

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

November 17, 2021

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	Positive Cases in the ICU	Active COVID-19 Cases in the TBDHU district	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
1	0	12	Green (Recover and Prevent)

According to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Northwestern Ontario proudly boasts a population (12 years of age and older) that is 90 percent fully vaccinated with 93.8 percent of our residents having received their first dose. The hard work of our vaccination team has also seen the Hospital reach the top tier of vaccination efforts with an amazing 96 percent full inoculation rate among staff.

Fully vaccinated health care workers (including staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers) at our Hospital who have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 168 days (24 weeks) ago are eligible to book an appointment for a third dose (or "booster shot"). This third dose will provide added protection against new variants of COVID-19 and will be administered at our on-site clinic, located on the 3rd floor foyer, outside of the Ibn Sina Simulation Lab from now until January 7th. Appointments may be booked online at <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/> or by calling 684-6000 (extension 4585) and speaking with a clerk during regular clinic hours. Please note that drop-ins for a third dose will not be accepted. It is by appointment only.

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to all recipients, regardless of which type of mRNA vaccine they received in their first series. We recommend that those who receive their third dose wait for 15 minutes immediately afterwards for safety monitoring, but must stay for a minimum of five minutes if you are remaining onsite for your scheduled shift.

All health care workers coming to the clinic for their appointment are reminded to wear a mask and bring eye protection as there may not be enough space to maintain physical distance in the recovery area, bring a government-issued photo ID, and wear attire that allows for easy access to your upper arm. Be sure to send your vaccination receipt to Occupational Health and Safety (ohs@tbh.net) as soon as possible, whether you have received your third dose from the Hospital's clinic or an external source such as your primary health care provider or the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Unvaccinated health care workers at our Hospital are also encouraged to book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine using the above link. For previously communicated details, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/appointments-for-third-doses-now-available/>.

Despite the pressures and volume on the Hospital, we continue to move forward on the Strategic Plan. We are working to set aspirational goals for our strategic areas of focus and working on the actions and initiatives necessary to achieve our goals. In addition, to ensure we are getting this right, we are working on further engagement throughout the process. We encourage all Hospital and Health Research Institute staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers to review the latest version of the Strategic Plan by visiting <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Strategic-Plan-2026-Strategic-Areas-of-Focus.pdf> and provide valuable feedback by completing this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQHxK2Q>

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As we communicated last week, there have been some organization changes focused on getting the lens and skill sets required for us to implement our next strategic plan within the fast-changing health care system we face moving forward — while also making management leaner and more efficient. To view the updated organizational chart for our Hospital visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CEO-Direct-Reports-Only-November-2021.pdf> and please post for staff who may not have regular computer access.

Finally, we will be recognizing World Antibiotic Awareness Week (November 18-24), which is hosted annually by the World Health Organization. The event's major objective is to raise global awareness of antibiotic or antimicrobial resistance (AMR). AMR is one of the top ten global public health threats facing humanity and it threatens the very core of modern medicine. The overuse and misuse of antimicrobials increases AMR. Here at our Hospital, the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program and Microbiology Laboratory work collaboratively on the frontlines to promote appropriate antimicrobial use and fight AMR. Some of the local initiatives include Procalcitonin (PCT) Testing and Guidelines, Maldi-Tof and respiratory PCR testing, Microbiology cascade reporting, Antibigram and the Firstline App (which all Hospital staff can download for free on the App Store and Google Play: www.firstline.org). For more information, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/World-Antimicrobial-Awareness-Week-November-18-24-2021.pdf> or contact Charlene Wilson, Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist at wilsonch@tbh.net.