

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jessica Logozzo, Vice President, Regional Transformation and Integration, and
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RE: **Masking Requirements for Patients and Visitors**

Yesterday, the province 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.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre'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.

A reminder about our masking requirements will be shared with the community today to ensure they are aware of our Hospital's guidelines.

Thank you for your patience and commitment to the community as we continue to put patients at the centre of everything that we do.

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