

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Monday, November 16, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 11:30 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
6	0	0	86.3%

As of today, there are 41 active cases of COVID-19 in our community. The rise of positive cases in our community requires specific responses by our Hospital. Although there are currently no COVID-19 positive patients admitted to our Hospital, we must expect and prepare for this to change. Every reasonable action must be taken to ensure our essential acute care services continue to be safely available to those who need them.

As the only acute care Hospital in our community, we are more vulnerable than other Ontario hospitals and must be both proactive and rigorous in our efforts to reduce the risk. The Incident Management Team (IMT) is actively reviewing and discussing several measures to enhance the protection of everyone at our Hospital. Updates will be provided as decisions are confirmed.

Staff safety is a priority. We must reduce the risk of spread of infection in break rooms and other common areas. Research indicates the COVID-19 virus is most commonly spread among health care workers in such areas. When in break rooms, the cafeteria, and other social spaces, please maintain physical distance of 2 meters, keep furniture in place, and do not add tables or chairs.

For immediate action, please schedule virtual meetings whenever possible, rather than conduct them in person. This includes rescheduling in-person meetings already planned. When an in-person meeting is absolutely necessary, masks must be worn by all participants, even when physical distancing of 2 meters is possible. Please ensure that occupancy of meeting spaces, such as the Auditorium and other meeting rooms is no more than 1/3 of the room capacity, up to a maximum of 50 people.

The current COVID-19 situation in our community serves as a reminder that spread can occur quickly and without discrimination. Thank you for your commitment and adherence to public health guidelines. The use of masks, maintaining physical distance when possible, and practicing hand hygiene are the best defense against the spread of COVID-19. Your diligence, both inside and outside our Hospital, is appreciated.

Urgent care at our Hospital will always be available to those who need it, and it is safe to attend our Emergency Department to access that care. In order to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, those who do not require immediate, urgent care are encouraged to consider other care options, which can be found at www.211north.ca or by calling 211.

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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/>