

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Friday, August 28, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 11:10 am

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
187	19647	8	0	0	88.3%

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

Have you been away and need to get caught up on what's new in our Hospital's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic? A new COVID-19 Quick Links page is now available to view the most recent and pertinent updates and information regarding our Hospital's pandemic response: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/quick-links/>.

A phased approach for the return of volunteers at our Hospital is currently underway. Way-Finding volunteers were welcomed back as Stage One of the approved process and have been a great support and assistance to our screening staff at the Hospital's main entrance.

On Monday August 31st, volunteers within Stage Two of the return process will be welcomed back on-site from the following areas:

- The Patient Clothing Cupboard,
- Ambulatory Care (Bundles),
- Endoscopy/Surgical Day Care Chart.
- Pre-Admission,
- Office Support Volunteers.

IMT has also approved the return of volunteers to the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) beginning on Wednesday September 9th. HELP volunteers play a vital part in the prevention of hospital acquired delirium and help to facilitate interventions such as activities, meal assistance, range of motion, and orientation to patients 65 years and older.

Volunteer Services will continue working with department managers and IMT to safely plan for the resumption of additional volunteer areas. More details will be provided via memo.

It is recognized that clinical research is an integral part of our mandate as an academic health sciences centre. Our goal is to allow clinical research activity to increase where feasible within the current limitations due to COVID-19 and the Hospital's recovery plan. We are pleased to announce that IMT has reviewed and approved a proposal for phased resumption

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of clinical research which includes the return of essential research assistants and research students/trainees.

Please note, it is likely that given current visitor restrictions, demands on programs and services as they resume and address patient backlogs, and the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, that not all research activity in the Hospital and Research Institute will be able to resume. Final authorization to resume a research project will continue as per pre COVID-19 processes, at the discretion of the dyad/Director/Manager. More details, including guidance, forms, and instructions will be provided to all stakeholders in the coming weeks. Given the anticipated volume of requests, your patience is appreciated as we roll out the processes.

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/>