a report that shows the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibody only by province/territory.

Respondents will also receive a letter with their antibody status.

Feedback from the public on the survey has been generally positive, said Jiao, with people particularly interested in getting their personal results back.

Canadian universities, colleges urge extra precautions as students prepare to return

Postsecondary institutions across Canada are asking their students to take extra precautions to ensure they don't bring the coronavirus to campus with them when they flood back following the winter break.

In Ontario, Queen's University recently issued a statement saying the school is "strongly urging all students" from outside Kingston to remain at home until the province's current COVID-19 lockdown ends on Jan. 23.

"This includes students living both on and off campus and international students who were scheduled to travel to Kingston for the start of the winter academic term," the Dec. 23 statement said.

Universities and colleges are pivoting to online learning after the pandemic touched down in Canada last spring, but some students still live on campus and many schools still offer in-class learning where absolutely necessary, such as for health care

courses with clinical components or lab work for chemistry students.

London's Western University, which made headlines with an outbreak at the start of the fall semester, is asking students living in their residences to postpone returning to their dorms until at least Jan. 16.

When they do, cafeterias will only be open for takeout, and common areas such as study halls, lounges and gyms will be closed, according to a Dec. 22 update from university executives that ended with "As long as it is safe to do so, we are ready to welcome you back."

In Halifax, Dalhousie University is ordering any students returning from outside Atlantic Canada to self-isolate for 14 days and is asking them to get a COVID-19 test on the sixth, seventh or eighth day back.

Colin Furness, an infection control epidemiologist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto, said universities such as Queen's could

help stem a post-Christmas bump in cases by asking students to delay their return by a few weeks. He said normal campus life poses a great risk of transmission because thousands of young people from different communities could be interacting on a daily basis.

"A university is a gigantic economic driver," Dr. Furness said. "Of course it's also a giant petri dish because it's also where you have population mixing."

The Kingston region almost entirely avoided the first wave of the pandemic, Dr. Furness said, and slowing people from returning to the city from hard-hit areas could defer the transmission of the virus.

To date, Queen's has reported 89 cases linked to its community since the summer, 71 of them living off campus. On New Year's Eve, Kingston's public health unit reported five new cases, but across Ontario authorities reported 3,328

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