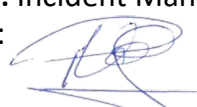


# Guidance Document for COVID-19



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<b><i>This document is intended to provide guidance to staff/professional staff during COVID-19</i></b>	

## 1. PURPOSE

The health and safety of all Staff, professional staff, patients and visitors is our highest priority. Decreased Covid-19 Prevalence and an increase in vaccinations in our community, has allowed for the increase of services provided at TBRHSC. Physical distancing of 2 meters is becoming more difficult as services ramp up and additional clients and staff return to the building - as a result, adjustments must be considered.

## 2. GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)

- PPE is required in all areas of the hospital, in accordance with the PPE guidance document and exceptions (see xxx)
- In addition to wearing PPE as prescribed, all building occupants will maintain a physical distance of 2 meters as spacing allows.
- In public or care areas when physical distancing isn't possible, due to the provision of service, or occupancy capacity, all occupants in the hospital **must** wear a level 2 mask provided by the Hospital.
- Patients not able to wear a mask must maintain a 2 meter distance from others, and wherever possible avoid contact with others not wearing appropriate PPE. Staff are to wear a mask and eye protection while providing care to these individuals.
- Physical distancing in offices, administrative areas, and general non-public spaces can be reduced for the Hospital occupants of the space, if OHS can validate vaccination status of the occupants for the Manager, or if the occupants wear a Level 2 mask as provided by the Hospital. When seated, masks can be removed as long as the 2 meters of distance is met – when leaving their desks/ 2 meters of distancing cannot be met, the mask must go on.
- **Training** – room capacity for training and use of approved PPE will still be required due to the nature of the activities where physical distancing can't be practically assured. While maintaining masking, training can be done at 50% room capacity.

## 3. RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

N/A

## 4. REFERENCES

1. Public Health Ontario. Covid-19 Interim Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control for Health Care Providers and Patients Vaccinated Against Covid-19 in Hospital and Long Term Care Settings (June 2021)