

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR SARS OUTBREAK

SARS 1

March 15, 2003	Date of onset of York Region's first SARS case
March 16, 2003	York Region Health Services issued first Public Service Announcement regarding SARS
March 26, 2003	Health Services Department Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) opened
March 27, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier Eves declares provincial health emergency • Daily teleconferences start. • Participants include: York Central Hospital, Markham-Stouffville Hospital, Southlake Regional Health Centre, Shouldice Hospital, Regional EOC, Community Access Centre, York Regional Police, York Region Fire, York Region Emergency Management, MOHLTC Hospital Branch, MOHLTC Central East Regional Office, York Region Public Health, LTC and EMS
March 28, 2003	York Central Hospital is closed.
March 29, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) opened • Emergency Public Information Centre (EPIC) opened for general calls from the public
March 31, 2003	Health Connection Line hours extended to 0700hrs. - 0100hrs.
April 1, 2003	York Region Markham/Stouffville SARS Assessment Clinic Opens
April 2, 2003	Retirement Home closed in York Region due to SARS
April 9, 2003	York Region Health Services becomes aware of 1st. YR workplace affected; workplace closed and re-opened on same day
April 10, 2003	York Region becomes aware of 2 nd affected workplace; screening implemented; no closure;
April 14, 2003	REOC staffing and hours reduced and it relocates to the 4th Floor
April 16, 2003	EPIC closed at 1800 hours on this date. Calls received are re-routed to Health Connection
April 18 - 19, 2003	Exposure to SARS at Funeral Home; no closures;
April 19, 2003	York Central ER and Maternity Services reopen Previously affected York Region Retirement Home reopens
April 25, 2003	Physicians' Call Line launched.
May 1, 2003	Health Services EOC reduces hours of operation (8:00 hrs. – 23:00 hrs)
May 5, 2003	SARS Assessment Clinic reduces hours of operation (14:00 hrs – 20:00 hrs)
May 7, 2003	Health Services EOC further reduces hours of operation (8:30 hrs. – 16:30 hrs. weekdays); on call after hours and on week-ends
May 8, 2003	Health Connection reduces hours of operation (8:00 hrs. - 20:00 hrs. week days; 8:30 hrs. to 16:30 hrs. on week-ends)
May 14, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Medical Officer of Health declares SARS outbreak over in York Region • SARS Assessment Clinic closes as of 19:00 hrs. (open 44 days) • Community Services and Housing EOC closes as of 16:30 hrs. • Health Services EOC closes as of 16:30 hrs. • Physician's Line closes as of 16:30 hrs. Calls re-routed through Health Connection • Health Connection returns to regular hours (8:30 hrs. – 16:30 weekdays) as of May 15, 2003

SARS 2

May 23, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 new SARS cases identified in Toronto hospitals results in new group of quarantined individuals in York Region as well as Toronto
May 24, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Connection hours extended to 23:00 hours on this day only• Health Connection open on weekend from 08:00-16:30• IDC nurses begin contact tracing
May 25, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• York Region notified of 1 new suspect and 1 new probable case• Health Services EOC re-activated
May 27, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Connection hours of operation extended to 20:00 hrs. on weekdays• 1 SARS symptomatic student at a York Region Catholic High School closed until June 3, 2003. Students and staff in quarantine.• Letter sent to students, parents and staff of the Catholic High School
May 28, 2003	Retail store closed by management due to symptomatic employee
May 31, 2003	Retail store re-opened by management
June 3, 2003	York Region Catholic High School re-opens
June 9, 2003	Health Services EOC closed for operation relative to SARS at 16:30 hrs
June 10, 2003	Health Connection returns to regular hours (8:30 hrs. – 16:30 weekdays)
June 12, 2003	Date of onset of symptoms of last York Region SARS case
June 13-July 3	Case follow-up, surveillance, and epidemiologic reporting continue during this time frame Second incubation period ends on July 3 rd .
July 4, 2003	Last daily update report issued to MOHLTC
July 5, 2003	WHO declares that last human to human transmission has been completed and that SARS outbreak is over.