

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute staff, professional staff, Board and volunteers

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, EVP, Regional Programs, Clinical Supports & Medical Affairs

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020

RE: **COVID-19 Assessment Centre to enhance safety**

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre, established by Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre in collaboration with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), will soon be operational. Your health and safety is our utmost priority. The Assessment Centre is intended to enhance the protection of all patients, staff and community members.

The Assessment Centre is located on-site outside of the Hospital's Emergency Department. Because the Assessment Centre is a separate space, it reduces the risk of infection spread and eases pressure on the Emergency Department. Assessments for COVID-19 symptoms will be conducted by nurses. Recommendations regarding patient self-monitoring, self-isolation and/or treatment will be determined following the assessment.

Our aim is to have the Assessment Centre fully functional tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 11:00 am.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre is available ONLY to those who have been directed by the TBDHU or Telehealth Ontario to attend it.

The need to perform COVID-19 swab testing will be determined by strict medical directives.

People who are not symptomatic do not require a visit to the Assessment Centre. Anyone attending the Assessment Centre without COVID-19 symptoms will be redirected as appropriate.

Those who have traveled outside of Canada or believe they have come into contact with, or have symptoms of COVID-19, are to self-isolate and call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-212-2272, or TBDHU at 625-5900 or 1-888-294-6630 for instruction.

For additional information about the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, please contact your manager.

Please contact TBDHU for more information regarding COVID-19 screening at 1-888-294-6630 or www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus. More information is also available at <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-english-2020-02-18.pdf>.

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All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

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