COVID-19 UPDATE
Keeping You Safe

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

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RE: **Hospital COVID-19 Response Level Moves from Grey to Red**

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)**.

As of today, our Hospital has 7 patients admitted who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 2 are in the Intensive Care Unit. There is a total of 16 intensive care patients admitted to the Hospital. The current overall Hospital occupancy is approximately 74%.

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
- 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.

Our appreciation is extended to all leaders, staff and professional staff for your continued dedication to the community we serve.

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

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