

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, President & CEO,
and Dr. Peter Voros, Incident Manager

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RE: **Incident Management Team – Structure Update**

At the one-year mark of the pandemic, our hospital is preparing to shift operations to reflect life with COVID-19, as opposed to continuously responding with an incident structure approach. A slow and responsible transition of the Incident Management Team (IMT) back into regular operations under the senior leadership team will safely and gradually occur after cases decline and vaccines increase.

With this in mind, Dr. Peter Voros has taken on the next phase as Incident Manager. Dr. Voros has been the IMT Head of Operations for a year under the lead of Dr. Stewart Kennedy, and that vast experience contributes to a smooth and comprehensive transition of pandemic-related activity to organizational operations. We want to thank Dr. Kennedy for all his hard work in year one. In addition, Dr. Kristie Skunta will provide interim representation on the IMT as the Medical Specialist. This allows Dr. Zaki Ahmed to spend more time providing intensivist support in our Intensive Care Unit.

As many of you know, changing IMT members and roles in emergency management is common. By its very nature, the Incident Management Structure expands and contracts to meet the evolving needs of any serious incident. In light of both the current situation and the transition to operations, the IMT will now include other medical specialists as required depending on current conditions. On the medical specialist side, we are being joined by Dr. Greg Gamble, Dr. Michael Scott, Dr. Bill Harris, Dr. Masoud Sedradini, and Dr. Brad Jacobson. The Operations Branch will also adjust to begin to include our Clinical Dyads (Administrative and Medical Leaders) as a step toward a future transition to our regular organizational structure. We will certainly be consulting other TBRHSC experts on an ad hoc basis helping us get back to an operating model.

The IMS will continue to be applied until such time that all responsibilities are shifted to the hospital's organizational structure. As always, we are committed to the delivery of safe, quality care and take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of all staff and professional staff throughout this pandemic.

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