

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jennifer Wintermans, VP, Quality and Corporate Affairs, COVID-19 Lead, Adam Vinet, VP, Patient Experience and Chief Nursing Executive, Regional VP, Cancer Care Services

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RE: **Hospital's Internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level Moves from Orange to Yellow**

Effective, **Monday, July 4**, our Hospital will be moving its internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level from **Orange (Restrict)** to **Yellow (Protect)**.

The decision was made based on decreasing numbers of COVID-19 cases within the community and region. As well, the number of COVID-19 cases at our Hospital has continued to decrease over the last few weeks. Upon changing response levels, a fulsome review of all actions is considered to determine which activities need to remain in order to maintain a safe environment. Moving into Level Yellow (Protect) will affect the following response activities and Hospital operations:

- **Masking continues to be mandatory for all except for when eating or within a private office. Level 3 masking** remains required at all times.
- **Eye Protection:** Is required when entering a patient's room and/or providing direct patient care **or upon preliminary screening if not able to be separated by a physical barrier** Eye protection is **no longer required in non-clinical settings**, when not providing patient care.
- **Physical Distancing:** We continue to encourage 2 metres of physical distancing where possible.
- **In Person Meetings:** In person meetings are able to occur, while wearing a mask at all times. Continue physical distancing. Meeting rooms will no longer be used as additional lunchrooms.
- **Testing all new Admissions:** Remains status quo and will be reevaluated in the coming weeks.
- **Contractors and Vendors:** No restrictions to contractors and vendors, if they pass screening and are fully vaccinated.
- **Remote Work:** At the discretion of the program/department.

As part of moving to Response Level Yellow (Protect), the **dedicated COVID-19 Unit will be closing** and any COVID-19 patient will be admitted to the most appropriate service unit and designated MRP in a private room.

We thank everyone for their continued cooperation and dedication to keeping our Hospital patients, families, and staff safe.

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

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