

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



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March 11, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	24	Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
Positive Cases in the ICU	9	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Grey (Lockdown)
Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Unit	13		
Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	186		

The Ontario government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health unveiled a timeline for lifting all remaining COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. This includes the removal of the mandatory masking requirement for most settings on March 21st, **with the exception of select settings such as health care settings, long-term care homes, congregate care settings and public transit:** <https://news.ontario.ca/en/statement/1001732/statement-from-ontarios-chief-medical-officer-of-health>

To provide the safest environment, our Hospital's Incident Management Team will continue to review operational impacts as the Government of Ontario proceeds with the plans to remove health measures and directives. Our Hospital is committed to protecting all patients, staff, visitors and will ensure any sector-specific protective measures remain as required when assessed against our internal pandemic response level needs.

March 8th was International Women's Day, a global day of recognition that celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and girls, and raises awareness of the work left to be done. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate all the amazing women who work at our Hospital and Health Research Institute. Their kindness is symbolic of what it means to be human — while their strength and spirit is almost inhuman. Like all of our staff, these women are committed to professionalism and public service each and every day. During the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, many have been pulling double duty by going home after a shift at our Hospital, only to continue working as caregivers, parents, and children of aging parents. They are often quiet warriors and unsung heroes. Please join us in celebrating their leadership at work, at home and in the community and thanking them for their service.

March 7-13, 2022 is Social Work Week. The Social Work profession contributes to the overall health and well-being of individuals, families and communities. Social workers are unique among helping professionals because they look at people's challenges within the context of their social environment. They also understand and consider the connections between personal challenges and larger social issues.

Social workers help to identify the source of stress or problems, strengthen coping skills and find effective solutions. The theme for this year's Social Work Week is 'we all need support'. Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, people and communities across Ontario are navigating the mental health impacts of anxiety, stress, and burnout like never before. Ontario has more than 20,000 Registered Social Workers who have been on the frontlines of recovery. As the largest provider of mental health care in the province, social workers are vital to

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ensuring mental health access for all Ontarians. In health care, long-term care, schools, community mental health, private practice and more, social workers are there to intervene early, reduce barriers, and deliver the quality mental health care that individuals, families, and communities need, now more than ever. Thank you to all of the social workers who makes a positive impact on the real lives of thousands of patients who receive care at our Hospital and beyond.

The next presentation in the Health Research Speaker Series will feature Dr. Hazem Elmansy, MD, MSc, FRCSC, Associate Professor & Program Director of the Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery Fellowship Program, at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Join Dr. Elmansy as he presents, "*Let's do better: Non COVID-19 research should advance during the pandemic*" on Thursday, March 24th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm via Webex: <https://bit.ly/HRSS-March-24>

Finally, we remain committed to transparency and hope that providing information and answers to your questions provide you the information you need to make your work day better. The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is taking place on Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm via Webex. If you have questions you would like answered, please send them to tbrhscgroupnews@tbh.net and we will do our best to address them. Thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged.