

Now Eight Active Cases Of Coronavirus At Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay

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KAWARTHA LAKES-According to the ministry there is now seven active inmate cases of Coronavirus at the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay as well as one staff case.

That's up from two inmate and two staff cases a week ago. There are currently two active outbreaks at the jail, classified as Outbreak A, declared on January 30th and outbreak B, declared on February 1.

"Any inmate that tests positive for COVID-19 is placed under droplet precautions and isolated from the rest of the inmate population while they receive appropriate medical care. The ministry continues to work with local public health authorities to complete contact tracing, and voluntary testing of inmates is ongoing." Andrew Morrison, Media Relations, Ministry of Solicitor General told Kawartha 411 News.

Each correctional facility works with their local public health unit on an individualized pandemic plan to respond to any COVID-19 cases at the facility.

"Protecting the health and safety of correctional services staff and those in provincial custody is the ministry's top priority," Morrison explained.

Over the last number of months, the ministry says it has made important operational changes across all provincial correctional facilities:

- o Testing all newly admitted inmates, with their consent
- o Housing all newly admitted inmates in a separate area from the general population for 14

days

- o Masks provided to inmates, if required
- o Providing personal protective equipment for all staff
- o Requiring all staff and visitors to always wear masks
- o Requiring temperature checks for staff and visitors
- o Working with local public health units to test inmates and staff as appropriate.
- o Increased cleaning measures

Three previous inmate cases and one staff case have been "resolved" according to the ministry.

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