

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**Friday, May 29, 2020**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:30 am

Tests performed yesterday (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Tests Performed total (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Patients in COVID-19 Care Unit	Hospital Occupancy
103	4404	37	1	0	6	82.1%

There was a delivery yesterday of a small supply of COVID-19 testing kits for in-house testing. Due to limited supply, in-house test kits continue to be for use in high priority cases only, such as pre-operative patients, until a sustainable supply is received. We are grateful for all efforts to adhere to Priority In-House COVID-19 Testing directions.

For the health and safety of all, patients are strongly urged to wear masks when coming to our Hospital. A request to the community has been issued for donated home-made masks for patients who are unable to acquire their own. If/when a supply of donated masks is available, a distribution process will be developed and communicated.

We are also seeking donations of gowns or equivalent due to a global shortage. While robust efforts to procure gowns continue, there may be businesses and organizations in our community who are able to donate some for immediate use. To support conservation of supplies, please do not wear a gown when not in contact with a patient. The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee has been engaged for their ideas to conserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and we will be discussing further strategies with our Union Partners next week. All efforts to preserve PPE supplies are highly appreciated.

Last night, the Ministry of Health (MOH) issued a memo regarding pandemic pay, including the anticipated timeline for communication of funding commitments required to implement this pay in June. While the government also updated its pandemic pay website with additional details on eligible auxiliary employees, the memo from MOH advised that the government is not expanding the application of pandemic pay beyond those employees that were already deemed to be eligible. We value the unprecedented efforts and extraordinary professionalism put forth by all Hospital employees during these trying times. While we applaud the pandemic pay initiative, we echo the sentiment of the Ontario Hospital Association and are extremely disappointed in the government's decision not to extend it to all health care workers. To view the MOH memo, visit <https://www.oha.com/Bulletins/Pandemic%20Pay%20Eligibility%20-%20May%2027.pdf>. To view the website, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-temporary-pandemic-pay#section-4>.

All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

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Please forward any questions/concerns to your supervisor.

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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>

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