

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Monday, November 9, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 10:20 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
7	0	0	87.9%

While there are currently no admitted positive COVID-19 cases in our Hospital, there has been a significant increase in positive cases in our community. It is understandable that the sudden rise may heighten anxieties for some people. Please make your personal health a priority. Wellness resources to support you are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>.

The current COVID-19 cases are travel-related and close contacts. Many parts of the province and country are experiencing very high rates of positive COVID-19. Every community member is encouraged to travel only if essential. Those who must travel are urged to self-isolate for 7 days upon return for the protection of all.

Our Incident Management Team is able to implement guidelines and processes at our Hospital, and we often engage with other organizations to encourage similar measures. Infection prevention measures are our best defence against COVID-19, and help to keep our Hospital safe. Although entrance screening, mandatory masks, care partner restrictions, and travel limitations are sometimes difficult, these practices are in place for the protection of all.

With positive COVID-19 cases on the rise in Ontario and Canada, the Incident Management Team may have to implement further restrictions. Constant monitoring of the situation and medical evidence guide discussions and decisions. The current status does not impact our activity regarding procedures or surgery; we continue to provide these services at enhanced levels in order to meet the needs of the community and to address back-logs. However, a patient who has a non-urgent appointment and who has traveled outside of Northern Ontario may be denied access to the Hospital.

The increase in COVID-19 cases may result in more demand for COVID-19 tests. Community members are reminded that same-day appointments for COVID-19 swabs can be made online at www.tbrhsc.net or by calling 807-935-8100.

Our Hospital is well prepared for an influx of patients. Provincial funding was recently announced for an additional 30 beds to be used should there be an occupancy surge in the coming months. Each year, the flu increases the need for patient beds at our Hospital. That, combined with the threat of COVID-19, makes the additional 30 beds a very welcome investment by the province

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because it allows us to prepare for a worst-case scenario. The beds are distributed in areas throughout the Hospital, which allows flexibility to meet patient needs. Adding the additional 30 beds on site is the safest and most effective option.

We are extremely proud of our Hospital's and community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ongoing diligence of our community will ensure our region maintains its COVID-19 Green status (prevent). Thank you for your dedication and understanding. We are in this together.

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/>