

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Monday, November 23, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 9:20 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
9	3	2	82.4%

There are currently three people infected with COVID-19 admitted to our Hospital. There are 78 active COVID-19 cases in the area served by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

In response to the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, our Hospital will reintroduce remote work beginning this week. The priority is staff who share space to enable physical distancing in office spaces. At this time, those with private offices will remain on site. Remote work generally does not include leaders (Coordinators, Supervisors, Managers, Directors), whose presence on site enables them to provide support and participate in extra activities in response to the changing environment. Remote work agreements and safety checklists must be completed by staff and supervisors to ensure remote work occurs safely and effectively.

Effective Wednesday, November 25, our Hospital will enhance travel restrictions. As of Wednesday, **non-essential travel outside of Northwestern Ontario in the past seven days will result in a failed entrance screening.** Northwestern Ontario is considered to be the area from White River to the Manitoba Border. Please refer to the attached map of Northwestern Ontario. Travel restrictions also apply to patients who require non-urgent care, volunteers, learners, Care Partners and Essential Care Partners. The screening question regarding travel outside of Northern Ontario will be updated. This is not a public health directive at this time. If you have questions regarding travel restrictions, please contact your manager, and Occupational Health and Safety at 684-6212 or ohs@tbh.net.

Enhanced travel restrictions can be difficult, especially with the holidays approaching and for those who are separated from friends and family. However, we must be extra vigilant for the protection of all, including the most vulnerable patients in our care. Your continued dedication to our COVID-19 pandemic response is highly appreciated.

As per the memo issued last week, all staff and professional staff must wear level 2 or higher procedure masks in patient care areas of our Hospital at all times. A patient care area is defined as an area where a patient receives care and/or services, including registration areas of the hospital, and transferring of patients. Cloth masks are appropriate for use in common areas, such as hallways and break rooms, as long as these areas are outside of patient care areas. A cloth mask may also be worn when entering the Hospital, and must be switched for a procedure mask

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when entering any patient care area. Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping each other and our patients safe.

The Thunder Bay District is in COVID-19 Alert Level Yellow: Protect. Following public health guidelines is the best defense against the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your dedication to wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance when possible, practicing hand hygiene, and limiting social activities to your own households.

Health care workers are our most precious resource, and we must collectively take every reasonable precaution to keep each other safe and well. Your emotional and mental health is also a priority. Please visit the iNtranet to learn more about the support resources available to you.

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/>