

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**June 23, 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
6	5	4	81%	9	Orange

You may have heard this week that Ontario is expecting a slight delay in the latest shipment of Pfizer vaccine. As a result of this, the Moderna vaccine may be offered to clients on the day of their appointment at our Hospital's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic (in the Bora Laskin Building).

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization and the Ontario Ministry of Health supports the mixing of mRNA vaccines where supply does not allow the same product to be offered for the first and second dose. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are almost identical and considered interchangeable. Individuals are encouraged to get their second dose as soon as they are able, and to get the vaccine available at the clinic most convenient for them, regardless of which mRNA vaccine is offered at that clinic. If you do not wish to receive the Moderna vaccine, please cancel your appointment and reschedule so that the spot will be available for others wishing to get the vaccine. As spots are limited, this may result in a delayed second dose.

Through the unprecedented challenges of the past year, our Hospital's pharmacy team stepped up like never before. They played a vital role in our pandemic response while keeping patients, staff and the community safe. Learn about how they've used their knowledge and expertise to do everything from maintaining pharmacy services in our Hospital during a turbulent pandemic to leading the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out: <http://bit.ly/PharmacyTeam-PandemicResponse>.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre located in the Sibley Hall Residence Activity Room at Confederation College closed on June 18th. All swabbing is now being performed in the Medical Building at 984 Oliver Road. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week. The process for booking a COVID-19 test remains unchanged. Members of the community can schedule an appointment by visiting [www.tbrhsc.com](http://www.tbrhsc.com) to book online or by calling (807) 935-8100. The generosity of Confederation College has contributed immensely to the safety of our community and has enabled our Hospital's COVID-19 Assessment Centre to meet the testing needs of the community safely and efficiently. We thank everyone that has contributed to the operations at Confederation College.

As Ontario has begun the first phase of the Provincial re-opening plan, and with the arrival of summer, our Hospital recognizes that the desire for staff travel may increase. With staff, professional staff, volunteers, and learners having received the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, our Hospital will be loosening travel restrictions, based on regional, Provincial and Federal guidelines for those who are fully immunized effective July 1st, 2021. To learn more about these changes, read the full memo by visiting <https://bit.ly/Memo-TravelRestrictionsGuidlines-June18> or contact Occupational Health and Safety at [ohs@tbh.net](mailto:ohs@tbh.net).

Our Hospital increased the allowance of Essential Care Partners as of May 26th, 2021. The guidance was never intended to be strict or rigid and the goal was always to allow for individual circumstances. There are still challenges with interpreting and applying the guidance for our patients, their families and staff and we

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must do everything we can to remove these challenges and barriers for the best possible patient care. Please note that patients are the ones to determine IF they require an Essential Care Partner based on the guidance. If a patient declares they require support, this is all we need to know to allow an ECP into any area of the Hospital.

There are many circumstances under which additional consideration must be given. Always err on the side of enabling access and support patient and caregiver interaction in as many ways as possible. The Patient Advocate can help with difficult situations and be contacted by calling (807) 629-3887. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Care Partner Liaison at (807) 684-7865.

In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21st), the Hospital hosted a ceremony near the water feature at the front entrance. The ceremony was [live-streamed](#) on the Hospital's Facebook page for those who wanted to attend virtually.

June is also National Indigenous History Month, and it is a time for learning about, appreciating, and acknowledging the contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. Earlier this month, we learned of the discovery of the undocumented deaths of 215 children at the former Kamloops residential school site. Our Hospital recognized this horrific event by lowering our flags for 215 hours, one hour for each child found.

We share in the anger and grief of residential school survivors, their families, and all Indigenous peoples and communities, including our colleagues, neighbours, and the 69 First Nations in Northwestern Ontario that our Hospital serves. Our Hospital is committed to actions to support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) has developed lists of resources to learn more about Indigenous culture, which includes a recommended list of books. To learn more, please visit <https://www.aptnnews.ca/ourstories/indigenousohistorymonth2021/>. We encourage you to take the time to learn about the vibrant culture of Indigenous people of Canada.

On June 24th, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, you're invited to attend the virtual event, "[Leading Through COVID-19 - Experiences, Insights and Reimagining the Future](#)". This panel will feature key leaders from our Hospital who will highlight their lived experiences of leading through COVID-19. Panel members will share their leadership experiences and resulting insights that can inspire us to reimagine the future after COVID-19.

Finally, and effective immediately, our Hospital has moved its Internal Pandemic Responsive Level from **Red (Control)** to **Orange (Restrict)**. This is a result of rising vaccination numbers in our community, and a sharp decrease in COVID-19 positive cases in our city and across Northwestern Ontario. It is yet another positive sign that we are trending in the right direction. Please note that moving to Response Level Orange does allow us to reduce restrictions on both learners and volunteers as well as some of our external care partners. We must continue to be cautious with our COVID-19 pandemic response. The safety of patients, staff and the community remains our utmost priority. In the coming weeks, new guidelines from the Province and the Ontario Ministry of Health are expected that will allow us to reduce pandemic restrictions even further. Until then, it is imperative that we stay the course together. We appreciate everything you do.

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