

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



September 22, 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
4	0	0	2	Green (Recover and Prevent)

Mandatory COVID-19 antigen testing is taking place for all staff, professional staff, and volunteers that have either not been fully vaccinated, or do not wish to disclose their vaccination status. This has been put in place due to the Ministry of Health's Directive 6 mandatory vaccination policy for health care workers. Antigen testing frequency will depend on our Hospitals COVID-19 Internal Pandemic Response Level.

- When the Hospital is in Green and Yellow, antigen testing will take place **once** per week (Sunday **OR** Wednesday)
- When the Hospital is in Orange and Red, antigen testing will take place **twice** per week (Sunday **AND** Wednesday)
- If the Hospital enters Response Level Grey, the frequency will be determined based on the situation at the time.

Thank you to all staff, professional staff and volunteers who have picked up their at-home antigen testing kits. The current requirement to complete antigen testing is once per week (Wednesday or Sunday) for those not fully vaccinated or not disclosing. Those who do not complete and submit the results of their antigen tests this Wednesday or Sunday will be considered non-compliant. If you have not picked up your at-home antigen testing kits, please contact Occupational Health and Safety by Friday, September 24th at 1600 h (4:00 pm).

Last week, our Hospital observed Neonatal Nurses Week (September 13-19) which provides an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of neonatal nurses. The contributions of these health care heroes to the tiniest patients make a difference that lasts a lifetime for neonates and their families. Following the challenges for health care workers in 2020 related to the global pandemic, the World Health Organization extended the 'Year of the Nurse' celebration for a second year. Nurses all over the world continue working tirelessly to save the most fragile neonatal lives, work closely with patient families, and advocate for the neonatal nursing profession. Please join us in thanking our NICU nurses for their tremendous contributions to patient and family centred care.

This week, our Hospital will be conducting [a fire evacuation drill on Thursday, September 23rd](#), from 2030 h (8:30 pm) to 2100 h (9:00 pm). This scenario will involve the evacuation of volunteers as mock patients from Adult Mental Health on the second floor. Patient care will not be impacted by this drill. The scenario will take approximately 30 minutes to conduct and will proceed with the assistance of on-duty and off-duty staff, and volunteers. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Morgan Reilly, Lead, Emergency Preparedness at reillym@tbh.net or by calling 684-6552.

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As you may be aware, the federal government recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday in observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All federally regulated workplaces (such as the federal government, banks, post offices, etc.) will be closed on September 30th in order to observe this new holiday. As a result of these closures, all Hospital employees will be paid one day earlier on Wednesday, September 29th instead of the regularly scheduled pay day of Thursday, September 30th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Iorianni by calling 684-6917 or by email at ioriannm@tbh.net.

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

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