

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Peter Voros, COVID-19 Incident Manager

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RE: **Updated Guidance Document re: Priority COVID-19 Testing Process**

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The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. Current Ministry guidance requires isolation for all household members in the home of a symptomatic individual awaiting a test result. **In order to ensure adequate staffing levels, symptomatic household members of health care workers will now qualify for a priority in-house COVID-19 test.**

There is no change to the process for ordering a priority swab. The manager or staffing office where the staff member is calling in to report the isolation requirement must notify the Assessment Centre of the approved priority test by faxing 623-6631. Fax to include Household Member's name, Household Member's phone number, HCW home department (i.e. 1A) and manager's signature.

Please review the updated Guidance Document on Priority COVID-19 Testing Process for more details: [https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Priority-COVID-19-Testing-Process\\_v3.pdf](https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Priority-COVID-19-Testing-Process_v3.pdf)

As always, TBRHSC Lab has the authority to send priority samples out based on resources and capacity.

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/>