

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



February 17, 2021

COVID-19 Status as of 6:30 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	11	4	84.1%	166	Control

With gratitude to the many people who worked hard over the long weekend to make it happen, the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit was re-opened on Monday, February 15. The dedication of our team members to respond to the evolving needs of patients during this pandemic is a constant source of pride and inspiration.

Thank you for your diligence and commitment to reducing the spread of infection. A recent analysis demonstrates that most staff and professional staff are washing hands and wearing masks when entering the hospital. Hospital leaders will be present at staff entrances at various times to encourage ongoing adherence to protocols.

To date, our hospital, in collaboration with Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has administered over 4,300 COVID-19 vaccine doses. This includes approximately 2,400 first doses and nearly 2,000 second doses. Other than for a few who were unable to attend their appointments, all outstanding second doses have been provided in Thunder Bay and all were provided within the recommended time frame of 35 - 42 days.

We are excited to shift vaccine activity this week to the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Lakehead University and are thankful to those who expressed interest in working there. Our aim is to always be ready anytime vaccine supplies arrive, and we anticipate a delivery in the coming days. For more information on the vaccine rollout, prioritization and next steps, please view yesterday's CEO's Blog ([LINK](#)).

During these times of increased restrictions that affect our patients, it is integral that Care Partners/Essential Care Partners (CP/ECP) are able to continue to support them. ECPs directly impact the physical, emotional and psychological well-being and safety of patients. Our CP/ECP framework is not intended to limit decisions to meet an individual patient's needs but to provide a standard framework for reference and is available at <https://tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Guidance-Document-COVID19-ECP-and-CP.Dec-23.pdf>. Please ensure that patients who are denied an ECP are aware of the opportunity to request an appeal and support them to do so. The appeals process is available at https://tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Essential-Care-Partner-Appeal-Process_Dec2020.pdf.

The Virtual Emergency Department (ED) supports people to receive appropriate care while avoiding unnecessary visits to our ED. Congratulations to those involved for the impressive results to date. Between January 4 and 27, there was an average of just over 12 Virtual ED appointments per day. Almost 90% of users rated overall experience with Virtual ED at Very Good or Excellent, and almost 95% reported it was easy or very easy to connect with the doctor.