

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**March 31, 2021**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:50 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Hospital Occupancy	Active COVID-19 cases in the TBDHU district	Our Hospital's Internal Response Level
5	22	7	82%	216	<b>GREY</b>

As COVID-19 cases in the community steadily increased, so did the number of admitted COVID-19 patients in our Hospital. In order to manage the added pressure on our Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the COVID-19 Care Unit it was necessary to reduce some clinical services, redeploy staff and prepare areas across the hospital to support surge activities.

Encouraged by the recent stabilization of COVID-19 admissions, effective immediately we will begin to slowly increase reduced clinical services, transition out of surge spaces, and return many of the redeployed staff back to their primary work locations. These decisions are made in consultation with Physician leadership, and are guided by principles of staff and patient safety, fairness, equity and transparency. In addition, consideration is given to overall hospital capacity, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies and staffing are constantly monitored to ensure we are able to meet patient care needs.

Thank you to the COVID-19 vaccination team for their dedicated efforts. It has been a tremendous undertaking, but the team has been highly motivated by the promise the vaccine provides to all for a return to pre-pandemic life. To those who have already been vaccinated or booked their vaccinations, thank you for your commitment to the safety and protection of all. Those who have your codes but haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so promptly. Please remember to contact Occupational Health & Safety to advise them of your vaccination and submit your receipt of vaccine at [ohs@tbh.net](mailto:ohs@tbh.net).

An outbreak of COVID-19 was declared on our 2B Medical Unit on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. As a precautionary measure, there will be no admissions to the 2B Medical Unit until further notice. For the safety of all, Essential Care Partners will not be permitted in 2B until the outbreak is resolved. Additional measures may be taken as needed to manage the situation.

Our Hospital is safe and always available to you. Anyone requiring urgent care should feel safe attending our Hospital or Emergency Department to access that care. The Virtual Emergency Department is available to provide safe, quality urgent care to qualifying patients from the comfort of their home. Visit [www.tbrhsc.net/VirtualED](http://www.tbrhsc.net/VirtualED) for more information.

As we approach the Easter holiday and spring break, it is important that we all work together to prevent another surge in COVID-19 cases. To protect the most vulnerable in our community, and to stop the surge from overwhelming our hospital and frontline health care workers, we must all do our part to keep our families and community safe. Remain vigilant by following public health safety guidelines. Please avoid non-essential travel outside of Northwestern Ontario, and avoid gatherings and shared meals with members outside of your household. Since the vast majority of our community members are not yet fully immunized, these risky activities must still be avoided by all.

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Thunder Bay Regional  
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Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

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

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