

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff and Professional Staff

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RE: **Updated Screening for High-Risk Populations**

The health and safety of all patients, staff, professional staff, and the community is our utmost priority. In February 2021, when there were multiple outbreaks in local detention centres, shelters and other facilities, the Hospital's COVID-19 screening questions were updated to reflect this situation. Due to the decrease in outbreaks in these types of congregate living settings, and an increase in vaccination uptake of both staff and residents in these locations, the risk of exposure has diminished.

Effective Wednesday, May 26th at 0600, the following screening question will be removed for patients and care partners entering the Hospital:

- *Are you a staff/resident of a congregate living setting and institution (i.e. retirement home, shelter, detention center or group home) or have you had close contact with a staff/resident of a congregate living setting or institution?*

The above update will apply to all on-site and off-site locations of the Hospital, and all other screening questions will remain in effect.

New patient and Essential Care Partner screening questions will be available on the iNtranet and the Hospital's public facing website. Please use the updated form when including screening forms in patient information packages.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our staff and patients.

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