

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**October 13, 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
3	2	0	2	<b>Green (Recover and Prevent)</b>

While vaccination rates in our community and among our Hospital staff are high, COVID-19 remains a public health concern, locally, in other areas of the country and around the world. Those who choose to travel are strongly encouraged to follow all public health measures to keep themselves and others safe. Our Hospital's travel and return to work guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated staff and Professional staff were shared last week. See the memo from October 8th for details: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Memo-Travel-Guidelines-for-Vaccinated-and-Unvaccinated-Staff-October-8-2021-1.pdf>

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, staff meetings at our Hospital have been conducted virtually via Webex. Only essential in-person meetings have been permitted, with participants following physical distancing and masking guidelines. With many staff returning to work on site, staff vaccination rates at approximately 95%, and the low number of positive cases in our community, our Hospital will be supporting the revival of in-person meetings in alignment with our Internal Pandemic Response Level. Details here: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Memo-In-person-Meetings-at-Our-Hospital-October-8-2021.pdf>

Essential Care Partners (ECPs) are an integral and essential part of care provision. ECPs directly impact the physical, emotional and psychological well-being and safety of patients. ECP presence improves patient safety, reduces harm, improves quality of care, patient outcomes and patient care experiences as well as contributing to better staff morale and communication between health care teams and patients. Those patients who access care in our Emergency Department (ED) while the Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level is Green or Yellow are permitted to be accompanied by one ECP. Please note that the ED is at increased risk of exposure in general due to the high volume and space limitations making it difficult to ensure physical distancing. If the Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response moves to Level Orange or Red, please refer to the updated guidance document for details: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-19-ECP-and-CP-Guidelines-October-2021.pdf>

The second full week of each October (10-16) is dedicated to celebrating the important role of Medical Device Reprocessing Departments (MDRD) across the country, just like the one at our Hospital. The MDRD staff is made up of certified technicians that wash, inspect, assemble, wrap, sterilize and distribute instruments to the O.R. and clinics throughout the Hospital. With a focus on patient safety and quality assurance, the proper reprocessing of reusable patient care items is more important than it ever has been. With over 40 dedicated staff, the MDRD works almost 24/7 to make sure doctors, nurses and surgeons have the clean sterile instruments they need to ensure patients receive the care they need.

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.**

healthy  
together

En santé  
ensemble

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

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 4:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Miniaci, Executive Coordinator at extension 7276 or visit Room 2232.

The Centre for Applied Health Research at St. Joseph's Care Group is pleased to host the 2022 Showcase of Health Research on February 11, 2022. The Showcase has become the premier annual venue for the dissemination of research relevant to the health of Northwestern Ontarians. The conference features oral and poster presentations by health professionals, students, and scientists. We cordially invite you to participate in this event by submitting an abstract. We are interested in paper and poster presentations of health research ranging from prevention to service delivery and from basic to applied research. Please refer to [https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2022-Showcase\\_Call-for-Abstracts.pdf](https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2022-Showcase_Call-for-Abstracts.pdf) for further details. The deadline for submission is November 19, 2021.

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.**

healthy  
together En santé  
ensemble