

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
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Sunday, April 5, 2020

There is one new confirmed case of COVID-19 in the City of Thunder Bay. The new case is travel related and the individual is safely isolating at home. This brings the total confirmed cases to date to nine. There are currently no COVID-19 patients admitted to our Hospital, as the first one has since been discharged in improved health.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit website will issue real-time updates regarding COVID-19 case information at www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus.

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Saturday, April 5) 364 tests have been performed at our Assessment Centre and in our Hospital. Turnaround time for testing results has greatly improved as there is no longer a provincial backlog. Our Hospital remains on track to begin on-site analysis of COVID-19 swab testing by mid-April, dependent on supply of swabs.

The health and safety of all staff and professional staff is our utmost priority. The distribution and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is of particular concern for everyone. Decisions have been difficult to make and are impacted by global shortages. The protection of all health care is our highest priority. This at times must be balanced with supply issues. The reality is that unless conservation efforts are made now, our current supply of procedural masks and other PPE supplies will not last. After careful consideration and review of evidence from Ontario Health, our Hospital is implementing a procedural mask conservation plan. More information will be provided via memo.

Our Hospital now provides and launders a supply of scrubs to Emergency Department staff. Distribution of scrubs may be expanded as the COVID-19 situation evolves. Questions regarding Hospital-supplied scrubs should be directed to your supervisor.

Members of the Hospital and Foundation communications teams will be working diligently to record the various activity happening at our Hospital related to the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be taking photo and video recordings of substantial changes to our physical environments and conducting interviews with staff to capture your accounts of how our Hospital is responding to the pandemic. Content from this project may be shared in real-time as we move through this event, and also summarized post-pandemic for evaluation and celebration. More information will be provided to all managers.

It is very important for all staff to stay informed with current information. We know it is confusing as information about the COVID-19 pandemic continues to come from countless sources at a rapid pace. When it comes to your role in our Hospital's COVID-19 response, please refer only to directions and decisions issued by our Incident Management Team. Staff are also encouraged to view the Daily Situation Report videos at <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information>. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to staying informed.

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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 to be added to the all staff group email distribution list.

Managers are reminded to print and post COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports for staff access.

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