

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

Friday, August 14, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 1:30 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	Hospital Occupancy
192	17,157	3	0	0	87.4%

Our Hospital currently has no admitted positive COVID-19 cases.

Physical distancing is a key component to preventing the spread of COVID-19. To ensure that physical distancing is adhered to as much as possible, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and Capital Planning have created Physical Distancing Guidelines for our Hospital. Directors have been meeting with Capital Planning to review space and renovation submissions. Please be patient as they work through needs on a priority basis, as it will take some time to address all areas. More information is available in yesterday's memo.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, access to the Hospital continues to be limited. As such, staff entering the building outside of their scheduled shifts is only permitted for legitimate and approved reasons. Use of your staff ID badge to gain access to designated staff entrances for purposes other than attending work for your scheduled shifts is not permitted. Staff who are accessing the Hospital for reasons outside of work (such as a designated Essential Care Partner (ECP) or Care Partner (CP) for a patient of our Hospital, and/or staff who are attending the Hospital for their own medical reasons) must go through active screening (West Entrance, Emergency Department or Labour & Delivery, as applicable) to be granted entry to the Hospital. More information is available in yesterday's memo.

Please be reminded that when attending scheduled shifts or approved meetings at the Hospital, all staff must self-screen prior to entry through a designated staff entrance.

Although it is strongly encouraged that all staff and professional staff stay in the region and avoid travel unless absolutely necessary, effective Monday, August 17, those that do travel outside of Northwestern Ontario will no longer require a COVID-19 swab upon return to work, with the exception of those that have worked or attended a hospital that was in outbreak or are experiencing symptoms. More information is available in today's memo.

The guidelines and limitations put in place by our Hospital are for the health and safety of all. Even with a low prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, we must continue with public health and infection prevention and control practices at all workplaces and in the community,

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such as wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance and practicing hand hygiene frequently.

Thank you to all staff and professional staff for your continued commitment to safe, quality health care.

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.

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>

COVID-19 Daily Situation Report videos: <http://tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information>

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