

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



November 3, 2021

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Active COVID-19 cases in the TBDHU district	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
10	3	3	15	Green (Recover and Prevent)

Personal Protective Equipment compliance remains a key component in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our staff, patients and visitors safe. Masks are still required at all times and in all TBRHSC locations, unless: the worker is alone in a private office; the worker is in a designated break area; or the worker is in a meeting area/room in a non-clinical area where distancing of two metres can be maintained. Eye protection remains **mandatory** for all staff, when working in **clinical areas**. This includes the **donning of eye protection when entering any clinical space**, which includes inpatient units and outpatient areas. Eye protection is **not mandatory** in non-clinical areas unless providing direct patient care or within two metres of a patient. Non-clinical areas (i.e. hallways, administrative areas) do not require eye protection unless patient interaction is anticipated.

It is vital that all workers adhere to the Hospital's eye protection and masking guidelines in order to enhance safety and protect themselves, their colleagues, our patients and the community. The Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines indicate that contact with a positive COVID-19 person is considered high risk if eye protection was not worn. All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

It's Patient Transport Week (November 1-7) and we're thanking our Portering team for keeping our Hospital in motion by safely transporting patients to where they need to be. Porters move patients who are admitted, discharged, or need tests and procedures in other departments. They strive to create positive interactions and increase patient satisfaction. Please join us recognizing these integral members our health care system.

National Health Ethics Week (November 1-7) is a time Canadian health institutions, schools and universities, research and clinical ethics committees, health care professionals, community organizations, businesses, and members of the general public set aside to host and take part in educational events that explore health ethics that affect Canadians. The goals of National Health Ethics Week are to: Encourage events across the country to raise awareness and promote dialogue about bioethics ethics issues facing our communities; Facilitate networking between individuals interested in bioethics; Provide greater visibility for the services offered by the Canadian bioethics community, including research ethics boards and clinical ethics committees; and offer an opportunity for Canadians to get engaged in discussions that have important policy-making implications in the health arena. For more information, visit the Canadian Bioethics Society website at <https://www.bioethics.ca/>.

In 2016, Ontario passed the first legislation of its kind in Canada declaring the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week (November 1-7). This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture relationships between
Indigenous and non-Indigenous

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peoples. Treaties Recognition Week also represents one of many steps on Ontario's journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Launched in 2016 in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to increase treaty awareness, it provides the public with an important opportunity to learn why treaties matter to all Ontarians.

November 4th is Genetic Counsellor Awareness Day. This day provides an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate our hardworking Clinical Genetics Program team. Each year, the Clinical Genetics Program at our Hospital sees approximately 800 referrals. The program offers consultations to individuals and families who are affected by, or are at-risk for, inherited and/or genetic conditions. Please join us in showing our appreciation and thanking our Clinical Genetics Program for their contributions. Learn more about the Clinical Genetics Program and genetic counselling by visiting www.tbrhsc.net/genetics.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes is a chronic disease in which the body cannot produce insulin or cannot use insulin properly. Diabetes affects the population of Northwestern Ontario at a higher incidence than the rest of the province. The Centre for Complex Diabetes Care (CCDC) at our Hospital provides care to adults with diabetes in Northwestern Ontario who require intensive management. Approximately 15 percent of people living with diabetes fall into this category. Throughout the month of November, the Hospital will be highlighting our CCDC staff who play a vital role in diabetes care. Look for these features on the Hospital's social media channels and the Daily Informed Newsletter.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute and our Hospital, announced Dr. Brianne Wood as the inaugural joint Social Accountability and Learning Health Systems Associate Scientist for a two-year term. Dr. Wood will focus on the development, implementation, and evaluation of learning health systems research in Northern Ontario and support the integration of educational and health systems research. She will assist in the development of data infrastructure, evaluation processes and strategies that support health system education and foster sustainable research collaborations. This new role will be situated within the research mandate of the Centre for Social Accountability at NOSM and the Academic mandate at our Hospital. Read the full announcement from November 1st: <https://bit.ly/DrBrianneWood-Nov-1-2021>

A simulation survey will be conducted at our Hospital on Monday, November 8th and Tuesday, November 9th. Richard Bedard from Accreditation Canada will be on site on both days to prepare the organization for the upcoming Accreditation Survey on May 16-19, 2022. Richard has worked in health care for more than 30 years and has experience in administration, leadership, clinical care, and professional practice. He brings with him practical experience in acute care, long term care and primary care. To learn more about Richard, Accreditation, and what to expect during the simulation survey, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/accreditation-canada-simulation-survey-on-november-8-9/> or contact Sheri Maltais (maltaiss@tbh.net) and Chitra Jacob (jacobc@tbh.net).

We remain committed to transparency and hope that providing information and answers to your questions support your efforts. The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is taking place on Wednesday, November 10th at 1:30 pm via Webex. We value you and your input. If you have questions you would like answered, please submit them online at <http://tbh.net/thq> and we will do our best to address them. Thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged.

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