

Coronavirus Hits Russian Psychiatric Hospital

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The Arkhangelsk state clinical psychiatric hospital has been placed under quarantine. **Aleksander Avilov** / Moskva News Agency

Dozens of patients and staff have been infected with the coronavirus at a psychiatric hospital in Russia's northwestern Arkhangelsk region, leading to a sharp rise in local cases, Interfax [reported](#) Sunday, citing regional authorities.

The Arkhangelsk state clinical psychiatric hospital was placed under quarantine Saturday when one of its employees was found to be infected. She is believed to be a nurse who had recently returned from Moscow, Russia's Meduza news website [quoted](#) an unnamed employee as saying.

At least 70 patients and employees have since tested positive for Covid-19, Interfax cited the regional crisis center as saying Sunday.

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Arkhangelsk has now joined a number of other Russian regions that order visitors from Moscow, St. Petersburg and other areas with the highest coronavirus infection rates to spend two weeks in self-isolation.

The Arkhangelsk region reported 68 Covid-19 cases Sunday, the fifth-most in Russia that day, 24 hours after it reported five new cases. The Arkhangelsk region had a total of 114 cases and no deaths by Sunday, according to the crisis center.

The region of 1 million neighbors Russia's remote republic of Komi, which [reported](#) a coronavirus outbreak earlier this month and is currently the country's fifth most affected territory.

Russia had reported a total of 42,853 coronavirus cases, 10th in the world, and 361 deaths as of Sunday.

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