

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: TBRHSC Senior Leaders, Directors, Managers, and Coordinators

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RE: Process for Booking COVID-19 PCR Testing for Symptomatic Household Members

Effective immediately, symptomatic household members of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) staff and professional staff will be prioritized for in-house PCR testing through the COVID-19 Assessment Centre. This will apply to staff who are deemed essential to services, are scheduled to work and are not able to work remotely.

Staff members who fail screening due to a symptomatic household member presumed to be positive for COVID-19 should isolate and contact their manager/supervisor to determine if their household member qualifies for testing. If deemed essential, the manager/supervisor will direct the staff to book an appointment for their household member to be tested. Should the household member's test result as positive then complete the screening app and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) will contact the worker to review next steps.

Appointments can be booked online at <https://tb.covidresponse.ca/>. Reminder that the family member must identify themselves as a family member of a TBRHSC employee to ensure that an in-house PCR test is completed.

Managers are no longer required to send a fax to the COVID-19 Assessment Centre. Eligibility will be confirmed upon attending the appointment and individuals must identify themselves as household members of a TBRHSC employee when they attend their appointment.

Managers can code their staff **IDEL-pani**.

Eligible employees are entitled to a **maximum of three incidents** of paid IDEL of **up to \$200 per day**. For more information about IDEL, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act-0/infectious-disease-emergency-leave#section-4>

Please note that OH&S will not have access to household member results.

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