

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute staff and professional staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, Incident Manager

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020

RE: **Updated Screening Protocols for Staff**

Your health and safety is our utmost priority. That is why COVID-19 screening is in place at Hospital entrances. Please note that the screening algorithm has been updated as per the new medical directive for testing requirements.

Effective tomorrow (Saturday, April 18), staff will be asked the following questions before entrance to the Hospital is permitted:

1. Are you experiencing **ONE** of the following symptoms: Fever, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat, runny nose, chills, or gastrointestinal symptoms (eg. nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea)
2. Have you traveled outside of Northwestern Ontario (Manitoba border to White River) in the last 14 days?
3. Have you had close contact **without PPE** with anyone with a confirmed or probable (being tested at present) case of COVID-19?
4. In the last 14 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a lab test or are you waiting for results of a lab test for COVID-19?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions, you will be instructed to go home, self-isolate, contact your Staffing Department (if applicable), your Department/Manager AND Occupational Health & Safety.

In order to prevent potential staffing shortages, all staff and professional staff should consider your symptoms BEFORE leaving home and contact your staffing department or your Department/Manager right away so alternate staffing can be arranged.

The Staffing Department (if applicable) can be reached at 684-6150. For Occupational Health and Safety, please call 684-6212 and leave a message.

These changes will be implemented at the screening stations and on the Self-Screening app. The designated screening entrances remain the same.

This new screening protocol is in place for the health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community.

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For additional information about screening, please contact your Manager and Occupational Health and Safety at 684-6240.

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

For more information about COVID-19, please contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 1-888-294-6630 or www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus.

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