

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, President & CEO

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

RE: **COVID-19 Vaccination: Staff prioritization update**

Hello, everyone. My apologies for the late day note – but I wanted to let you know we are taking actions to speed up vaccinations at TBRHSC. Our goal is to **vaccinate those in the Very High Priority Group (details below) within three days.**

To facilitate this, the TBRHSC COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic will extend hours from 08:00 to midnight beginning tomorrow, Thursday, February 25. To allow for the extended hours, some TBRHSC staff will be temporarily assigned from outpatient care to the Vaccine Clinic. As well, the Ambulatory Care Clinic will be closed Thursday, February 25 at 16:00 and will reopen on Tuesday, March 2 at 08:00. Patients will be notified and rescheduled.

We will continue to administer vaccines for all groups of Health Care Workers at TBRHSC within the next few weeks, provided vaccine supplies are received as anticipated and there are no changes in direction from the Ministry or Public Health. Those identified to receive their vaccines will be contacted with scheduling details.

Very High Priority Group:

- Adult Mental Health
- Cardiovascular Catheterization Lab
- *Critical Support Services (eg. Housekeeping, Nutrition, Admitting, Utilization)
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Forensic Mental Health
- Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP)
- Hospitalists, Internal Medicine physicians, and Family Medicine physicians with admitting privileges (if not already captured in another area)
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Inpatient Units
- Lab and Phlebotomy (If not already captured in another area)
- Northwest Regional Cancer Care
- Obstetrics and Paediatrics
- Outpatient Services, including Surgical Day Care
- Pharmacy (If not already captured in another area)
- Portering (If not already captured in another area)
- Social Work (If not already captured in another area)

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