

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff and Professional Staff

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

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RE: **Expansion of ICU and Reduction of Cath Lab**

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Our hospital continues to respond to the evolving pandemic. We are committed to staff and patient safety, and to creating capacity to address the specialized acute care needs of the people we serve. Due to the increased prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and our Hospital, previously developed pandemic plans are being implemented.

Effective immediately, in order to address the increase of COVID-19 patients in our Hospital, including the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), **the ICU will expand by six beds into 290 (2C).**

In an effort to further increase capacity at our Hospital, **the Cardiac Catheterization Lab will decrease to one lab.** This step supports critical care with recovery of patients overnight in the Cath Lab and enables reassignment of staff as needed to ensure critical services are maintained.

These measures are implemented for the health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients, care partners and the community. The Incident Management Team continues to meet regularly to assess our situation in order to appropriately respond to shifting needs.

Thank you for your responsiveness, professionalism and commitment during these challenging times.

Please contact your manager with any questions or concerns.

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