

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



September 15, 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 Pandemic Response Level
10	1	0	15	Green (Recover and Prevent)

As the health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients, care partners and the community is our utmost priority, our Hospital is offering the COVID-19 vaccination program to meet the requirements of the Public Hospitals Act 1990, Regulation 965 and the Ministry of Health's Directive 6. To support both workers and leaders in compliance with the Hospital's COVID-19 vaccination program, a new question was added to the online (RedCap) and print self-screening tool on Sunday, September 12th. The question is as follows:

*I attest that I have provided proof that I am fully vaccinated to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) (definition: fully vaccinated is defined as individuals who are 14 days past their final dose of Health Canada-approved vaccine). **OR** I am/will be following the Rapid Antigen testing protocol offered by my employer **OR** I have been temporarily excluded from asymptomatic testing by OHS as recommended by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU). Staff that have any questions about this change are encouraged to speak with their manager.*

Thank you to all Hospital staff who have submitted their completed COVID-19 declaration forms. **Those that qualify for at-home rapid antigen testing are required to pick up their antigen testing kit this week (September 13-17) from Occupational Health & Safety between 0730 - 1730hrs, Monday to Friday.** Please note that staff who do not pick up and complete their at-home test this Wednesday or Sunday will be considered non-compliant. Currently, the requirement to complete at-home rapid antigen testing once a week (Wednesday or Sunday) is applicable while our Hospital's internal pandemic response is Green or Yellow. The frequency of required testing will change if the Hospital's internal pandemic response changes to Orange or Red. More information will be shared soon.

This week our Hospital is celebrating two departments that contribute immensely to the safe operation of the facility every single day. Housekeeping Appreciation Week is an opportunity to recognize the value and hard work provided by all of the dedicated members of our Hospital's Housekeeping team. During the pandemic, we have relied on these unsung heroes on the front lines to keep our facility clean and safe for our patients, staff and visitors. We're also recognizing Security Staff Appreciation Week and saluting the Security Services department for their commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone who accesses our Hospital. The Security Team is on site and available 24/7 to provide assistance to those in need. Please join us in thanking these amazing departments for everything they do and the important roles they play.

Cancer screening is important for early detection of cancer but it can be nerve-racking if you don't know what to expect. To help prepare patients for their cancer screening journey, Prevention and Screening Clinical Services has developed educational videos for each of the three organized screening programs in Ontario.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is a leader in Patient and Family Centred Care and a research and teaching hospital proudly affiliated with **Lakehead University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Confederation College.**

Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à **l'université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération.**

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Whether the patient's appointment is with their primary care provider or with the Screen for Life Coach when it visits their community, these videos will help patients learn what to expect before, during and after their breast, cervical or colon cancer screening appointment. The videos are available in both English and Ojibway and can be viewed by visiting <https://tbrhsc.net/sflmedia/>.

World Patient Safety Day – established by the World Health Assembly in 2019 – is observed annually on September 17th. Objectives of the day are to enhance global understanding of patient safety, increase public engagement in health care safety and promote global action to prevent and reduce avoidable harm in health care. The Day brings together patients, families, caregivers, communities, health workers, health care leaders and policy-makers to show their commitment to patient safety. This year's theme is *safety in maternal and newborn care*, particularly around the time of childbirth, when most harm occurs. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/WorldPatientSafetyDay2021>.

An All-Staff Virtual Town Hall was held on Wednesday, September 8th that provided answers to many frequently asked questions. Those who were unable to attend may view the recording or read the written summary at <https://cast.tbrhsc.net/townhall/archived/>.

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