

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

There are currently three COVID-19 positive patients receiving care in our Hospital. Two are newly confirmed cases (as of yesterday, Tuesday, April 7) and one is a previously confirmed case now admitted. Our Hospital is also providing care to several presumptive cases. Occupancy at our Hospital remains under 60%, which ensures space is available should there be an influx of COVID-19 infected patients.

The designated COVID-19 Care Unit is being prepared. Staff and professional staff who are assigned to the unit are engaged and providing valuable input to shape preparation decisions and activity. The level of professionalism demonstrated under these circumstances cannot be overstated. Discussions with the staff highlight their extraordinary commitment, compassion and bravery. Our community is in good hands.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) remains a priority. Information resources were distributed yesterday to support PPE use and conservation. These should have been provided sooner for a smooth implementation of a conservation strategy. Sometimes, in an effort to quickly respond to the evolving situation, plans aren't thorough and steps are missed. The last thing we want to do is cause frustration or confusion, but that is what happened, and we apologize. We are committed to improving, and value the input that helps to get it right.

Despite frustrations, staff and professional staff demonstrate every day understanding, commitment and kindness. Thank you for your patience.

PPE conservation efforts are working. Our supply situation is improved because of a reduction in the daily volume of PPE items used. A helpful procedural mask donning and doffing video featuring our Interprofessional Educators, is available at <https://youtu.be/yMiGto8lq5Y>.

The community's response to our call for donations of PPE and other equipment is very encouraging. We are overwhelmed by the positive response. Every effort is made to respond in a timely manner to all offers of donations as well as leads on possible PPE purchases. As always, health and safety is our priority. All offers are investigated to ensure they meet the standards required for use in our Hospital.

Thank you to all for setting a positive example by practicing physical distancing within our Hospital. Although it can be a challenge in some areas, please continue your efforts in common areas, hallways, stairs, etc.

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday (Tuesday, April 7) 399 tests have been performed at our Assessment Centre and in our Hospital.

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Your health and safety is our utmost priority. To further minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure, staff movement between our Hospital and other employers will be limited. Employees with multi-employers will be required to select a primary employer. This decision protects staff while being mindful of organizational needs and the impact this decision will have on the workforce. Please refer to today's memo for additional details.

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>

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/>