

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
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Thursday, June 4, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 1:00 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 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 191 | 5505 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 80.4% |

Thank you all for an extraordinary response to the recent incident of possible exposure. Our Hospital team acted swiftly, professionally and with compassion. The coordinated response demonstrates a readiness to react appropriately to changing circumstances, which is a necessary reality of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the need to quickly take action and implement change, the focus remained on the health and safety of patients, staff and professional staff.

The following clarifies yesterday's report of the physician's test result. The original swab, performed at our Hospital, resulted positive. A second analysis of the original swab was sent to Public Health lab in Toronto and resulted as negative. This is not an unusual occurrence when the first result is weakly positive, as in this case. As per the Chief of Medical Microbiology for Public Health Ontario, once a COVID-19 test has been deemed positive, it should always be considered positive, regardless of subsequent test results. This does not mean that the person is always considered to be positive; it refers to the how the initial result is reported and acted upon. It does mean that our Hospital's response to the initial, positive test result is appropriate

More COVID-19 tests results related to this occurrence have been received. All 26 patients who had contact with the physician have tested negative and will be tested again at 14 days from the date of possible exposure. An additional eight patients were tested out of precaution, and all tests have been returned negative. Tests are outstanding for four patients who had been discharged.

Staff who had contact were also tested. So far, of the 93 tests that have been returned, all are negative. Approximately 40 tests remain outstanding.

Surveillance testing of asymptomatic staff continues, and provides valuable data regarding health care workers. 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.

The Public Health lab in Thunder Bay is now operational, which significantly increases our capacity to receive COVID-19 test results in a timely manner. The local Public Health lab will have the capacity to run approximately 300 tests per day by the end of next week, in support of the region. Results will be provided within 6 – 24 hours. We are grateful to our health care system and political leaders who supported and advocated for this development. Our ability to receive more rapid

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results of tests enables clinical decisions to be made based on a patient's current status, and also helps to preserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, our Hospital's laboratory has also increased capacity and now will be able to perform 160 tests per week, with results processed within approximately one hour. Congratulations are extended to the Hospital's Microbiology team regarding their significant efforts to achieve this milestone.

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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