

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**May 19, 2021**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 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
17	4	2	80%	24	<b>Red</b>

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. In response to the decrease in cases of COVID-19 in our community and in our Hospital, including COVID-19 Inpatient Unit admissions and reduced pressures on our Intensive Care Unit, our Hospital has moved its internal COVID-19 Response Level from Grey (Lockdown) to Red (Control).

The decision to decrease our response activities from Level Grey (Lockdown) to Level Red (Control) is based on multiple factors that include Hospital census, Hospital outbreak status, current staffing levels and levels of critical supplies such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), community factors including outbreaks in LTC and other care facilities, and Regional and Provincial COVID-19 status. Moving from response Level Grey (Lockdown) to Level Red (Control) will allow the following measures to be reassessed: Learner restrictions, Volunteer restrictions, Essential Care Partner restrictions, COVID-19 Inpatient Unit utilization and Clinical services planning. All response activities are evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure they are effective and appropriate. The Incident Management Team continues to meet daily to assess and respond to the evolving COVID-19 environment.

The province announced that the highest risk health care workers are now eligible to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a shortened interval. Please note that second dose booking codes will only be provided to those health care workers who are considered to be of highest risk as per the Ministry of Health. More information on eligibility is available online at <http://bit.ly/Ontario-Eligibility-ShortenedInterval-May10>. Despite this update in eligibility for second doses, the province has indicated that first doses remain the top priority at this time. According to provincial direction, the rescheduling of second dose appointments will be offered to small groups of highest risk health care workers only when supply allows and commitments to first dose bookings are fulfilled. Hospital employees who are eligible will be provided with a code and booking instructions from their manager or Medical and Academic Affairs once their turn arrives. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this process. The vast majority of Hospital staff will receive their second vaccine dose by late June 2021.

We continue to recognize staff, departments and professions who make a difference at our Hospital. May 16-22 is Biomedical and Clinical Engineering Week. It's an opportunity to salute the biomedical engineers, clinical engineers, biomedical engineering technicians, and technologists who make valuable contributions to our Hospital and countless other health care institutions across the country. These professionals play a vital role in the areas of patient safety, research and development, technology management, equipment services, cost savings, problem solving, planning and support. Thank you for your expertise and commitment to patient and family centred care.

International Clinical Trials Day is celebrated globally on May 20th to recognize what is believed to be the first clinical trial conducted in 1747 by James Lind. It's also an opportunity to raise awareness of clinical trials and show appreciation for the people

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who conduct clinical trials. Join us in thanking them for what they do every day to improve public health and patient care.

International Coaching Week takes place from May 17–23, and staff are encouraged to explore, test and discover the possibilities coaching provides. We are so fortunate at our Hospital to have access to coaches who have been trained and formally certified through the internationally recognized Business Coaching Advantage™ program offered by PeopleDynamics Learning Group, Inc. Professional coaching has the power to transform individuals and organizations, but what better way to discover this transformative power than by experiencing it firsthand? To learn more about coaches and coaching at our Hospital, visit the Human Resources/ Organizational Development page on the Intranet: <http://informed.tbrhsc.net/departments/human-resources/organizational-development/our-coaching-culture> or contact Joy Halfkenny ([halfkenj@tbh.net](mailto:halfkenj@tbh.net)).

An All-Staff Virtual Town Hall was held on Wednesday, May 12th that provided answers to many frequently asked questions. Those who were unable to attend may view the recording or read the written summary at <https://cast.tbrhsc.net/townhall/archived/>. Please use your Novell/Groupwise credentials to log in.

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