

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
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## Saturday, April 4, 2020

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Friday, April 3), 355 tests have been performed at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and in our Hospital. There are currently no COVID-19 confirmed patients admitted to our Hospital. However, we continue to provide care to presumptive cases. Activity is underway to prepare the Emergency Department to respond as if every person entering is COVID-19 positive. This measure is in place for the protection of all patients, staff, and professional staff.

Hospital occupancy is under 60% today. Reduced occupancy is necessary to ensure space and resources are available to respond in case of an outbreak of COVID-19 in our community. Collaboration with healthy system partners, combined with the cancellation of non-essential services, made it possible to achieve the current occupancy status. We are in this together.

In order to best prepare our Hospital for an influx of COVID-19 patients, an in-patient unit will be the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit. This is an important measure we take to prepare for a possible influx of COVID-19 infected patients. It is an extremely challenging new reality for staff and professional staff who will be assigned to this unit. This pandemic has reached unprecedented magnitude; as health care professionals, we never anticipated such a health care crisis. Yet, health care providers are the most qualified to handle this situation. You are needed, you are celebrated, and you are supported.

There are steps you can take to help minimize risk to you and your loved ones, including changing into and out of clothes/scrubs before and after work. Please see the attached for Staff Safety suggestions.

Additional details regarding our Hospital's COVID-19 response are often discussed on the video version of the COVID-19 Daily Situation Report. All staff and professional staff are encouraged to view the video at <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information>. It is also available on Hospital social media channels.

The kind spirit of our community is as vibrant as ever. People and organizations have come forward with generous offers of donations to help our Hospital's response to COVID-19. A process is in development to coordinate all donations and ensure they are appropriately collected, recorded, distributed and acknowledged. Details and contact information will be shared as soon as possible.

If you are aware of any Hospital staff member who does not receive the COVID-19 Daily Situation Report via email, please refer them to [help@tbh.net](mailto:help@tbh.net) to be added to the all staff group email distribution list.

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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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