

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



December 22, 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	3	64	96.7%	Orange (Restrict)

On December 17th, Senior Leadership Council approved the reactivation of the Incident Management System (IMS) structure which assigns specific individuals to roles outside of the Senior Leadership that is cross-functional to ensure a coordinated and rapid response to the pandemic. This Incident Management Team will meet daily and all pandemic response activities will be reviewed and adapted based on the constantly evolving situation in our Hospital, community and across the province.

As the number of COVID-19 positive cases continues to increase significantly both locally and across the province, our ongoing diligence with public health measures is imperative. On December 17th, the Ontario government released updated COVID-19 restrictions to be put in place throughout the holiday season. These restrictions were introduced, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, due to the rapidly increasing cases of the Omicron variant within our province, as well as the significant transmissibility of the variant. In accordance, as we celebrate outside of work with family and friends, we must all adhere to the guidelines shared in the memo from earlier this week: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/guidelines-for-staff-holiday-gatherings/>

We recognize that the ability to travel can be an important part of celebrating the holidays and being with those you care about. If you plan to travel, please ensure you do so safely. The escalating state of the pandemic has caused the province to introduce restrictions on gatherings, restaurant capacity, events and advisement against non-essential travel. We strongly encourage you to avoid travel if not essential and avoid any "hot spots" if possible. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has also released their advisement against all non-essential travel outside of our region. If staff, professional staff, learners or volunteers at our Hospital wish to continue with their travel plans over the holidays, please note that you must follow any guidelines put in place by either the TBDHU, the province of Ontario or any Federal ArriveCAN requirements upon return. For more details about our travel guidelines, please refer to the memo from December 21st: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/travel-guidelines-reminder/>

Thank you to all health care workers, including staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers who have already received their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Taking this extra step increases protection for fully vaccinated individuals that may have decreased over time and provides added protection against new variants of COVID-19, such as Omicron. If you haven't already gotten your third dose, please book an appointment as soon as possible via our Hospital's onsite vaccination clinic (online at <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/> or by calling 684-6000, extension 4585), or an external source such as your primary health care provider or the TBDHU. Please be advised that the Hospital's onsite clinic will be closed during the holidays starting on Friday, December 24th until Tuesday, January 4th 2022.

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Finally, this holiday season we want to express our sincere thanks to our staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers for your extraordinary efforts throughout the past year as we collectively work together to keep our hospital a safe place to be during this ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to provide acute care to the people of Northwestern Ontario. Your ongoing commitment and dedication to the organization – our patients, families, our community and region – together with your personal sacrifices to protect the health and safety of all, are so important and sincerely appreciated. We wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. Let us welcome 2022 with optimism and positivity as together, we look toward the fresh new year that lies ahead.

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