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4 April COVID-19 Update

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The Ministry of Health provided the daily update on Bermuda's COVID-19 status.

Twenty-five additional test results were received today, of which 23 were negative for COVID-19, and two were positive. This means that the confirmed positive cases in Bermuda now stands at 37.

Both new cases are hospitalized, and are under investigation to determine if there is a contact or travel history.

Out of the 37 total cases, 14 people have recovered. There are six people who are hospitalized, all in stable condition. There are 17 active cases under active public health monitoring.

The average age of the confirmed positive cases is 47 years old, the age range is 18 – 83 years old and the average age of those hospitalized is 74 years old. There are 22 males and 15 females.

A review of our overall testing numbers, shows that out of the 291 tests that were conducted, 37 are positive, and 227 were negative and 27 are pending results.

As of today, there are 439 persons who are under self-quarantine with public health supervision.

The updated Social Distancing and Closure Schedule has been published on coronavirus.gov.bm in accordance with the Emergency Powers (COVID-19 Shelter in Place) Regulations 2020.

It is important that the public observe the updated guidance regarding the use of face coverings when in public places such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations. In line with new guidance issued by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ministry of Health is now advising: "The use of cloth and homemade face masks is recommended for all persons whilst in indoor public places to protect others from possible infection." The general public should not use surgical of N95 masks if possible, as there is a global shortage of these masks and they are best reserved for healthcare settings.

Guides on how to produce a face covering at home can be found on the website: www.gov.bm/coronavirus

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