

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Volunteers and Learners

From: Dr. Peter Voros, EVP, Patient Care Programs & Regional VP, Cancer Services, North West Regional Cancer Program

Date: September 21, 2021

RE: **Frequency of COVID-19 Antigen Testing at Our Hospital**

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 Hospital's 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 COVID-19 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 (4:00 pm).

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