

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**August 4, 2021**

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 Response Level
0	1	0	2	<b>Green (Recover and Prevent)</b>

Academic Affairs is pleased to share that restrictions on learners at our Hospital have been lifted as of July 12th. This coincides with the hospital's current pandemic response level being Green, and revised physical distancing requirements when wearing masks. This move will see the following changes: return to group bedside teaching; increased group sizes for nursing students; and the reintroduction of placements which have been done virtually this past year or have had reduced clinical hours. Clinical observerships and trainees from other health care organizations have been approved to return and must follow the processes laid out by Academic Affairs. Thank you to the many staff who ensured great learner experiences for students during the period of restrictions, and to our academic partners; Lakehead University, Confederation College, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) who have worked tirelessly to support both their students and our hospital.

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community has been our top priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the Renal and Emergency departments have been operating under a heightened level of COVID-19 protocols in order to prevent the spread of infection. Now that pandemic pressures have lessened and the Hospital is operating under Internal Response Level Green, physical distancing and PPE guidelines have been updated for both departments. Please review the updated Guidance Document for details: [https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ED-and-Renal-Guidance-in-Green-and-Yellow\\_v1.pdf](https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ED-and-Renal-Guidance-in-Green-and-Yellow_v1.pdf) . Thank you for your continued commitment to health and safety.

To ensure alignment with current guidelines from Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), the Ontario Government and our Hospital's (TBRHSC) internal response level (green), the guidelines for "COVID-19: When to test and when to isolate" have also been updated, effective August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please familiarize yourselves with the updated Guidance Document for more information: [https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/IPAC-Flowsheet-When-to-Test-and-When-to-Isolate-for-Covid-19\\_v1.pdf](https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/IPAC-Flowsheet-When-to-Test-and-When-to-Isolate-for-Covid-19_v1.pdf) .

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