

July 14, 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
13	1	0	82%	1	Green (Recover and Prevent)

In an effort to accelerate vaccinations and increase the level of COVID-19 protection in our community, our team at the Bora Laskin COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is welcoming walk-ins every day this week (Wed. 2pm-6pm / Thurs. 2pm-6pm / Fri. 10am-2pm) for any individual 12 years of age or older in need of a first dose or who is eligible for an accelerated second dose (at least 28 days following their first dose). Walk-ins will be accommodated as quickly as possible upon arrival at the clinic, and as long as supply allows. Those attending for walk-in vaccinations are asked to please check in with Hospital staff who will be stationed at the front entrance. Individuals can also book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment by visiting https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/ or by calling the provincial call centre at 1-833-943-3900. Any updates to the walk-in schedule will be shared on our Hospital's social media pages.

Our Hospital, in collaboration with local EMS services, was awarded top marks in Ontario for their outstanding work in the areas of ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) care. The STEMI Program is comprised of first responders, paramedics, emergency department physicians and nurses, interventional cardiologists, cardiac catheterization lab nurses and administrators. The system has to flow for the patients to receive exceptional care during their heart attack. The honours were handed out by CorHealth Ontario, the overseeing body for cardiac, stroke and vascular care in the province. Congratulations to all involved for your exceptional teamwork and dedication to quality patient care.

Physical distancing remains a key component to preventing the spread of COVID-19. With the Provincial reopening plans and the Hospital's move to level Green, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and Capital Planning have updated the Physical Distancing and Mask Wearing Guidelines for our Hospital. Please carefully review and adhere to the updated guidelines for the safety of all: <u>https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Memo-Physical-Distancing-and-Mask-Wearing-Guidelines-July-13-2021.pdf</u>.

Another change that Hospital staff should be aware of is the guidelines around outdoor seating. Under the current guidelines, up to six people from different households are permitted to sit together on the outdoor picnic-style tables, located throughout the Hospital campus. Starting Friday, July 16th there is no limit.

Ontario is moving to Step 3 of its reopening plan this Friday, July 16th, allowing for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings. While this is welcome news for many, our Hospital encourages everyone to remain vigilant when it comes to following provincial and public health directives related to distancing, gatherings and mask-wearing while vaccinations continue to roll out.

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



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