

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 1:30 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
99	1251	22	5	2	7	65.8%

COVID-19 testing update: Yesterday, 99 tests were performed in our Hospital and COVID-19 Assessment Centre. This is the highest amount in a single day to date. We are experiencing the benefits of improved turn-around times for test results. The ability to confirm the status of presumptive cases enables the most appropriate care and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Quicker results for health care workers, allows staff to return to work sooner. It is anticipated that our Hospital will receive 80 test kits per week for in-house processing of results within hours. Combined with increased community testing, increases overall capacity in our community.

Yesterday, Incident Manager Dr. Stewart Kennedy met with local political leaders to share updates regarding our Hospital's COVID-19 response. Regular meetings are scheduled to ensure ongoing communication of activity. We value the commitment to the people of Northwestern Ontario demonstrated by MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell (Thunder Bay – Atikokan), MPP Michael Gravelle (Thunder Bay – Superior North), MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay – Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski (Thunder Bay - Rainy River) and City of Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro.

Our hospital recognizes that increased workload and reduced store hours can make regular household responsibilities, such as grocery shopping more burdensome. To ease the pressure felt by some staff and professional staff during these challenging times, and in acknowledgement of their dedication, select grocery items are now available for purchase through Flavours Cafeteria at the hospital. Additional information and order forms are available in the cafeteria and on the iNtranet at <http://informed.tbrhsc.net/departments/nutrition-and-food-services>.

Our Hospital is committed to preventing or minimizing the impact of delayed surgeries due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hospital's Recovery team is conducting an assessment of all services to recommend an approach to prioritizing clinical service in the current environment and in collaboration with health system partners. As always, the health and safety of patients, staff and professional staff is the priority.

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An additional service is available to Hospital staff and professional staff who experience stress, anxiety, or uncertainty due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Psychological First Aid provides practical support, promotes healthy coping mechanisms, and provides feelings of safety, calming, and hope. Virtual group and individual appointments are available with our Hospital's psychosocial staff. To book your confidential appointment or for more information, email: care@tbh.net

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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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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