

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

COVID-19 Status at 12:30 pm

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
59	1145	19	4	2	8	63.4%

New provincial COVID-19 modeling data is promising, and indicates that Ontario may have reached the peak of COVID-19 community spread. Despite the provincial trending, it is far too early to relax efforts. As of today, our Hospital is providing care to a new admitted patient with confirmed COVID-19; this is a stark reminder that continuing diligence is necessary.

Most people in our community stay home when possible, and when going out for essential purposes, practice physical distancing of two meters. This commitment to stay the course contributes to saving lives and promotes a return to relaxed restrictions. Modelling based on local data is in development and will provide potential COVID-19 scenarios specific to our community. To view the Ontario Modelling released yesterday, visit [https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-modelling-potential-scenarios-en-2020-04-20.pdf?\\_ga=2.165214911.1833017965.1587483442-1236361107.1583863938](https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-modelling-potential-scenarios-en-2020-04-20.pdf?_ga=2.165214911.1833017965.1587483442-1236361107.1583863938)

Choose Wisely Canada recommends blood conservation strategies during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Green Phase "advisory" for platelets remains in place by Canadian Blood Services. The efforts and support of staff and professional staff are appreciated. Utilization of Blood Products remains a priority of our Hospital's Transfusion Services as uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to affect blood supply planning at Canadian Blood Services. Please refer to the attached resource from Choosing Wisely for best practice information regarding transfusion.

The Hospital's COVID-19 Incident Management Team meets virtually twice daily guide the pandemic response. Yesterday, Hospital Board Chair Matt Simeoni joined the videoconference to bring forward a message on behalf of the Board of Directors. "When I reflect back on conversations held in March, I think about my use of the word 'confidence'. At that time, I never imagined the extent of the our Hospital's response. Now, I realize that 'confidence' does not adequately describe the highest level of conviction our Board feels," he said. "On behalf of entire Board of Directors, I can't thank you enough. The dedication of Hospital leaders, staff and professional staff is extraordinary. Thank you for everything you have done for the people of Northwestern Ontario."

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

This is National Volunteer Week. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our annual Volunteer Recognition event is postponed. In addition, to keep our valued volunteers safe, they are not working in our Hospital at this time. However, they remain as close to our hearts as ever. We know first-hand the impact volunteers have at our Hospital and Health Sciences Foundation. Between our two organizations, there are over 1,000 individual volunteers, including Patient Family Advisors. Volunteers represent thousands of hours of service at our Hospital and in our region each year, and help to raise funds for safe, quality health care. To say we couldn't do it without them would be an understatement. Volunteers remind us of just how supportive our community is when it comes to better health care for all. We are incredibly proud of our loyal volunteers who are usually here to serve patients, families, and visitors through active service in 29 areas in the hospital. Please join us in thanking our volunteers as we honour them during National Volunteer Week.

Measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are in place in various industries. In some cases, they affect operations at our Hospital. When discharging a patient who is required to fly to return home, be aware that all Canadian airports and air carriers require that travellers have a removable non-medical mask or face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during their travel through Canadian airports and in-flight.

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.

---

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/>

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.

healthy  
together

En santé  
ensemble