

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 3:50 pm

| 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 |
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| 338 | 5314 | 56 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 78.8% |

Our Hospital has one new confirmed case of COVID-19. Please note that this case is not associated with the recent incident of possible exposure related to a physician who tested positive for COVID-19.

Our Hospital continues to review and respond to the incident with the full cooperation of the physician involved and in collaboration with Public Health and Infection Prevention & Control professionals.

In discussions today, Dr. Vanessa Allan, Chief of Medical Microbiology for Public Health Ontario, advised that once a COVID-19 test has been deemed positive, it should always be considered positive. Despite any subsequent tests that produce negative results.

The investigation by Public Health and Infection Prevention & Control experts determined that the physician had already recovered from any potential COVID-19 infection by May 18th, before beginning the rotation at our Hospital.

Although the risk is known to be low, it is important and appropriate to take every precaution in order to limit any potential spread of infection. As per the advice of Dr. Allan, our Hospital will continue to operate with an abundance of caution and consider the test result to be positive.

Swabs have been performed on over 150 staff who had potential contact. A small number of those tests have been returned, all with negative results. It is anticipated that more results will be provided tonight and/or tomorrow. Test results will inform decisions regarding our approach to resuming non-essential and elective services, as was originally planned for Monday, June 1.

Non-contact asymptomatic testing of health care workers is being performed as part of the Ontario Health recommendation to offer testing to all health care workers. Approximately 550 COVID-19 surveillance swabs have been performed by the COVID-19 Assessment Centre at our Hospital over the course of the past two days, with more testing today. Any staff member may be tested and all are encouraged to participate. If you are interested, please contact your supervisor to sign up for a test. You must provide your Health Card Number the day before your test. Testing via the

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Roving Cart Team will continue through to Friday. Anyone who prefers to be tested at the Assessment Centre is welcome to contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit make an appointment.

Congratulations are extended to the Occupation Health & Safety and our Assessment Centre (AC) team for swiftly organizing and implementing the Roving Cart testing. The ability for staff to be tested on site was a priority and the Incident Management Team is grateful to the AC and OH&S teams and all participating staff.

We understand that this incident has resulted in increased fear and anxiety among staff and professional staff. Psychological First Aid is available through the CARE team, which was created to assist you during difficult times like this. Staff and Professional staff can contact CARE@tbh.net to find out more, ask questions, and choose which of our psychosocial team members they would like to connect with for a confidential conversation to not only provide support in this moment but also enhance their natural resiliency and connect with additional resources. All questions and curiosity welcome.

In addition to the CARE team, there is a variety of mental health, psychology and counseling services available from qualified people outside of our organization. To learn more and view the list of resources available, please visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/> and encourage your teams to do the same.

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.

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