

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**Monday, April 27, 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 Occupancy
Test counts are temporarily unavailable as we migrate to an electronic reporting system.		16	1	0	4	64%

On April 21, each Public Health Unit in Ontario was directed to immediately begin developing a plan to facilitate testing of every resident and staff at each long-term care home. St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG), in partnership with the North West Local Health Integration Network, Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Superior North Emergency Medical Services, will conduct COVID-19 testing for all employees on site at Hogarth Riverview Manor. This will apply to Hospital staff who work at the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) at Hogarth Riverview Manor. Testing is for surveillance purposes.

On Saturday, April 25, the Government of Ontario announced Pandemic Pay to provide additional support for frontline workers fighting COVID-19. The temporary pandemic pay is \$4/hour worked on top of regular wages. In addition, the government will be providing monthly lump sum payments of \$250 for four months to eligible frontline workers who work over 100 hours per month. The pandemic pay will be effective for 16 weeks, from April 24, 2020 until August 13, 2020. Acute care hospitals are eligible, and according to the announcement, the pandemic pay applies to the following categories of staff:

- Personal support workers;
- Registered nurses;
- Registered practical nurses;
- Nurse practitioners;
- Attendant care workers;
- Auxiliary staff, including porters, cook, custodian, housekeeping, laundry facilities and other key workers.

The government has engaged hospitals to acquire input on additional staff positions to be considered for eligibility. In addition, more details will follow from the Government of Ontario in terms of how and when the pandemic pay will be administered. Updates and details will be shared as we receive more information. The pandemic pay is designed to support employees on the frontlines of COVID-19 and does not apply to management.

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The COVID-19 pandemic prompts new and revised processes for hospitals across the province. On a daily basis, various government sources issue new guidelines, directives and emergency orders to adapt patient care and safety processes to reduce the spread of infection. In every case, the planning and activity required to implement the orders is prioritized and assigned to Hospital leads. Thank you to the many individuals involved in this important work, which often requires significant demands on time and resources. Your commitment enhances health and safety for patients, staff, professional staff, and the community.

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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>

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

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