

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, COVID-19 Incident Manager

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RE: **Dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit to Re-open**

The health and safety of all patients, staff and professional staff is our utmost priority. A dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit ensures the most appropriate care environment when there are more COVID-19 infected patients than available isolation spaces, and protects the safety of staff and professional staff. There are currently 10 COVID-19 positive patients admitted to our hospital, including 3 in the Intensive Care Unit. Due to this current status, **the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit will re-open**. This includes 13 beds on 3A. Preparations are underway now with the aim of opening the unit as soon as possible, which will likely be tomorrow, Monday, February 15.

Patients currently on 3A will be transferred to other appropriate units, at which time patients who are confirmed or highly suspected to be infected by the COVID-19 virus will be relocated to the COVID-19 Care Unit.

In addition, overall capacity at our hospital is approximately 90%, and there is a high number of admitted patients in the Emergency Department (ED). In order to relieve pressure in the ED, the PCI Recovery unit on 2C opened today.

Thank you to the many leaders, staff and professional staff who are working to swiftly implement the transition. The dedication and professionalism of our team members continue to inspire me.

While extensive safety measures are in place to protect patients, staff and professional staff both within the COVID-19 Care Unit and outside of it, I recognize that some may experience anxiety associated with the influx of patients infected with the COVID-19 virus and these changing circumstances. Your physical and mental health is a priority and I encourage you to access the support resources available to you at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>

For more information or to discuss any concerns, please contact your Manager.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.