

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
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**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

COVID-19 Status at 1:50 pm

| Tests performed yesterday (Assessment Centre and in Hospital) | Tests Performed total (Assessment Centre and in Hospital) | Presumptive Cases in Hospital | Total Positive Cases in Hospital | Positive Cases in ICU | Total Patients in COVID-19 Care Unit | Hospital Occupancy |
|---|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 112   | 1316  | 23                            | 4                                | 2                     | 4                                    | 64.7%              |

We are pleased to share that, yesterday, a patient admitted as COVID-19 positive was discharged due to improved condition. Our Hospital team continues to provide care to four patients infected with the COVID-19 virus.

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. We implement procedures to prevent and mitigate exposure of staff and professional staff to probable or confirmed COVID-19 infected patients without proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, everyone is expected to frequently wash their hands and maintain physical distancing of two meters. Comprehensive procedures are intended to protect everyone and guide actions in the case of staff and professional staff who have come into contact with a COVID-19 low risk probable case without proper PPE, a COVID-19 high risk probable case without proper PPE, and a COVID-19 confirmed case without proper PPE. Please refer to today's memo for details.

Our Hospital monitors use and supply of PPE. While conservation, deliveries and donations have a positive impact, preservation and collection activity must continue in order to meet future demand. Thank you for your commitment. Some questions have been raised regarding use of the KN95 vs N95 masks. N95 are the standard mask at our Hospital for patient care aerosol generating procedures. These masks are fit-tested to individuals to ensure appropriate protection. Some literature suggests that the KN95 particle capture rate is equal to that of the N95. However, KN95 masks are of less robust construction and, because they cannot be fit to a person, may result in reduced effectiveness. At this time, KN95 masks will not be used as a substitute for N95 masks at our Hospital. Depending on supply, KN95 masks may be used as a substitute for procedure masks, as currently recommended by Occupational Health & Safety.

Our Hospital is grateful to Northern Ontario #PPEforHCP, a group of over 130 allied health care and engineering students, alongside various community partners. Northern Ontario #PPEforHCP members collect and distribute PPE across Northern Ontario. The group has already relocated more than 20,000 PPE items such as surgical masks, disposable gloves and N95 masks. New initiatives introduced today in Thunder Bay aim to challenge local businesses to donate PPE to assist health care providers on forefront of the COVID-19

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pandemic. Businesses who contribute through the #MakeTheList campaign will receive special recognition. For information, contact [northernontarioppeforhcp@gmail.com](mailto:northernontarioppeforhcp@gmail.com)

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.

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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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