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New COVID-19 death in the City of Kawartha Lakes; 5 more outbreaks declared

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reported a new COVID-19 death on Tuesday, a City of Kawartha Lakes resident in their 70s who was fully vaccinated with two doses, along with five new outbreaks.

It's the jurisdiction's third COVID-19 death over the past few days. On Monday, the health unit also reported deaths of a City of Kawartha Lakes resident in their 70s who had received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine and a Northumberland County resident also in their 70s who was not immunized or had an unknown immunization status.

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the jurisdiction has seen 80 COVID-19 deaths, 60 in the City of Kawartha Lakes, 19 in Northumberland County and one in Haliburton County.

The new COVID-19 outbreaks reported Tuesday are at Trinity College School in Port Hope, the Fenelon Court long-term care home, the William Place Retirement Home in Lindsay and on two units at the Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg (the digital imaging unit and the inpatient rehab unit) – bringing the total of active outbreaks in the jurisdiction to a record 28.

Ongoing outbreaks continue at four Christian Horizons group homes in Cobourg, a Community Living group home in Cobourg, a Community Living group home in Campbellford, Extendicare Kawartha Lakes in Lindsay, Case Manor Care Community in Bobcaygeon, the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay (which had 30 active inmate cases as of Thursday, according to Public Health Ontario), Kawartha Lakes Retirement Residence in Bobcaygeon, Caessant Care Mary Street in Lindsay, Caessant Care McLaughlin Road in Lindsay, Warkworth Place, Golden Plough Lodge in Cobourg, Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg, Hope Street Terrace in Port Hope, Spring Valley Public School in Brighton and the Warkworth Institution (which had 87 active inmate cases as of Monday, according to Correctional Service Canada).

The jurisdiction had 10 hospitalized cases on Tuesday, including five in intensive care units.

Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay had seven admitted patients with the virus as of Tuesday. The hospital has now moved its by-appointment-only COVID-19 testing clinic to the Victoria Park Armoury at 210 Kent St. w.

Another 40 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Northumberland County, 39 in the City of Kawartha Lakes and one in Haliburton County were reported Tuesday, bringing cumulative total cases for the jurisdiction to 4,794 with 1,171 of them active.

The reported cases are considered to be an underestimation of the actual total cases now that as of Dec. 31 Ontario residents are only eligible for PCR testing if they are from a high-risk setting due to the high volume of cases from the fast spreading Omicron variant.