

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

December 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	Hospital Staff Vaccination Rate	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
5	2	57	96.6%	Orange (Restrict)

In response to the increase in cases of COVID-19 in our community and across the province, as well as the growing threat of the Omicron variant, our Hospital has moved its internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level from Yellow (Protect) to Orange (Restrict), effective immediately.

The decision to increase our response activities from Level Yellow to Orange is based on multiple factors and we are taking additional measures to ensure the safety of all against the Omicron variant. Moving from response Level Yellow to Level Orange will allow other measures to be reassessed, including the review of surge plans, PPE (specifically providing pandemic scrubs to high-risk areas), Essential Care Partner restrictions, COVID-19 Inpatient Unit utilization, clinical services planning, and increased rapid antigen testing.

Please note that eye protection is now mandatory in all areas of the Hospital. All staff, professional staff, volunteers, learners and contractors are required to wear eye protection at all times when not in a private office space or at a desk in a shared office space when two meters of distancing can be maintained OR while consuming food or beverage in a designated space at all TBRHSC sites (980 Oliver Road, 1040 Oliver Road, Munro Street locations, the Transitional Care Unit at Hogarth Riverview Manor, the Medical Building, the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, and the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic). This measure enhances your safety and protects the specialized acute care services we provide to those in need. The aim is to minimize staff loss and illness through inadvertent exposures to COVID-19 in the workplace. As prevalence in the community grows, the risk of this increases, therefore the need to mitigate in the Hospital work environment. To ensure consistency in risk reduction please review the [COVID-19 Eye Protection Guidance document](#) and the memo from December 16th: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/mandatory-use-of-eye-protection-response-level-orange/>.

All response activities are evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure they are effective and appropriate. The Senior Leadership Council, as well as leaders across the organization continues to meet daily to assess and respond to the evolving COVID-19 environment.

All health care workers in our Hospital (including staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers) who are eligible to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are strongly encouraged to do so as we enter into another concerning phase of the pandemic. The third dose increases protection for fully vaccinated individuals that may have decreased over time and will provide added protection against new variants of COVID-19, such as Omicron. An appointment to receive a third dose at the Hospital's onsite vaccination clinic 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 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). Drop-ins will be accepted at our clinic only when there are open spots available and when vaccine supply allows. To ensure a spot, we recommend booking an appointment. Any staff who need their first or second dose may also use the Hospital's clinic. Please be sure

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to send your vaccination receipt to Occupational Health and Safety (ohs@tbh.net) as soon as possible, whether you have received your first, second or 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.

Starting January 10th, 2021, Webex users will notice two changes when using the platform. The first change involves network password synchronization. You will still login with your GroupWise email address, however your Webex password will not be unique to Webex. Instead, it will synchronize with your GroupWise/Hospital network password. The 'Forget password' link on the login screen will no longer be required. The second change involves a recording disclaimer. All attendees will see a Webex usage disclaimer when joining a meeting. The disclaimer will advise attendees that the meeting may be recorded and accessed later. Attendees must either accept or decline the terms. If the terms are declined, the attendee will not be able to join the meeting. For more information, please contact the Help Desk at help@tbh.net.

Finally, Hospital staff are reminded that mandatory e-learning courses are due March 31st, 2022. These courses can be accessed using a computer or any smart device from the workplace (via the LMS icon located on your Novell dashboard), from home (via the LMS icon on the staff login section of the Hospital's website), or by visiting <https://tbrhsc.dualcode.com>. Those that complete all mandatory corporate learning courses by December 31st, 2021 will receive an additional ERW Big Prize ballot for your early completion.