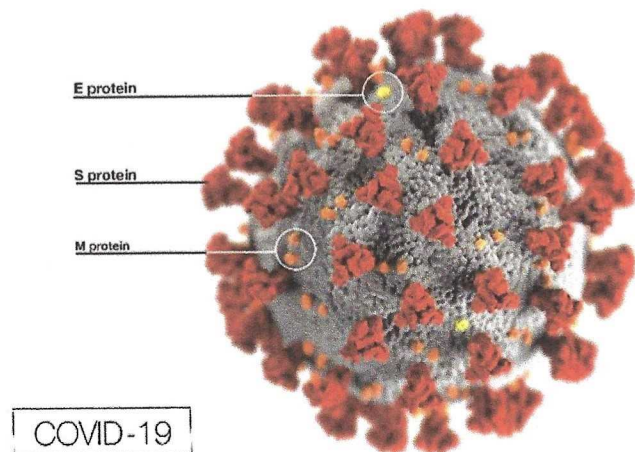


# Cancelled by COVID-19 in Canada

Within the Philatelic community COVID-19 has impacted our hobby in many ways. Many of our favourite stamp exhibitions have been cancelled leaving us with fewer avenues to continue our hobby. The absence of these events however has provided opportunity to still have many of those special show items you might normally collect, or even non-show items that were produced for various events affected by COVID-19.

The main purpose of this exhibit is to show and historically record these various items made for the pandemic. The material shown is displayed chronologically to the best of my knowledge. The plan presently has Covid pandemic items starting in late March 2020 to late March 2021 in frames 1 to 4, with April 2021 through March 2022 in subsequent frames from 5 on.

In general, most items shown exist in quantities ranging from 3 to 20 of a given item with the exception of some Canada Post Office items. No items have been specifically flagged as rare. Very little has been published on the material, however some of it has been written up in some of the Canadian Stamp News Issues over the last 22 months. On COVID-19 many references exist to the pandemic itself when the web is searched..



## A COVID Timeline in Canada January-March 2020 when it began

- The first cases in the world were found in Wuhan in China on 12 Dec 2019
- 25 Jan 2020 - First case detected in Toronto in a man returning from Wuhan
- 26 Jan 2020 - The man's wife becomes the second confirmed case
- 20 Feb 2020 - A BC woman is confirmed with COVID who had been in Iran, but no contact from China
- 27 Feb 2020 - Quebec reports first case
- 08 Mar 2020 - First Canadian death in a senior's home in Vancouver
- 11 Mar 2020 - World Health Organization declares COVID a Pandemic. Canada has over 100 cases.
- 12 Mar 2020 - NHL suspends play, Juno's cancelled
- 14 Mar 2020 - Canadians urged to return home from abroad
- 16 Mar 2020 - Canada closes borders to most non-Canadians
- 17 Mar 2020 - State of Emergency declared in Ontario and Alberta
- 20 Mar 2020 - over 1000 cases are known in Canada
- 24 Mar 2020 - Olympics postponed
- 25 Mar 2020 - Emergency aid bill passed in Canada
- 20 Mar 2020 - Wage subsidy program to help workers and companies
- 02 Apr 2020 - Covid death toll passes 100 in Canada

## Montreal Lakeshore Stamp Club show 20-21 March

The Lakeshore Stamp Club show was one of the first shows to be cancelled. The show was cancelled with about a week's notice. I had planned to attend, but by the weekend of the show, most airline flights had been canceled and it was not possible to fly to many places in Canada. The souvenirs for this show had already been made with Picture Postage stamps and covers designed and produced by Francois Brisse. A handstamp was made for the covers and applied in red to the covers. At least 10 Picture Postage booklets were made. Two covers were made, one with a Picture Postage stamp honoring the history of radio, and the second was a regular issue stamp for the Chinese New year of the rat.

