

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



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**June 2, 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
9	9	4	80%	52	Red

For the past 15 months, oversight of the COVID-19 pandemic has been managed through an Incident Management System (IMS) structure which assigns specific individuals to roles outside of the Senior Leadership structure to rapidly respond to the pandemic. This Incident Management Team has met almost daily to ensure effective, comprehensive and consistent implementation of our Hospital's pandemic plan.

Due to the pandemic evolving into a more manageable state, our Hospital has transitioned pandemic response activity to our regular organizational structure. Thank you to all of our Incident Management Team members and their staff for the many hours of hard work, dedication, and commitment. Your contribution has been vital to our Hospital's pandemic response.

Moving forward, as we shift to our new normal, a COVID-19 situation meeting, chaired by the Executive Vice President, In-Patient Care Programs (or delegate), will be held daily at 0900 to maintain clear and concise communication, awareness and responsiveness. The meeting will be formatted to provide a brief report on the situation and key priorities. Invitees to this daily briefing will include a wide range of key members from across the organization. Items that require decision will be deferred to Senior Leadership Council.

We will continue to follow Ministry of Health guidelines and directives and take a systematic approach to implementing changes in our COVID-19 response. Regular organizational structures and processes (e.g., committees, reporting structures, programs/services, etc.) will be utilized to manage our response to COVID-19.

May 27th is recognized as Emergency Medicine Day and it provided us with an opportunity to celebrate the specialty of Emergency Medicine. We salute all the amazing people that work in our Emergency Department, and those all across the world. These dedicated health care professionals are always there to provide emergency care for us no matter the circumstances. Thank you for your commitment to caring for patients, their families and the community.

June is Stroke Month at our Hospital. During the next several weeks, the Northwestern Ontario Regional Stroke Network (NWORSN) and its partners will provide education on stroke care, spread the message that stroke is a medical emergency, and highlight the importance of calling 911 immediately to ensure timely care and treatment.

Stroke continues to be the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability in Canada. We would like to commend the work of the NWORSN, the staff on 2C and all our Stroke Regional Partners including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), ORNGE, Northwest Region Prehospital Program, regional hospitals, St. Joseph's Care Group, Central Ambulance Communication Centres (CACCs), CritiCall and March of Dimes Canada. Their commitment to work together in order to integrate best practices and optimize

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stroke-care delivery for all of us living in Northwestern Ontario is admirable. Achievements this year include launching a stroke severity tool to support paramedics and emergency call centres in transportation decision-making, reviewing all code strokes and completing appropriate quality improvement initiatives.

Our Hospital is proud to celebrate Pride Month in June and demonstrate our commitment to a kind, accepting and inclusive culture for all. As a leader in providing safe, quality and innovative acute care to Northwestern Ontario, our Hospital strongly believes that quality health care without discrimination should not be a privilege, but an expectation. The Progress Pride Rainbow flag, which will be flown for the entire month, is an important symbolic reminder that our Hospital must continue to do its part to help break down the systemic barriers to accessing health care that the 2SLGBTQ+ community often faces.

Last week's devastating news was a dark reminder of the legacy of residential schools in our country. Flags on our Hospital campus will be flown at half-mast from May 31st to June 8th to honour the lives of 215 children found in a mass grave in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory, near the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C. The flags will remain lowered for one hour for every child whose life was taken, and in memory of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools, for those who never returned, and in honour of the families whose lives were forever changed.

We remain committed to transparency, and hope that providing information and answers to your questions support your efforts. The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is taking place on Wednesday, June 9th at 2:00 pm via Webex. We value you and your input. Thank you to those who have already submitted questions. If you have questions you would like answered, please submit them online at <http://tbh.net/thq> and we will do our best to address them. Thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged.

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