

# 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: **Clarification of ECP Guidelines in the Emergency Department**

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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.

**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>

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