

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Steward Kennedy, COVID-19 Incident Manager

Date: August 13, 2020

RE: **Access to Hospital Outside of Scheduled Shifts**

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients, Care Partners, and the community is our utmost priority. 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.

Staff acting as an ECP or CP must adhere to the ECP and CP guidelines that are currently in place. Staff who are not a designated ECP/CP are not permitted to visit patients at the Hospital.

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.

The guidelines and limitations are in place 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 such as wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance and practicing hand hygiene frequently.

Reported violations will be investigated and staff may be subject to discipline if it is found that there has been an abuse of access privileges.

Thank you for your continued commitment to health and safety.

For more information, please contact your manager.

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