

45 residents now lost to COVID as active cases continue decline

Forty-five Aurora residents have now lost their battles with COVID-19, according to York Region Public Health.

The forty-fourth resident to succumb to the virus was a 70-year-old Aurora man who saw his first symptoms on March 25 before a positive test result was received on April 13. He died Saturday, April 24 at Barrie's Royal Victoria Health Centre. He was exposed to the virus through close contact.

A 66-year-old woman was the community's forty-fifth loss attributed to the virus.

The Aurora resident first experienced symptoms of COVID-19 on March 29 before receiving positive test results on March 31. She died Monday, April 26, at Royal Victoria and her exposure is attributed to close contact.

Since the start of the pandemic, Aurora has seen a total of 1,654 cases of COVID-19, as of Tuesday, May 4, with 84 of these cases remaining active. 1,525 cases are now marked as resolved.

Of the active cases, 74 cases are attributed to local transmission, close contact or unknown exposure, 8 to workplace settings, and 2 to institutional outbreak.

532 cases have been attributed to variants of concern. 39 of these have confirmed lineage, with the balance being cases where mutations have been detected. 45 of these cases remain active.

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