

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Tuesday, April 20, 2020

COVID-19 Status

Tests performed yesterday (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Tests Performed total (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Patients in COVID-19 Care Unit	Hospital Capacity
55	1081	16	3	2	11	67.3%

As always, occupancy at our Hospital fluctuates. As of this morning capacity is above 65%. The slight rise is expected. Many people have been avoiding a visit to the Emergency Department until their need becomes urgent. Those who require emergency care will always receive it at our Hospital.

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. Mandatory use of masks is implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people in accordance with the recommendation of Canada's Chief Public Health Officer. Effective immediately, it is mandatory for all staff who have contact with patients to wear a mask when unable to maintain two meters of physical distance. Staff who do not have direct patient contact will receive a Hospital-provided cloth mask. As soon as it is received, it is mandatory to wear the cloth mask when unable to maintain two meters of physical distance from other people. Additional details will be provided via memo.

The Hospital's COVID-19 response is guided by a pandemic plan, which was first developed post-SARS and has been revised several times with new information. The current version, updated in 2017, is influenced by Public Health and Provincial guidelines and contains key documents and stakeholder input, including from the following:

- World Health Organization Pandemic Influenza Risk Management (2013);
- Ontario Health Influenza Pandemic Plan (OHPIP) (2015);
- Canadian Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Planning Guidelines for the Health Sector (CPIP) (2015);
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's (MOHTLC) Emergency Response Plan (2013).

To view our Hospital's pandemic plan, visit <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

A pandemic plan is an evolving reference document. A pandemic planning process is intended to ensure that roles, responsibilities and relationships are clearly delineated, and communication mechanisms are in place. The Incident Management System is activated to implement the pandemic plan. The Incident Management Team considers and applies current knowledge, new guidelines and best practice recommendations. This ensures the actions taken are specific to the current pandemic.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is a leader in Patient and Family Centred Care and a research and teaching hospital proudly affiliated with Lakehead University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Confederation College.

Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à l'université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération.

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The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented, and the response to it evolves with the situation. Our Hospital is deliberate in every decision and action in its COVID-19 pandemic planning and implementation. The remarkable commitment, expertise and professionalism of staff, professional staff and partners guides our Hospital's response; for that, we could not be prouder. Above all, our pandemic response is guided by an overarching commitment to the health and safety of all patients, staff, professional staff and the community.

Every day, our Incident Management Team, like experts around the globe, learns from the current situation. No one has experienced a pandemic like this one before. All new knowledge acquired as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic response is recorded and will inform future pandemic planning.

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

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>

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

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