

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**January 26, 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 Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	Hospital Staff Vaccination Rate	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level
41	6	22	302	2 (TCU Cedar Unit, 2A Unit)	97.4%	<b>Grey (Lockdown)</b>

As part of our Hospital's move to Level Grey on our Internal Pandemic Response, we have implemented new measures to protect the health and safety of staff, patients and the community such as testing all new admissions for COVID-19, ramping down clinical services and limiting access for Essential Care Partners (ECPs), contractors and vendors. Patients are limited to one ECP, with exceptions being vetted through unit managers to the Incident Management Team. "Hot zones" will only have ECPs that are essential to the care of patients, with exceptions being vetted through onsite unit leadership. Areas in outbreak will not be able to have ECPs, and will only be permitted under special circumstances. Any requests for exceptions will need to be addressed through unit managers. There is no change to ECP guidelines for palliative care and patients will continue to be supported as per previous guidelines. More information is available here: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/updated-essential-care-partner-guidelines/>

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are reminding all patients (inpatients and outpatients) and ECPs that wearing a procedure mask (level 3 or higher) is required while inside the Hospital. All patients and ECPs will be provided with a mask (level 3 or higher) at either the Screening desk or outpatient area including the Emergency Department (ED), Labour and Delivery, and outpatient clinics in other buildings. Outpatients and all ECPs must wear a mask at all times, and masks should be replaced when damaged, soiled or wet. All inpatients must wear a procedure mask (level 3 or higher) during interactions with Hospital staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers, when being transported out of their room and when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Masks will be replaced daily or when damaged, soiled or wet.

In the event of a COVID-19 positive patient not being able to secure their own means of transportation home following discharge from our Hospital, a process has been in place in coordination with Diamond Taxi services between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. An additional mode of transportation has now been arranged for after-hours transfers of COVID-19 positive patients who fall outside the above weekday timeline. Granite Town Cars will provide transportation to discharged patients who are COVID-19 positive and are medically discharged from our Hospital to home addresses within the City of Thunder Bay on an on-call / as needed basis, Monday to Friday (from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am). Weekend transportation is available from both Diamond Taxi and Granite Town Cars with advanced notice but both are limited (based on other bookings and driver availability). For full

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details, please refer to the memo from January 20th: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/after-hours-transportation-for-covid-19-positive-patients-post-discharge/>

All staff, professional staff, learners, volunteers, and essential contractors while in any Hospital location, are reminded to 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 two metres / six feet or more from others (this includes patients and co-workers) or if you are in a private office or workspace. Managers, please assess your spaces and ensure that signage is in place, extra furniture is removed and that break times are staggered to minimize occupancy. This applies to all TBRHSC sites (including 980, 984, 1040 Oliver Road and Munro Street).

Adhering to PPE requirements is very important. 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.

Finally, symptomatic household members of Hospital 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. For more information, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Memo-Booking-PCR-Tests-for-Household-Members-January-19-2022.pdf>

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