

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



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## Saturday, April 11, 2020

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Friday, April 10) 525 tests have been performed at our Assessment Centre and in our Hospital. Currently, our Hospital team is providing care to two confirmed cases and numerous presumptive cases.

Our Occupational Health & Safety team and the Thunder Bay District Public Unit continue to investigate contacts both in the community and in the Hospital for the staff member who has tested COVID-19 positive. At this time, there still appears to be minimal risk to Hospital staff and patients. Anyone who may be affected will be contacted directly.

We understand that this development raises fear and anxiety for many staff, professional staff, patients and community members. Everyone's health and safety remains our utmost priority. Anyone who is feeling overwhelmed is encouraged to reach out for help. Your colleagues and your Hospital leadership team is here to support you. The Employee and Family Assistance Program is also a valuable resource you can access by calling 623-7677.

We remain on schedule to have the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit open on Monday. Education, training and simulations have been taking place with the staff and professional staff who will be working on the unit to ensure everyone is confident in their ability to care for a potential influx of COVID-19 patients. To protect the health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community, there will be no visitors or essential care partners permitted on the unit with no exceptions. This was a very difficult decision to make. As much as we believe in maintaining that critical connection between patients and their families or care partners, safety must come first. Telephone and/or virtual visitations options will be provided.

As more positive cases of COVID-19 are being confirmed in the community, it is crucial that everyone remain diligent. Everyone must continue to work together for the protection of all. Stay home as much as possible, practice physical distancing, and wash your hands frequently. As always, we want everyone to stay safe, and stay kind as we navigate these difficult times together.

Supplies of cloth masks, made according to strict specifications, will begin to arrive next week. Information regarding distribution to and use by staff will be provided in the coming days.

Organizations, restaurants and people in our community are coming forward with generous offers of donated food and meals to thank and support our Hospital's hard working staff and professional staff during our COVID-19 response. Food and meal donations must be reviewed, scheduled, coordinated, received and distributed through Volunteer Services to ensure safe receipt and equitable distribution. Donors are encouraged to contact Volunteer Services directly at [volunteering@tbh.net](mailto:volunteering@tbh.net). Staff and professional staff who are personally

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contacted regarding food and meal donations are to refer the donor to Volunteer Services.

All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

Staff are also strongly encouraged to view the Daily Situation Report videos available at <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information>

Please forward any questions/concerns to your supervisor.

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For questions about COVID-19 testing criteria, please contact the TBDHU's Infectious Disease Program at 807-625-5900 or toll free at 1-888-294-6630.

Local COVID-19 case status: <https://www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus>

Provincial COVID-19 case status: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-0>

Canada COVID-19 case status: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

COVID-19 Daily Situation Report videos: <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information>

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