

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
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Monday, April 13, 2020

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Sunday, April 12) 630 tests have been performed at our Assessment Centre and in our Hospital. 48 of those were performed yesterday, which is a significant increase from 15 tests performed one week ago today. The growth is due to expanded criteria for determining swab testing for COVID-19. The Assessment Centre at our Hospital is meeting the demand for testing.

Currently, our Hospital team is providing care to two confirmed and 28 presumptive cases.

The dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit opens today. A dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit ensures the most appropriate care environment for COVID-19 infected patients, as well as the safety of staff and professional staff. It is anticipated that a number of patients will be relocated to the unit over the course of the day. Extensive safety measures are in place to protect patients, staff and professional staff both within the unit and outside of it. This includes dedicated spaces for Personal Protective Equipment donning and doffing, as well as comprehensive procedures regarding patient care and transporting. A great number of actions were taken to prepare the unit and complete simulations. Thank you to the many leaders, staff and professional staff who contributed to this development.

Working in a hospital environment during the COVID-19 pandemic is stressful. This situation can be unsettling and can cause a sense of loss of control. Your physical and mental health is a priority. The Employee and Family Assistance Program is available to you and your family members. If you are experiencing stress and anxiety please contact their office today at 623-7677 or access the resources listed on their website at <https://www.bscnorth.ca/efap/>. Additional information and resources to assist you during this time will be posted to the iNtranet soon.

Distribution to staff of cloth masks will begin early this week. The masks are provided under the guidance of Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, who advises Canadians to wear a non-medical face mask (cloth mask), as an additional measure to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 when proper physical distancing is not possible. Detailed information regarding cloth mask distribution and use, including washing instructions, will be provided.

The visitor restrictions in place are challenging to all patients, and particularly to those who do not have personal mobile devices. To help those patients stay connected to friends and family, our Hospital provides access to devices for virtual video visits through Face Time or Skype. A Virtual Visitor Coordinator (VVC) is available between 09:00 – 17:00, seven days a week to assist. Additional details will be provided via memo.

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

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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.

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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