

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Thursday, March 26, 2020

The following reflects current Hospital entrance hours.

- West main entrance: accessible to all between 06:00 and 20:00. Closed after 20:00;
- East cafeteria entrance: accessible to staff, contractors and Forensic in-patients between 06:00 and 20:00. Closed after 20:00.
- Emergency Department (ED) entrance: accessible from 06:00 to 20:00 to ED patients and care partners. Accessible after 20:00 to 06:00 to all staff and all patients and care partners;
- Labour & Delivery (L&D) entrance: accessible 24 hours to all staff, L&D patients and care partners, and Laboratory deliveries.
- MRI door: accessible to all staff with online screening tool between 06:30 – 09:00, 14:30 – 16:30 and 18:30 – 23:30.

COVID-19 testing update: As of yesterday, Wednesday, March 25, 221 people have been assessed, with 194 of them tested. This includes tests collected in the COVID-19 Assessment Centre as well as in the Hospital.

Due to issues with access to the internet, mobile access to email has been disrupted. Resolving the issue is a priority of the Information Technology team. Turning your mobile device off and on may enable updates and reconnection.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a priority of our Hospital. Emphasis is on following medical guidelines to protect health care providers and maintain supplies that will be required to treat patients with COVID-19. Our Hospital is sourcing additional supplies of N95 masks and other options to protect staff, and has engaged union leaders on this matter. Watch Dr. Greg Gamble, medical lead for infection control at our Hospital, answer PPE questions at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>

Detailed pathways specific to the care of patients with COVID-19 have been and continue to be developed. Pathways outline processes to protect patients, staff and professional staff, and to minimize serious illness and death.

It is necessary to create space in our Hospital to prepare for a possible COVID-19 outbreak. Medically stable patients from our Hospital are being transferred to other appropriate locations where safe, quality care can be provided. This activity is possible due to collaboration with partners, including St. Joseph's Care Group. Criteria and processes for transferring patients are complex and prioritize patient safety.

Screening booths, constructed by skilled staff members, are expected to be in place at all active Hospital entrances on Friday. Additional screening staff will be added to regulate further care partner restrictions to take effect beginning tomorrow.

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More details regarding further care partner restrictions, including implementation activity, will be provided in a separate memo.

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/>