

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Monday, October 5, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 1:00 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
163	27079	8	0	0	96%

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

Today, our Hospitals opens a COVID-19 Assessment Centre site at Confederation College available to symptomatic students, parents or siblings, teachers, and other school personnel such as bus drivers. In accordance with revised Ministry of Health direction, appointments must be scheduled in advance. Appointments for student and school-related COVID-19 testing can be made at www.tbrhsc.net or by calling 807-935-8100. Please see today's memo for more details.

The health and safety of patients, Essential Care Partners, Care Partners and all members of the Hospital community remains our utmost priority. Due to increasing rates of COVID-19 in Ontario, it is necessary to ensure appropriate measures are taken to protect all from the second wave of the pandemic.

Our Hospital's response at the beginning of the pandemic was swift and effective. The extraordinary dedication and sacrifices of staff and professional staff minimized the spread of COVID-19 across Northwest Ontario. The community needs our collective strength again.

The Incident Management Team (IMT) met yesterday to plan and prioritize activity to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 second wave. Every action and precaution is necessary to keep you safe, prevent the spread of infection, and preserve the supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The following is a summary of decisions made.

Travel restrictions are in effect as of Tuesday, October 6. Travel outside of Northern Ontario within the past seven days will result in a failed entrance screen. This applies to staff, professional staff, patients with non-urgent health care needs, Essential Care Partners (ECP), Care Partners (CP), learners, volunteers, contractors and others wishing to enter the Hospital. Staff who fail screening must contact their manager and Occupational Health & Safety, or Medical Affairs for professional staff, to determine options and next steps. Further details will be provided via memo.

At this time, there is **no change in current status** (other than travel restrictions) of the following. The IMT will determine the triggers to implement enhanced restrictions or process changes.

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Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à l'**université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération.**

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- ECP and CP access
- Activity regarding research, learners and volunteers
- Staff work locations/working remotely
- Patient and ECP/CP movement throughout Hospital
- Staff working or volunteering at multiple locations
- Protected Codes
- Parking fees

Our advantage in the second wave is new knowledge. This is applied to carefully balance necessary restrictions and addressing the needs of our community. Clinical services and procedures will continue, with direction provided by the Ministry of Health. Virtual care proved to be an effective alternative to in-person visits, and should be employed whenever appropriate.

There may be a need to open a dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit again. Details will be confirmed.

We gained expertise and acquired resources in the first wave. Many of the measures implemented over the course of the last six months support this next phase of our COVID-19 response. Please continue to screen prior to coming to work, practice hand hygiene with diligence, and wear appropriate PPE. Your ongoing dedication will see us through.

Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, recently said, “Now it’s time to match, or better still, double-down on our tireless efforts to bend and plank this latest curve.”

Please take a moment to reflect on your journey so far. There has barely been a moment for health care workers to pause and take a breath since the pandemic first hit, and now more sacrifices may be required. Your personal health matters, and resources are available to you. Please visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/> for more information.

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>

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