

# COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



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**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

COVID-19 Status as of 11:00 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
102	2404	20	1	1	7	70.6%

Caring for residents and tenants who reside in the community's Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Homes (RH) is one of the most noble things we can do during these difficult times. Our Hospital is partnered to support our local LTC homes and local Retirement homes if needed. We are seeking to create a roster of staff that would be willing to assist in retirement homes and LTC home settings in the community. If you have a desire to help those most in need, a passion for caring for seniors, and the ability to be called upon if needed, please seriously consider putting your name forward. Interested individuals should submit their interest to the Human Resources Department via email at [humanresources@tbh.net](mailto:humanresources@tbh.net)

It has been eight weeks since the Incident Management System was initiated in response to COVID-19. The ongoing dedication of staff and professional staff is extraordinary and appreciated. Team members across our Hospital contribute in varying ways to care for patients and each other. We recognize that these past weeks have been stressful for many staff, as new circumstances are encountered and processes change frequently. Please be reminded that staff resources are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>

The past two months have also been difficult for many patients waiting for surgery or other procedures. While our Hospital provides urgent priority surgeries and interventional examinations, unfortunately, many patients continue to wait at home, some with worsening conditions. We have to be cautious in moving forward with services so that we don't compromise staffing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), drug supply levels, or hospital capacity. Constant monitoring ensures that the urgent needs of patients are balanced with the need for resources should there be an influx of COVID-19 infected patients. Many people must continue to wait for elective and other non-urgent care until it is safe and responsible to resume such activity. That is one of the difficult realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, and our sympathy is with those who are impacted. While patients wait for procedures, they are contacted by our Hospital regularly for symptom monitoring. The urgency status of some patients has changed since services at our Hospital have been paused.

The Ministry of Health is working with Ontario Health to provide guidance to the health system, based on recommendations from the agency's Surgical and Procedural Planning Committee, that will enable an equitable, measured, and responsive approach for expanding elective/scheduled surgeries. The guidance will include pre-conditions and considerations relating to bed capacity,

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health human resources, and Clinical Supplies and Equipment including personal protective equipment. This approach will ensure a safe resumption of surgeries while maintaining surge capacity in the health system, including local capacity to provide health human resources and IPAC supports to long-term care homes and other congregate settings.

Our Hospital occupancy remains below usual operating levels of approximately 110%. During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, occupancy has generally been between 60% and 70%. In recent days, occupancy has climbed above 70%. The downsizing of the COVID-19 Care Unit, completed today, creates more space to care for patients who are not COVID-19 positive or presumptive. Should the need arise, re-expanding the COVID-19 Care Unit can be completed within a day.

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

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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