

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



Friday, December 4, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 1:30 pm:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy
6	5	1	86.1%

Today, the Government of Ontario declared that, effective Monday, December 7, our community will move into the “Orange – Restrict” level of the [provincial COVID-19 Response Framework](#). The change has no impact to Hospital operations and activity, but does signal that a stronger community commitment is needed to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

At the same time, we recognize that there is a degree of pandemic fatigue. It is understandable to grieve the loss of the “normal” you once knew, and to feel frustration over constant changes and growing expectations. However, now more than ever, we must remain vigilant to protect ourselves and others.

Will we open the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit? Many have asked this question recently. The Incident Management Team (IMT) discusses and monitors the situation daily. The decision to open the Unit depends on several factors, including the number of COVID-19 positive cases admitted to our Hospital, as well as expected admissions. IMT closely monitors cases in the community, including those in Long-Term Care, to inform the discussions. Opening the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit before it is necessary would take valuable resources from other areas and also impact our ability to provide service to patients whose surgical procedures have been delayed for many months. In the meantime, patients who are COVID-19 positive are safely and effectively cared for in isolation rooms throughout the Hospital. The Unit can be opened within 48 hours or less, if needed, and you will be informed in advance.

Timely information of new high risk community or institutional outbreaks helps to protect staff and the public from exposure risk. A new formal process to provide real-time updates to key stakeholders ensures information is disseminated appropriately and expeditiously. This supports staff to ask the most up-to-date and relevant questions needed to flag a potential at-risk patient entering the building. The new process will be operationalized by the Patient Care Branch.

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>

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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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