

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



April 21, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	26	Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
Positive Cases in the ICU	3	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Red (Control)
Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Unit	18		
Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	194		

Our internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level remains at Red (Control). All response activities are evaluated daily by our Hospital's Incident Management Team and Leaders across the organization to ensure they are effective and appropriate. As a reminder, as we continue to minimize the amount of movement in our Hospital, Essential Care Partners who are visiting patients at our Hospital are required to 1) complete the screening process at our entrance, 2) wear a mask at all times, 3) go directly to the patient's room that they are visiting, stay in the patient's room for the entire duration of the visit and then exit the building, 4) not eat or drink while they are at our Hospital, including in patient rooms, and 5) wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Health has provided recommendations on both masking and wearing eye protection for all Hospital staff and visitors. However, the protective level when masking and eye protection is required has been left up to individual facilities to determine. Earlier this week, masking and eye protection guidelines for each of our Hospital's internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Levels were shared: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/masking-and-eye-protection-requirements-based-on-covid-19-response-level/>. It's important to note that the above may change at any time prior to moving into a different response level and will be communicated.

To ensure alignment with current guidelines from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, updated provincial guidelines, as well as the increase in previous positive cases in our community and the lifting of travel restrictions, the guidelines for *When to Test and When to Isolate Inpatients for COVID-19* have been updated. To view the updated Guidance Document, and identify which actions have been revised, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/when-to-test-when-to-isolate-inpatients-for-covid-19/> Any questions about testing guidelines should be directed to your Manager.

National Volunteer Week is April 25th-29th. Please take the time to recognize our fabulous volunteers throughout this week. The Volunteer and Patient Family Advisor (PFA) Recognition Committee have planned a number of recognition activities and events to show our appreciation for their contributions. National Volunteer Week is the perfect opportunity for you and your colleagues to recognize the volunteers who serve as part of your department's team and throughout the Hospital. Please send your messages of thanks to a specific volunteer, a PFA, or to the whole team by contacting Megan Valente, Volunteer Coordinator, at valentme@tbh.net by Monday, April 25th. These thoughtful messages will be shared with volunteers and PFAs through various channels including the Daily Informed Newsletter, the Volunteer Newsletter, at the

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Patient and Family Centred Care council meeting, and on the bulletin board in the Volunteer Services department.

When the clock struck noon on April 12th (also known as CaRMS Match Day), NOSM University students learned where they will be headed for residency training. NOSM University's fourth-year medical students are the only class in Canada to match 100% in the first round. This is an incredible accomplishment and would not be possible without the support of our preceptors, staff, and departments. We are excited to welcome a new class of fourth-year year medical students at our Hospital on April 25th. The students will be learning from and working alongside our health care professionals for the next year.

Over the next several months, our Hospital will also be welcoming over 80 new nurses to the team, thanks to a successful 2022 Spring Hire. These new recruits will fill a variety of positions throughout the organization, providing exceptional care for our patients and their families. For more information, please contact Kristie Scalzo in Professional Practice at scalzok@tbh.net.

As we advance the official rollout of our new Strategic Plan 2026, we are working concomitantly to align ourselves for success. To do this, we began by realigning, integrating and shifting our Senior Leadership team portfolios to be well-positioned to support the major directions identified in our pursuit of our new Vision – *Exceptional care, for every patient, every time*. Our new Vision gives us a sense of refocus, and a new beginning which will guide our decisions, investments and actions. As we build and work to renew our organization in alignment with our Strategic Directions, we have identified several areas for transformative change. Learn more at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/strategic-organizational-realignment-phase-1/>

In less than four weeks, Accreditation Canada surveyors will be visiting our Hospital from May 15-19 to ensure that we are providing safe and effective care that aligns with national standards. Accreditation involves everyone at our Hospital. We all play a role in delivering the highest standards of care to our patients, families, and the community — each and every day. Please make sure you are aware of how the survey may affect you and your department. Ask your Manager for more details or contact Sheri Maltais at maltaiss@tbh.net or Chitra Jacob at jacobc@tbh.net for more details on how you can be involved. To view the survey schedule for our Hospital, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/accreditation-canada-survey-may-15-19/>.