

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



September 29, 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	1	0	5	Green (Recover and Prevent)

Thank you to all staff, professional staff and volunteers who have complied with the COVID-19 vaccination declaration requirements, as directed by the Ministry of Health's Directive 6. Managers are asked to please connect with casual staff who have not yet completed their COVID-19 vaccination declaration at their next shift. We are currently maintaining an approximate vaccination rate of 95% for Hospital staff. Approximately 5% of staff are required to complete antigen testing once a week under the Hospital's current Internal Pandemic Response Level. All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

The Volunteer Association/Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Family CARE (Care Advancement Recommended by Employees) Grants are here to help health care providers that make our Hospital the excellent facility it is. Family CARE grants can be used to improve the care our staff provide to patients every day. Listen for patient and family suggestions when brainstorming ideas. Initiatives that improve the care we can provide benefit us all. Visit <https://bit.ly/FamilyCAREGrants-2021> and submit your completed application to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation (Foundation President's Office, Room 2232) by Friday, October 22nd at 4:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Miniaci, Executive Coordinator at extension 7276 or visit Room 2232.

September 29th is World Heart Day. Created by the World Heart Federation, World Heart Day informs people around the globe that cardiovascular disease (CVD), including heart disease and stroke, is the world's leading cause of death claiming 18.6 million lives each year, and highlights the actions that individuals can take to prevent and control CVD. It aims to drive action to educate people that by controlling risk factors such as unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, at least 80% of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke could be avoided. World Heart Day is a global campaign during which individuals, families, communities, and governments around the world participate in activities to take charge of their heart health and that of others. Through this campaign, the World Heart Federation unites people from all countries and backgrounds in the fight against the CVD burden and inspires and drives international action to encourage heart-healthy living across the world. To learn more, visit <https://world-heart-federation.org/>.

September 30th, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Our Hospital will be hosting a ceremony at the front entrance courtyard tomorrow at 11:00 am. The ceremony will feature hand drumming and share teachings on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, resiliency and tobacco ties. All attendees will have an opportunity to create a tobacco tie. All completed ties

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will later be taken to the sacred fire. We are encouraging staff to participate in this event and wear orange if possible.

Back in June of this year, our Hospital and Grand Council Treaty #3 partnered to hire Joelle Mandamin as our first Indigenous Care Coordinator (ICC). In her role as an ICC, Mandamin provides a range of services including patient navigation, advocacy, discharge planning, and support services to Indigenous peoples, primarily members of the Grand Council Treaty #3 communities, that access health and mental health services at our Hospital. Read more about Joelle and how her role impacts the quality of patient care: <https://bit.ly/JoelleMandamin>.

October is Healthy Workplace Month. The Healthy Hospital Working Group invites staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers to listen about holistic wellbeing from expert speakers across the country by attending a variety of virtual workshops and education sessions throughout the month. All participants who provide feedback will be entered into weekly draws for gift cards. The sessions take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in October, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm via Webex (<https://tbh.net/hwp>). For more information, check the Daily Informed Newsletter or contact Caitlund Davidson at davidsoc@tbh.net.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine and the Lakehead Obstetrics and Gynecology Local Education Group are hosting the fifth annual Northern Ontario Women's Health Conference on Friday, October 22nd. The mission of this virtual conference is to bring together remote, rural, and urban primary care providers to network and share information related to Women's Health in our region. This year's conference will bring together regional expertise complimented with expertise from our tertiary care referral centres to discuss pertinent topics to our patient population. Family physicians, specialists, midwives, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, allied health professionals, residents and medical learners are all invited to attend. Register online at <https://event.fourwaves.com/womenshealth2021/registration>.

Hospital staff will soon be able to access one of the top point of care tools for antimicrobial stewardship and infectious diseases. Firstline is a health care technology partner that mobilizes local infectious diseases guidelines for organizations. It offers a customizable platform with upfront guidance on appropriate antimicrobial therapy to improve patient outcomes. This mobile and web app has the most up to date guidance and is accessible 24/7 to all Hospital staff. Visit <https://firstline.org/> and stay tuned for more details.