

- To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, and Volunteers
- From: Dr. Peter Voros, Executive VP, Patient Care Programs, Regional VP, Cancer Services, North West Regional Cancer Program
- Date: September 7, 2021

RE: Mandatory Use of Eye Protection Reminder and Clarification

The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients, care partners and the community is our utmost priority.

With increasing numbers in our province, it is important that we remain vigilant with hand hygiene and PPE practices in order to protect our staff, patients, and health care system, ALL workers at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) are required to wear Eye Protection in clinical areas (inpatient and outpatient) or when providing patient care in a non-clinical area within 2 metres.

This applies to all workers, which includes all staff, professional staff, volunteers, learners and contractors.

This measure enhances your safety and protects the specialized acute care services we provide to those in need. The Ministry guidelines indicate that contact with a positive COVID-19 person is considered high risk if Eye Protection was not worn. Visitors and Patients are also encouraged to wear their own Eye Protection.

Your cooperation and compliance is appreciated.

Please contact your Manager with any questions or concerns.

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

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.

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