

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



November 24, 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	Hospital Staff Vaccination Rate	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
0	0	38	96.2%	Green (Recover and Prevent)

Our Hospital's third dose clinic has entered into a second week of operation. The clinic – located on the 3rd floor, outside of the Ibn Sina Simulation Lab – is open to 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. An appointment for your third dose (or “booster shot”) may be booked online at <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/> or by calling 684-6000 (extension 4585). As an academic and regional health sciences centre with considerably vulnerable and at-risk populations, together with a trending increase in COVID-19 cases provincially, a booster shot will provide fully vaccinated health care workers with an extra layer of protection against other variants of COVID-19. For more details, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/third-dose-are-you-eligible/>.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre continues to be open Monday to Saturday with expanded hours based on volume and available human resources. Last week there was an increase in volume due to an outbreak at St. Martin Elementary School. The Assessment Centre expanded hours on three days last week with specialized testing for cohorts from the school. Additionally, the Assessment Centre collaborated with EMS to facilitate a drive through at the school to do mass testing. Approximately 200 swabs were completed during the drive through. Last week the total volume of swabs was 1,095 with a daily average of 182. Rapid in-house testing had a daily average of 13. Currently the Assessment Centre meets the provincial standard of providing an appointment within 48hrs. As always, will continue to monitor and collaborate with our community partners to ensure community testing needs are met.

This week, our Hospital is joining others across Canada to celebrate National Kinesiology Week (November 22-28). Kinesiologists are regulated health professionals who study human movement and the relationship between physical activity and health. They are committed to enhancing quality of life through the promotion of physical activity and workplace health and safety, the prevention and management of injury and chronic disease, and the overall improvement of health and performance. They are leaders in the prevention of injury and chronic disease; they work with people of all ages and every level of function and physical ability to assess, track, manage and achieve a broad range of personal health goals. There are Kinesiologists working in Programs and Services throughout our Hospital, including Cardiac Rehab (Sarah Chadwick, Katherine Chisholm, Duncan Hutchison, Casey Ruberto, Kyle Baysarowich), the Regional Bariatric Care Centre and Paediatric Healthy Living Program (Debbie Walsh), the Maternity Centre (Keri Gerlach), and the Transitional Care Unit (Keri Gerlach, Shannon Baysarowich). Please join us in thanking our Kinesiologists for their important role in patient care.

On November 27th, Canadians will celebrate National Physician Assistant Day, which recognizes the physician assistant (PA) profession and its contributions to health care in Canada. Working alongside physicians and other

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health professionals, PAs are having a positive impact on many aspects of health care from emergency room wait times, access to primary care, the quality of senior's care and access to health care in rural communities. Join us in celebrating our PAs and thanking them for their important and life-saving contributions. To learn more about the profession, visit www.capa-acam.ca.

Congratulations to Emily Lysak, RN (Emergency Department), Tammy Hartzberg, Medical Laboratory Technologist (Clinical Laboratory, Microbiology) and Jordan Moench, RN (Operating Room), all winners of the 'Good Catch' Awards that were kicked off during Canadian Patient Safety Week (October 25-29). Good Catch Awards highlight individuals, groups or departments who demonstrate their commitment to keeping patients safe by reporting a near miss. A 'good catch' (or near miss) is an event or situation that could have resulted in harm, but did not reach the patient because of chance or timely intervention. Reporting these events can help to identify gaps in order to prevent future adverse events from happening. Each recipient was awarded a certificate and a \$25 gift card to the Thunder Bay Country Market. New winners will be randomly selected every quarter so Hospital staff are encouraged to continue submitting your near misses. Near miss reports are submitted through the Incident Learning System (patient safety incidents). Click on the 'safety reporting' icon from your Novell home page, or go to the iNtranet and choose 'Safety Reporting' under 'Informational'. For more information, please contact Katherine Mayer, Patient Safety Specialist at mayerk@tbh.net.

Starting this month, the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute will be showcasing some of the best and brightest in our research community. The Health Research Speakers Series – available to staff and the community via Webex – will kick off on November 25th at 3:00 pm with a presentation about Research Support Services by Rabail Siddiqui, Research Development Coordinator at the Health Research Institute. Don't forget to tune in to this impactful, open access initiative. For the full schedule, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Health-Research-Speaker-Series-Full-Schedule-2021-2022.pdf>.

Our Hospital enables employees to enhance their professional development by providing financial assistance for continuing education. Applications may be granted a maximum of \$1,000 per year to cover tuition fees for education. The tuition reimbursement application can be found on the Daily Informed Newsletter (<https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FCS-029-Education-Support-Application-Form-CURRENT.docx>) and on the Human Resources section of the iNtranet (*Employee Resources > Forms*). Your completed application must be submitted to Human Resources by February 4th, 2022. Application intake is for courses started between April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022. You must include proof of payment and proof of completion with your application in order for approved funds to be released. To learn more, please refer to policy *HR-cba-17*, or contact Sam Spenrath at spenrats@tbh.net or by calling extension 6532.