

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

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RE: **Updated Guidance: When to Test and When to Isolate Patients for COVID-19**

In order to maintain our safe environment and COVID-19 response efforts, the guidance document for *When to Test and When to Isolate Patients for COVID-19* has been updated. This updated guidance document aligns with Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, and Hospital requirements as per COVID-19 response levels.

This new version outlines the procedures to follow for testing and includes new reference for when COVID-19 testing should be done if not deemed mandatory as per Hospital COVID-19 response level activity. The updated guidance references protocols for all patients and not just inpatients. In addition, the document outlines when COVID-19 testing is contraindicated and includes details of when to test prior to surgery.

The updated guidance document (Version 5) is the most current and can be found on the intranet: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Guidance-Document-When-to-Test-and-When-to-Isolate-for-COVID-19-June-23-2022-v.5.pdf>

To note: Updated actions are used as a guide and may not always be revised as we change response levels.

If you have questions, please ask your Manager or contact Infection Prevention and Control at extension 6094.

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