

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, Incident Manager

Date: March 8, 2021

RE: **Designated Isolation Shelter Waiting Area**

Our hospital, in collaboration with community partners, is committed to protecting and supporting people who are vulnerably housed and are at increased risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19. Isolation Shelters are available in our community for people who require a safe space to isolate due COVID-19 status or exposure. The isolation shelters are currently unable to accept clients between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. During those hours, our Emergency Department provides overnight space for people who are discharged and are awaiting transfer to an isolation centre.

A waiting area will be provided to keep people safe until they are able to be transported to an isolation centre. This ensures that space in the Emergency Department is available to those who require urgent care.

Beginning Tuesday, March 9, the space at the entrance to Forensic Mental Health/ Hospitalist/ Switchboard areas will be the designated waiting area from 11:00 pm to 7:30 am. The waiting area will be staffed by an attendant. Those using the waiting area must remain in the designated space and wear appropriate PPE at all times. The area will be cleaned daily.

While this area is designated, please use the back entrance (behind the Flavours kitchen entrance) to access the Forensic Mental Health, Hospitalist and Switchboard spaces.

Those interested in applying to be an Attendant are encouraged to apply. Visit www.tbrhsc.net/careers for details.

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