

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

Friday, October 16, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 10:20 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
2	0	0	90.3%

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

It is disheartening to share that a health care worker at our Hospital has tested positive for COVID-19. One can only imagine how it feels to receive a positive result, and our thoughts are with our colleague. The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients, care partners and the community is our top priority. Our commitment includes sharing information as transparently as possible, while adhering to privacy regulations.

The case is travel-related and the person is considered to be extremely low risk of transmission. Contact tracing is underway, and anyone who may have been in close contact has been or will soon be contacted by Occupational Health & Safety. Because the risk of transmission is considered to be low, any contacts are required to self-monitor for symptoms only.

Understandably, this development may be upsetting to some. If you are interested in accessing support resources, please visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>

Thank you for your commitment to reducing the spread of infection. Your diligence in hand hygiene, wearing a mask and other PPE, and maintaining physical distance of 2 meters when possible contributes to the protection of all.

It remains mandatory for all staff and professional staff to wear a mask at all times, except when alone in an office or work space that provides appropriate physical distancing. Use of PPE for direct patient care remains the same as per previous protocols. When providing direct patient care within 2 meters, a procedure mask and goggles are to be worn. Otherwise, a cloth mask is appropriate.

As the second wave of the pandemic continues, hospitals across the province were directed by Ontario Health to identify space that could be used to address immediate capacity needs to respond to potential future waves of COVID-19 and seasonal influenza surges. Our Hospital was required to source a space to accommodate 30 beds in the unlikely event of an extreme surge capacity. Our Hospital continues to explore permanent solutions that would meet the long-term needs of transitional care patients.

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All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

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/>