

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**January 13, 2022**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	Positive Cases in the ICU	Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Care Unit	Active COVID-19 Cases in the TBDHU district	Hospital Staff Vaccination Rate	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
24	5	16	353	97.2%	<b>Red (Control)</b>

Our Hospital's current internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level is RED (Control) and we need to ensure all response measures are followed within our facilities. 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 applies to all Hospital 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.

Starting the week of January 17th, our Hospital's onsite COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic will operate only once per week on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Drop-ins will still be accepted at our clinic only when there are open spots available and when vaccine supply allows. To guarantee a spot, we recommend booking an appointment through the eHealth scheduling tool: <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/>. All health care workers – including staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers – are eligible to receive their third vaccine dose 84 days after their second dose. Please remember to bring your government issued photo ID to your appointment, and be sure to send your vaccination receipt to Occupational Health and Safety ([ohs@tbh.net](mailto:ohs@tbh.net)) as soon as possible.

The vaccination team will also continue to offer inpatient vaccinations on Wednesdays. If staff have identified an eligible patient, they may contact the vaccination team by email at [inpatientvaccinations@tbh.net](mailto:inpatientvaccinations@tbh.net) or by calling 684-6000, extension 4585. Please note that this phone line and voicemail inbox will only be monitored on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our Hospital has coordinated priority testing for all staff after COVID-19 exposure, and or symptoms in order to receive timely results. Currently the COVID-19 Assessment Centre has been a site for both staff and public to book appointments and receive COVID-19 testing. When staff members attend appointments through this

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centre, they are booked as priority in-house testing, in order to receive results in efficient turnaround time, as this could impact our Hospital operations. The term “rapid testing” has been often misused when addressing priority testing. Last week, we provided clear definitions of the test. Each method detects a different part of the virus, and how it works influences the test’s speed and relative accuracy. To learn more, please read the memo from January 7th: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/clarification-of-rapid-testing-vs-in-house-priority-testing/>

In follow up to the remote work memo distributed to leaders on December 31st, all staff working remotely are required to complete the daily entrance screening when working remotely **only if** they would actively fail their daily screen. Occupational Health & Safety will be notified of the failed screen and will contact the staff during operating hours.

To support members of our essential workforce, Emergency Child Care for school-aged children will be available at no cost to eligible families of essential workers with no other child care alternatives. The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) will work closely with the provincial government and community partners to determine locations. Child care hours and service options will vary by centre. Emergency Child Care may be available as early as January 10th. Applications are now being accepted for Emergency Child Care. Please apply online at [www.thunderbaychildcare.ca](http://www.thunderbaychildcare.ca) and sign in with an existing account or register for a new account. As the Emergency Child Care service requires a separate application, applying with an existing waitlist account will not modify any other waitlist choices. TBDSSAB will contact eligible families to confirm eligibility, and to notify families when a space becomes available. For more information, please contact Louise Piercey, Manager, Child Care & Early Years Programs at [louise.piercey@tbdssab.ca](mailto:louise.piercey@tbdssab.ca).

In order to measure the impact of the staffing and scheduling improvement initiatives over time at our Hospital, front line staff are invited to provide valuable feedback via an online survey. Simply visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H9NFSQR> and complete it on or before January 21st. This survey will be repeated periodically over the next 12 to 18 months as we continue to implement changes.

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