

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute staff and professional staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, COVID-19 Incident Manager

Date: Friday, March 27, 2020

RE: **First positive case of COVID-19 confirmed in our community**

The first positive case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in our community. The person is being monitored by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and is safely isolating at home. Due to travel history, this case does not represent community spread. It does, however, reinforce the need for community members to stay at home and practice physical distancing.

This development was not unexpected. I recognize that a confirmed COVID-19 case in our community raises fear and anxiety among staff, professional staff, patients and the community.

It is only a matter of time before a confirmed case is admitted to our Hospital. The hard work completed over the past weeks to implement our Hospital's pandemic plan has prepared us for this moment.

Our community needs us. We prepared as a team and we will persevere as a team.

The expertise and professionalism of Hospital leadership, staff and professional staff is truly remarkable. Protecting everyone's health and safety remains our utmost priority.

Thank you for continuing to provide safe, quality health care to our patients, families and community.

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

For more information about COVID-19, please contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit 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>.