

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

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COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Active COVID-19 cases in the TBDHU district	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
10	3	0	7	Green (Recover and Prevent)

Currently, all patients attending pre-operative appointments are required to complete a COVID-19 swab to ensure a negative COVID-19 result in preparation for their procedure/surgery. As community vaccination rates increase and the number of active COVID-19 cases remains low, proof of vaccination will eliminate the need for patients to be tested for COVID-19 prior to their pre-operative appointment, beginning Monday, August 30th, 2021. For the full details on this new process, read today's memo: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Memo-Proof-of-Vaccination-Status-Process-for-Pre-operative-Patients-August-25-2021.pdf>

We are very pleased to share that Premier Doug Ford and Minister Greg Rickford visited our Hospital on Tuesday, August 24th to announce a \$5.2 million investment to support the planning and design of our cardiovascular surgery (CVS) program. Thanks to this funding, cardiovascular surgery will be regularly performed in Northwestern Ontario, helping to address surgical wait times and improving access to lifesaving care closer to home. Learn more about the impact of this announcement and the amazing progress that has already been made: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/cardiovascular-surgery-update/>

LEAP Online is a nationally accredited online learning program that provides health care professionals with the essential skills and competencies of the palliative care approach. The program appeals to physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists and other professional disciplines working within Northwestern Ontario. Registration is free and is fully sponsored by the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health, the North West Regional Palliative Care Program, and St. Joseph's Care Group for the first 25 eligible participants to register. For more information, visit https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/LEAP-Online-Poster-Sept_2021.pdf

The Hospital is embarking on a renewal of its Information System. We are currently reviewing the new, highly-rated version of Meditech, called Expanse, to determine if it will work for us. Hospital staff are encouraged to provide input. Please take a few minutes and watch one of the online demos and, if you can, log onto one of our workshops. For more information, visit https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Northwestern-Ontario-HIS-Renewal-Feedback-Schedule-Aug-23-2021_v2-2.pdf

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