

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Sunday, April 12, 2020

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Saturday, April 11) 576 tests have been performed at our Assessment Centre and in our Hospital. Currently, our Hospital team is providing care to two confirmed and 30 presumptive cases.

The dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit (3A) at our Hospital be operational tomorrow, Monday, April 13. Patients who are confirmed or highly suspected to be infected by the COVID-19 virus will be relocated to the COVID-19 Care Unit. Should there be an influx of COVID-19 infected patients, the dedicated unit will expand to a secondary unit, as per our pandemic plan.

Restricted access to the unit will be difficult for family members. No care partners may enter the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit, under any circumstance. This heart-wrenching reality is not in line with our Patient and Family Centred Care philosophy.

Keeping seriously ill patients away from their loved ones is one of the many cruelties of the COVID-19 virus. This restriction is for everyone's protection. Across the globe, this pandemic is forcing decisions that would otherwise be considered inhumane.

The best that we can do is provide virtual visitation options and our empathy to family members denied the opportunity to be with a loved one at this most difficult time. While our hearts will be with them, our hands will hold those of their loved ones.

Our Hospital's Volunteer Association and Food & Nutrition Services brightened the day for patients, most of whom are unable to have family with them. Volunteer Association members crafted adorable felt bunnies and Easter eggs, which were delivered today on patient food trays. In addition, Nutrition and Food Services wrapped silverware in pastel colours and added some seasonal decoration to delivery cards. These caring touches are appreciated.

Community members are showing their support of front line workers. Signs, both literal and figurative, of encouragement and gratitude serve as reminders of our duty as health care workers, and the value of our work. There is no denying that this pandemic is testing all of us. We fear for our loved ones and ourselves, face daily process changes, and are confronted with uncertainty in terms of how the situation evolves. Please let the positive messages from our community inspire you.

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>

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Please forward any questions/concerns to your supervisor.

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>

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