

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, President & CEO

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**RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update**

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After being chosen as a Phase 1 delivery site for the Pfizer vaccine, I am proud to report the remarkable progress and collaboration of our teams to date. The commitment of everyone involved, both directly and indirectly, is inspirational and we all look forward to seeing how the vaccine brings hope to our fight against COVID-19.

As of yesterday, we have administered almost 1100 vaccinations on site with no doses wasted.

This week we are fortunate to have received additional vaccine, and while advocating for more vaccine for our community and region, we have been assured that we will begin to receive vaccine on a more regular basis. At this time, the Ministry of Health has requested we do not share vaccine shipment information, while we do anticipate sharing vaccine availability confirmed in the near future.

As of today, Thunder Bay's COVID-19 vaccine program shifts to on-site vaccinations at Long Term Care (LTC) homes, marking the first time the Pfizer vaccine is on the move in the North. This is a collaborative effort between our hospital and Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU). Locations are determined by Thunder Bay District Health Unit in collaboration with LTC homes. The hospital's role is to deliver the vaccine to long term care homes, with LTC/ TBDHU administering the vaccine to residents, staff and essential care partners.

The aim is to complete the LTC home phase by mid-February. The province will direct the next steps to be taken after that. The full roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine in our region will take several months to complete. Click to learn more about [Ontario's vaccination program](#).

I remain hopeful that the vaccination roll out will come to our hospital in the weeks following successful Long Term Care completion, as per the provinces vaccine distribution plan.

Updates and new information are being constantly updated. We will keep you informed with updates as the situation changes. All Hospital COVID-19 updates are also available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

Please stay safe and be well. Thank you for your continued professionalism and compassion.

Rhonda