

# COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



**January 14, 2020**

COVID-19 Status as of 5:00 pm:

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	5	3	76.2%	83	Control

Yesterday, in response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases, the Premier declared an Emergency Order effective immediately. The Order Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown puts new measures in place limiting outdoor gatherings, increased wearing of masks in public, and restricting non-essential business hours.

Read the [media release](#).

Read the [summary of information about the measures](#).

This afternoon, the Incident Management Team (IMT) met to discuss the intent of the new Emergency Order and whether it requires any changes at our Hospital. In the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our hospital implemented and often enhanced several measures and protocols for the protection of all.

Hospital leaders are acting swiftly to investigate and gather information and input on some new Emergency Order measures to inform decisions. Further details will be provided as they are confirmed by IMT. Until or unless instructed otherwise, please continue to follow current policies and protocols.

What we know now:

**Remote Work:** Many staff are already working remotely, based on our existing Remote Work policy. Human Resources is reviewing opportunities to increase the number of people who work remotely, applying guiding principles, and leaders will be asked to review and update existing lists of employees eligible for remote work. If you believe your work can be effectively conducted from a remote location, please discuss this with your supervisor. Further information will be provided as soon as possible.

**Masks:** The mandatory use of procedure masks is one of several measures keeping people safe at our hospital. Physical barriers, such as plexiglass, as well as physical distancing practices, are also in place to reduce the risk of spread of infection. All staff and professional staff must wear Level 2 or HIGHER procedure masks in all areas of our Hospital. **New:** Please note that **the only exceptions are when alone in a private office and when consuming food or beverages in an approved break space while maintaining physical distance of 2 meters.** A review to

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identify potential improvements will be conducted in areas/situations where risk may be higher, and any updates will be provided as they are confirmed.

**Physical Distancing:** In order to minimize face-to-face interactions and movement throughout the hospital, continued and enhanced use of technology is required wherever possible. This includes use of virtual care options, Webex, email and phones to replace in-person interactions.

**Volunteers:** Currently, only essential volunteers work on site. We will continue to welcome essential volunteers who wish to serve at this time.

Visit <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-enhanced-provincewide-shutdown-en-2021-01-12-v3.pdf> for more information.

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/>