

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



March 4, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	30	Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
Positive Cases in the ICU	7	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Grey (Lockdown)
Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Unit	24		
Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	226		

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, especially while our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level remains in Grey (Lockdown). Wearing PPE - along with practicing proper hand hygiene - protects you, protects your colleagues and protects 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.

Across Canada, March is Nutrition Month and March 16th is designated as Dietitians Day. It's an opportunity to highlight the important work of Dietitians in advancing health through food and nutrition. Our Dietitians are providers of food and nutrition services, committing themselves to helping people enjoy healthy lives. Please join us in thanking our Dietitians for their on-going contribution in providing our patients and their families with trusted choices for reliable, life changing food and nutrition advice.

March is also Colon Cancer Awareness Month and our Hospital is encouraging you to take action against colon cancer by learning about steps you can take at home to reduce your risk. Colon cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Ontario and the third leading cause of cancer death in men. While the best tool available to prevent colon cancer is screening, there are certain lifestyle changes you can make to help reduce your risk. Learn more by visiting <https://bit.ly/TakeControltoPreventColonCancer>

Each year, Pharmacy Appreciation Month is celebrated in March as a way to educate Canadians about the contributions pharmacy professionals make in the delivery of health care. Pharmacy professionals have taken on a lot to help us through the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years and have been a key part of our nationwide public health efforts to screen, test and vaccinate Canadians. Pharmacies have remained open and accessible to their patients, and pharmacy teams have showed up each day ready to care for, support, educate

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and guide their communities through the many challenges that we have faced. Join us in celebrating our pharmacy professionals for everything they do.

The annual Walk the Talk Awards were handed out on February 28th as part of Employee Recognition Week (February 27 - March 4). With these awards, staff can nominate fellow employees to recognize their exemplary performance from the past year. A committee of Patient Family Advisors then reviews the nominations, and an organization wide voting system is used to select the winners. The ceremony also acknowledged employees who have dedicated 25 or more years of service with our Hospital. Congratulations to all of the 2021 Walk the Talk winners, nominees, and long service recipients. In case you missed it, click here for a summary of the event: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/congratulations-to-our-walk-the-talk-winners-and-nominees/>.

Finally, March 4th is Employee Appreciation Day and we want to acknowledge how extraordinary our team is. All staff and professional staff play a vital role in our Hospital's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for keeping our community safe and for providing exceptional care for patients and families every single day.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is a leader in Patient and Family Centred Care and a research and teaching hospital proudly affiliated with **Lakehead University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Confederation College**.

Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à l'**université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération**.

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