

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jennifer Wintermans, EVP, Communications and Corporate Relations, COVID-19 Lead

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RE: **Hospital Moves to Internal Pandemic Response Level Yellow (Protect)**

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Effective immediately, our Hospital has moved its Internal Pandemic Responsive Level from **Green (Recover and Prevent)** to **Yellow (Protect)**. This decision was made in response to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Thunder Bay, across Northwestern Ontario and the increased frequency of travel.

Moving to Response Level **Yellow** signifies an emphasis on caution and no changes to protocol are required at this time; however, departments should be on alert if the situation should require additional actions. Staff may refer to the COVID-19 Pandemic Triggers and Actions document for guidance. Please note that this document continues to evolve to better reflect our current state: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/COVID-19-Pandemic-Triggers-and-Actions-Nov-26-2021.pdf>

We must continue to be cautious with our COVID-19 pandemic response and aware of any potential impacts to our operations. The safety of patients, staff and the community remains our utmost priority.

Staff are reminded to complete the screening tool prior to each shift, practice hand hygiene and wear PPE appropriate for the work environment. Unvaccinated staff are encouraged to get both doses, and fully vaccinated staff are eligible for a third dose (booster shot) by appointment at our on-site clinic. It is imperative that we stay the course together. We appreciate everything you do.

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

Thank you for your continued efforts.