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Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit tops 5,000 mark for cumulative COVID-19 cases

Four new hospitalized cases reported.

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Four new COVID-19 hospitalizations, two in the City of Kawartha Lakes and two in Northumberland County, were reported Friday by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as cumulative confirmed cases of the virus topped the 5,000 mark.

There are now 20 hospitalized cases in the jurisdiction with four in intensive care units.

Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay had 10 admitted patients with the virus on Friday with eight of them with COVID-19 as the primary cause of their admissions.

No new deaths or outbreaks were reported Friday by the health unit.

Ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks continue at Extendicare in Cobourg, a Community Living group home in Campbellford, 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 in-patient rehab unit), four Christian Horizons group homes in Cobourg, a Community Living group home in Cobourg, a Community Living group home in Warkworth, Legion Village in Cobourg, Victoria Manor in Lindsay, Extendicare Kawartha Lakes in Lindsay, Case Manor Care Community in Bobcaygeon, the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay (which had 44 active inmate cases as of Wednesday, according to Public Health Ontario), Kawartha Lakes Retirement Residence in Bobcaygeon, Caressant Care Retirement Home in Lindsay, Caressant Care Mary Street in Lindsay, Caressant Care McLaughlin Road in Lindsay, Extendicare in Lindsay, Regency in Port Hope, Warkworth Place, Golden Plough Lodge in Cobourg, Northumberland Hills Hospital Unit 2B in Cobourg, Hope Street Terrace in Port Hope and the Warkworth Institution (which had 96 active inmate cases as of Thursday, according to Correctional Service Canada).

The health unit also reported 43 new confirmed COVID-19 cases in the City of Kawartha Lakes, 41 in Northumberland County and two in Haliburton County as cumulative cases topped the 5,000 milestone.

There have now been 5,034 confirmed cumulative cases since the pandemic began in March 2020 with 1,089 of the cases active as of Thursday.

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. People with moderate symptoms can also still get tested if they go through their family doctor (more details are posted at ontario.ca/exposed).

Of the cases that have been hospitalized in the jurisdiction since July 1, 50.9 per cent have been among fully vaccinated people, 43.4 per cent among unvaccinated or people with unknown vaccination status, 3.8 per cent among partially vaccinated and 1.9 per cent were not yet fully protected from their recent vaccination. Since more than four in five residents have been fully vaccinated, that means that the unvaccinated have been five times more likely to end up in hospital than the vaccinated if they contract the virus.

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