

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



December 22, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 10:40 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy	Active COVID-19 cases in the TBDHU district	Our Hospital's Internal Response Level
6	0	0	72.4%	98	Control

Today, Northwestern Ontario's first COVID-19 vaccines were administered at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. The first person to receive the vaccine was Sean Bolton, a dedicated Personal Support Worker at Hogarth Riverview Manor. This is a historic milestone and a turning point in the COVID-19 pandemic. The extraordinary contributions of all staff – both on the front lines and behind the scenes – as well as our health system partners, scientists and political leaders, brought us to this moment. Thank you all for your sacrifices, expertise, and commitment.

In addition to administering vaccines for direct patient care staff working in Long Term Care, our Hospital will play an important role in preparing for the next phase, which means ensuring those who will deliver the next vaccine to remote communities are themselves vaccinated when the time comes. Planning for the next phase is still underway as the process and logistics are complex. We will share more information as it becomes available

As the provincial number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is imposing a Province-wide Shutdown, effective Sunday, December 26.

The Shutdown has minimal impact at our Hospital. We remain committed to providing to our patients the care they need, and as such, all diagnostics, procedures, and surgeries will continue as scheduled. Our processes will not change at this time. For example, Essential Care Partner restrictions remain the same as current status, and staff who work at more than one location may continue to do so. However, Season's Gift Shop will close in accordance with the provincial Shutdown.

As we celebrate the holidays, our continued diligence with public health measures is imperative. This includes limiting your social circles, ensuring physical distancing, wearing a mask, and frequent hand washing. Have a safe and merry Christmas!

All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

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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/>

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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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