

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Dr. Peter Voros, EVP In-Patient Care Programs

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RE: **Closure of the dedicated COVID-19 Unit**

On February 15th 2021, the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit on 3A reopened to care for COVID-19 infected patients. Throughout the past 5 months and during the second wave of the pandemic, the COVID-19 Care Unit provided care for a significant number of patients infected with COVID-19. This resulted in many changing circumstances and staff redeployment to areas needing support. While this was not ideal, the staff and professional staff at TBRHSC showed tremendous dedication to the care of patients in our hospital.

With the Hospital operating at Pandemic Response Level Green, and with 1 patient with active COVID-19 currently in our hospital, **effective immediately, the dedicated COVID-19 Care Unit will begin closure.** This will enable the 3A surgical beds to be better utilized to enhance our inpatient capacity.

Thank you to the many leaders, staff and professional staff who have worked tirelessly to treat patients infected with COVID-19. Your dedication and flexibility during these times is greatly appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

After the past many months, I recognize that some may experience anxiety and/or the need to debrief the experience associated with the influx of patients infected with COVID-19 and the ever-changing circumstances. Your physical and mental health is a priority and I encourage you to access the support resources available to you at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/staff-wellness-resources/>

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