

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 3:30 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
73	1753	24	0	0	4	65.1%

COVID-19 screening prioritizes your health and safety, and follows evolving medical guidance. Please note that screening protocols for staff will be updated as per a new Ministry of Health directive. Effective today, screening questions at Hospital entrances and the online screening tool will reflect the addition of the following symptoms related to COVID-19:

- Nasal congestion;
- Hoarse voice;
- Difficulty swallowing;
- New olfactory or taste disorder(s).

As before, staff who answer yes to any of the screening questions will be instructed to go home, self-isolate, contact your Staffing Department (if applicable), your Department/Manager AND Occupational Health & Safety. In order to prevent potential staffing shortages, all staff and professional staff should consider your symptoms BEFORE leaving home and contact your staffing department or your Department/Manager right away so alternate staffing can be arranged.

Many questions have been raised regarding the government's Pandemic Pay announcement. Additional details and clarifications, such as the classifications included as "auxiliary", are required to support consistent implementation at our organization and across the sector. The Hospital's Human Resources team is seeking clarification and will provide the information as it is received.

The government is planning a stage-by-stage approach to reopening the economy to ensure there are appropriate measures in place so workplaces can open safely. The approach is based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts. Public Health officials will carefully monitor each stage for two to four weeks, as they assess the evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak to determine if it is necessary to change course to maintain public health. The Stages will be implemented based on the principles of responsible, evidence-informed, resourced, monitored, responsive and effective, and clear.

Stage 1: For businesses that were ordered to close or restrict operations, opening select workplaces that can immediately modify operations to meet public health guidance. Opening some outdoor spaces like parks and allowing for a greater number of individuals to attend some events. Hospitals would also begin to offer some non-urgent and scheduled surgeries, and other health care services.

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Stage 2: Opening more workplaces, based on risk assessments, which may include some service industries and additional office and retail workplaces. Some larger public gatherings would be allowed, and more outdoor spaces would open.

Stage 3: Opening of all workplaces responsibly and further relaxing of restrictions on public gatherings.

For more information, visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-after-covid-19?_ga=2.149750518.1708122357.1588076781-75047126.1588076781

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is implementing emergency orders to better support long-term care (LTC) homes. The orders would allow for the redeployment of health service providers, including hospitals, to temporarily reassign frontline staff to provide services and supports in LTC homes. In Northwestern Ontario to date, efforts to protect LTC residents and staff have been effective and there are currently no COVID-19 outbreaks. In collaboration with Ontario Health and our LTC partners, we will identify triggers for redeployment of Hospital staff. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

For the protection of all, anyone entering the Hospital is encouraged to wear a mask. Our Hospital will seek support from the community for donations of home made masks that can be provided to patients who do not have their own masks. Donations of home made masks will be coordinated by Tanya Niederer niederet@tbh.net.

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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>

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