

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute staff, professional staff and volunteers
From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, EVP, Regional Programs, Clinical Supports & Medical Affairs
Date: March 13, 2020
RE: **COVID-19 Screening at Hospital entrances to enhance safety for all**

Your health and safety is our top priority. Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre continues to implement its pandemic plan in response to COVID-19. All measures are being taken to reduce the spread of infection for the protection of all community members.

Please be advised that screening for COVID-19 at Hospital entrances is scheduled to begin at 20:00 hrs on Friday, March 13.

Screening will follow Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care guidelines regarding symptoms and travel. Screening involves answering questions related to COVID-19 symptoms, as well as recent travel. Please note that the screening process may result in delayed entrance to the Hospital. **Staff should plan to arrive early to work to accommodate the screening process.** Please have your Hospital identification with you at all time while on site.

All people entering the Hospital will be screened. This includes staff, professional staff, care partners, contractors, etc. Visitor restrictions are in effect. Please refer to the memo regarding visitor restrictions for further information.

The following process is in place for positive screening:

- Staff members or contractors who screen positive will be asked to return home;
- Information regarding staff who screen positive will be tracked;
- Patients/care partners who screen positive will be masked and then will meet with a nurse to assess and determine next steps.

In order to effectively manage screening, entrances will be designated as follows:

Four entrances will be available during day time hours between 06:00 and 20:00:

- West main entrance: accessible to all;
- East cafeteria: accessible to staff and contractors only. Patients and care partners will be directed to other entrances;
- Emergency Department (ED): accessible to ED staff and ED patients/care partners only. All others will be directed to other entrances;

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- Labour and Delivery (L&D): accessible to staff and L&D patients/care partners only. All others will be directed to other entrances.

Two entrances will be available during overnight hours between 20:00 and 06:00:

- Emergency Department: accessible to all;
- Labour and Delivery: accessible to staff and L&D patients/care partners. All others will be directed to the ED entrance.

Deliveries:

Note that all delivery personnel will park vehicles in the loading dock, then go to the East entrance to be screened. They may then proceed through the Hospital to the loading dock to unload.

Managers, please share this information with your contractors to ensure they are aware of process.

For additional information about COVID-19 screening at Hospital entrances, please contact your manager.

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>.