



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, May 22nd, 2020



Today there were 349 test results received by the Ministry of Health; and 3 were positive for COVID-19.

Unfortunately, today's three positive results came from the rest home testing programme, and were all in one rest home. Public health action is underway to contain and manage the situation.

Bermuda now has 128 total confirmed positive cases. Their status is as follows:

- there are 38 active cases, of which
- 34 persons are under active public health monitoring, and
- 4 persons are hospitalized; of which
- 2 are in critical care;
- a total of 81 have now recovered, and
- the total deceased is 9.

The average age of all of our confirmed positive cases is 60 and the age range of all of our positive cases is from 18 to 101 years.

The average age of hospitalized cases is 77 and the age range is 70 to 84 years.

The average age of all deceased cases is 74 and the age range is 57 to 91 years.

The source of all local cases is as follows:

- 39 are Imported
- 77 are Local transmission, with known contact
- 10 are Local transmission with an unknown contact, and
- 2 are under investigation

Bermuda's country status remains "Local Transmission – Cluster of Cases".

Minister Wilson said, "Unfortunately, one day into Phase 2 of the country's reopening, we have heard of some unhelpful behaviours that will act against us in the fight against COVID-19. Anecdotally, it seems that there were a couple of Hamilton bars that opened last night where poor physical distancing and poor use of masks was observed. This is highly disappointing. When I see people walking in town, I see excellent use of masks and physical distancing. I see consistent respect for the rules we must all now live by. So it is disappointing that on the first night open, patrons of bars would disrespect the rules. I want to reiterate that any businesses which violate the rules this weekend will be issued a closure notice.

"I would like to remind the public that we must avoid close contact, avoid mixing households, practice good hand hygiene, stay six feet apart as much as possible, and wear masks consistently.

"Remember that close contact means people who are within six feet for 15 minutes or more. Six feet is the distance that we know infectious respiratory droplets can travel. And 15 minutes means that you've been around them long enough so that you may have come into contact with some of those infectious droplets. So that's what we call a 'close contact'. And close contacts may have never had actual physical contact with an infected person, but they're close enough so that they could be at risk for transmission.

"So I remind the public that to keep our numbers down, we must live by the new rules. Containment of COVID and getting through Phase 2 depends on it."

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