

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 11:30 am

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
79	1836	27	1	0	4	70%

Earlier, our Hospital implemented collection of N95 masks for possible future reprocessing. Thank you to those who have taken the steps to conserve and collect N95 masks. Health Canada has confirmed that N95 respirators can be safely reprocessed, and that there isn't a time limit to how long they can be safely stored prior to reprocessing. A plan is in development to reprocess N95 masks at our Hospital, following standards and processes for how proper and safe reprocessing can be carried out.

Our Hospital is developing a plan to provide enhanced COVID-19 testing options to vulnerable patient populations, including renal and cancer patients. The potential for both patient populations to be immunocompromised is significant and these patients often have increased risks for acquiring COVID-19. At the same time, symptoms related to COVID-19 can be masked by their treatments. The clinical judgement of physicians and nursing staff will apply in deciding which patients require a test, guided by the Screening Medical Directive.

The Recovery team prepared a framework to guide its activity, with Patient and Family Centred Care as the core value. The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority as strategies are developed for the eventual recovery of services. The focus is on patient needs and appropriateness of addressing them at the right time. Current-state data, such as volumes of cases on wait lists and volumes of cases canceled will inform the planning process, which will include a review of all clinical and non-clinical service areas. The review will also include an analysis of the resources required for service recovery, including staffing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), supplies, and drugs. Time lines for the Recovery Plan are:

Phase 1 = Current State Assessment, April 30 – May 7;

Phase 2 = Risk Assessment and Prioritization, May 7 – May 18;

Phase 3 = Plan Development, May 13 – May 27;

Phase 4 = Implementation, May 27 (priority areas to be resumed mid-May).

All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

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>

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>

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