

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, Volunteers and Contractors

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

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RE: **ALERT – Mandatory Masking and Use of Eye Protection**

Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre's current internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level is **RED (Control)** and we need to ensure all response measures are followed within our Hospital.

This reminder has become necessary because failure to adhere to PPE requirements has resulted in several avoidable workplace exposures, which have put significant strain on our already stretched health human resources.

ALL staff, professional staff, learners, volunteers, and contractors while in any Hospital location, must wear a mask and eye protection immediately upon entry until exit and at all times.

Masks and eye protection can only be removed if you are in an approved break area when eating, drinking and when able to maintain a distance of 2 m/6 ft or more from others (this includes patients and co-workers) or if you are in a private office or workspace.

This includes all TBRHSC sites (including 980, 984, 1040 Oliver Road and Munro Street).

Adhering to PPE requirements is very important when it comes to contact tracing and exposure to COVID-19. Wearing PPE protects you, protects your colleagues and our patients and families.

Thank you to all who have remained diligent with their compliance; please hold yourself and each other accountable to all Infection Prevention and Control requirements

Please contact your Manager with any questions or concerns.