

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**June 10, 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	3	Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Orange (Restrict)</b>
Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Unit	16		
Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	152		

The Province of Ontario issued a statement indicating that most masking requirements will be lifted on June 11, 2022, with a note that masks will still be required in long-term care and retirement homes. Masking is recommended in higher-risk congregate living settings, such as shelters and group homes. While masking requirements in some locations are expiring, organizations may implement their own policies. **Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre will maintain masking requirements and entrance screening for patients and visitors for the foreseeable future.** While COVID-related hospitalizations and critical illness are declining, vulnerable populations continue to be at heightened risk of infection. We serve the most vulnerable of our community, and remain committed to doing everything possible to keep patients and staff safe, including maintaining best practices in infection, prevention, and control. Our Hospital's internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level was recently assessed, and we remain at Level Orange (Restrict). We anticipate that COVID-19 activity will continue to decline and we will be reassessing the Response Level Yellow in the coming weeks.

All staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers are invited to a Staff Appreciation BBQ on June 15. The BBQ will also coincide with the kick-off of our Strategic Plan 2026. We will begin the kick-off through a Virtual All Staff Town Hall from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, followed by the Staff Appreciation BBQ from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the courtyard, outside of the Cafeteria. The BBQ will include burgers (including a vegetarian option), salad, ice cream and some giveaways as a thank you for all that you do. All staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers are invited to attend. Snack boxes will be offered for staff on the evening shift of June 15. The Kindness Carts will also be roaming throughout the Hospital during the week of June 13 to all departments providing snacks and small tokens of appreciation. Please note that PPE will still need to be worn when attending the staff BBQ. Please utilize the designated eating spaces to enjoy your lunch, including some picnic tables that will be available outside. We look forward to seeing many of you on June 15, to show our appreciation for your tremendous dedication to exceptional patient care, and to celebrate the launch of Strategic Plan 2026.

In alignment with the Strategic Plan 2026 direction of Research Innovation & Learning, our Hospital and Health Research Institute are transitioning to an electronic research administration and application system called ROMEO Research Portal this summer. The ROMEO Research Portal is an online digital platform used

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by dozens of academic and health care institutions across Canada for managing their clinical research needs in terms of reviews, approvals, tracking, and reporting. The system will streamline the ethics and institutional authorization process for research in a number of ways, including reduced administrative data entry by collecting data via online workflow processes, tracked deliverables and auto-prompt reminders for re-approvals, and tracked and automated approval processes, reducing the time to obtain signatures. Visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/coming-soon-romeo-research-portal/> for more information.

The Northern Supply Chain (NSC) will be joining Mohawk Medbuy Corporation effective June 15. The NSC was established in 2011 with an original agreement that included all of the hospitals of Northwestern Ontario, but has grown substantially since that time. In 2016, the services of the NSC were expanded to include 23 hospitals in the NE LHIN. In 2018, the NSC was awarded the contract to provide procurement services to the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, which represents 50 agencies across the province. Read more at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/northern-supply-chain-is-joining-mohawk-medbuy-corporation-on-june-15/> and join us in thanking the team at NSC for their exceptional contributions over the years. Our Hospital looks forward to continuing to work with this incredibly talented and dedicated team for years to come.