

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Volunteers and Learners

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

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RE: **Changes to COVID-19 Screening Questions**

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Screening is one of the infection prevention measures that can help slow the spread of COVID-19. In accordance with recommendations from the Ministry of Health, and effective immediately, the following changes have been made to the Hospital's COVID-19 entrance screening questions on the Redcap app and the print version self-screening tool.

The symptoms of sore throat, headache, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, runny nose/sneezing, gastrointestinal symptoms, nasal congestion have been removed. The new question will read as follows:

***Are you experiencing ANY of the following new or worsening symptoms: Fever, Cough, Difficulty Breathing, Muscle Aches, Fatigue, Chills, Change in Sense of Smell/Taste and if under the age of 18 also include: Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)?  
YES / NO***

To support both workers and managers in compliance with the Hospital's COVID-19 vaccination program, the question about vaccination declarations has been revised to read as follows:

***I attest that I am compliant with one of the following:***

- ***I have provided proof that I am fully vaccinated to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) (definition: fully vaccinated is defined as individuals who are 14 days past their final dose of Health Canada-approved vaccine).***
- ***I am following the Rapid Antigen testing protocol offered by my employer.***
- ***I have been temporarily excluded from asymptomatic testing by OHS as recommended by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU).***

**YES / NO**

Please read each screening question carefully to ensure safe and accurate admittance.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources, including the print version self-screening tool, are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.