

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

Monday, November 2, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 10:20 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
8	0	0	87.2

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

As the pandemic drags on, we recognize that everyone may be feeling frustrated and fatigued. You have all done a tremendous job of keeping COVID-19 out of our Hospital, but we are not out of the woods just yet. We are reminded of our vulnerability with a recent uptick in positive cases here in Thunder Bay, while the daily cases in Ontario continues to rise between 800-1050. Four hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area are in outbreak and have had to shift patients, cancel surgeries and send staff home. We do not have the luxury to do any of these things due to our geography and our limited health human resources. This is why our continued diligence is so important and why we must keep our pandemic processes and restrictions in place. Thank you for remaining committed to the health and safety of all. Your efforts and sacrifices are noticed and appreciated.

Most COVID-19 cases in Thunder Bay have been attributed to travel. Thunder Bay District Health Unit recommends avoiding all non-essential travel outside of Northern Ontario. Our Hospital also strongly recommends that staff only travel for essential purposes. As a result, we have implemented a number of requirements to ensure that we maintain a safe workplace for our staff, patients and families. More information was shared via memo on Friday, October 30th and can be found on the Intranet.

The health and safety of all is the priority that informs decisions. Unfortunately, this reality means that students will not be permitted to participate in on-site Take Our Kids to Work Day activities on November 4. This annual event is valued as an opportunity ignite interest in the vast career opportunities in health care and to engage with our youth. We look forward to planning an alternative event and participating again in the future. For information about virtual programming for that has been made available, please follow this link:

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work>

Every process or restriction we have in place is intended to protect staff, professional staff, patients, Care Partners and the community against the spread of COVID-19. The collective commitment of all involved has helped maintain our Hospital as a safe environment. Thanks to the dedication of each of you, anyone who requires health care should feel safe and comfortable accessing it at our Hospital.

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There have been some changes to the Incident Management Team. Effective Monday October 19th, Amanda Bjorn has transitioned into the role of Planning Section Head. John Ross will remain active in the Planning Section as lead of the Situation Unit/IPAC Branch. Jessica Logozzo has transitioned into the role of Liaison Officer. There have also been adjustments and re-organization to branches within the Operations and Planning Sections and the Logistics Section has seen some minor adjustments. The Scribe role will be transitioned from Lindsey Wycho-pin to Amanda Walberg, and Lindsey will continue in her role as Executive Assistant to Dr. Kennedy. These changes reflect ongoing incident needs and demands and will help ensure that our Hospital continues to respond as efficiently as possible.

The backlog of COVID-19 tests throughout the province has since been cleared. The additional Assessment Centre at Confederation College has made a significant impact with education-related tests. With increased capacity due to provincial COVID-19 testing requirements, the centre at the College will soon shift into testing long-term care visitors and international travelers in the afternoons. This allows us to separate asymptomatic patients from those who are experiencing symptoms, increasing safety.

To best suit the needs of our community, we have updated our online booking options for those requiring COVID-19 testing, allowing users to specify whether they are booking for the Assessment Centre, Student and School Related Testing, In-Home Testing, or Asymptomatic Testing (recommended for Long-Term Care visitors). A triage system based remains in place to guide prioritization. Those who are experiencing symptoms can still call the Assessment Centre for same day booking if deemed necessary.

Test results are available online through Ontario Health at <https://covid19results.ehealthontario.ca:4443/agree>. Those who are unable to get results online (e.g., those who have no Ontario Health Card number) you can request a call with our Assessment Centre staff to discuss results.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our patients and their families throughout these difficult times. A reminder that your personal health matters, so please take care of yourselves and make use of the wellness resources that are available on the intranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>.

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>

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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/>

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