

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

To: All Hospital Staff and Professional Staff  
From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, Incident Manager  
Date: June 19, 2020  
RE: Further increase of non-essential surgical and procedural activity

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On Tuesday, June 9, our Hospital began to increase non-essential surgical and procedural activity, including elective surgeries. Thank you to all staff and professional for your remarkable commitment to restore care for patients waiting in the community. Your contributions to plan, prepare and deliver surgical/procedural services are highly appreciated and enabled a 25% increase in activity.

Since the reintroduction of services, our Hospital maintains compliance with requirements and continues to meet all eight criteria established by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. As a result, we are prepared to **further increase service capacity for Phase 1 services by an additional 25%**, beginning Monday, June 22.

All impacted areas have departmental plans, with respective timelines, to further ramp up surgical/procedural capacity as they are able.

As before, services will increase in a careful and incremental manner. Continued monitoring of Hospital capacity, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies and staffing ensures preparedness to meet needs should there be an influx of COVID-19 patients.

Further service increases will be planned as part of COVID-19 Recovery. In the coming weeks, the Incident Management Team will determine the next increase with the ultimate goal of resuming activity at 100% and higher to meet the needs of the community. Recovery decisions are guided by principles of fairness, equity and transparency.

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