

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jennifer Wintermans, VP, Quality and Corporate Affairs, Incident Manager

Date: July 22, 2022

RE: **Deactivation of the COVID-19 Incident Management System (IMS)**

Effective July 21st, the Incident Management Team (IMT) has been deactivated after managing our Hospital's COVID-19 response throughout the last year, as per our Incident Management System (IMS).

This decision was made as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves into a more manageable state, and as the organization is more prepared to embed COVID-19 activities into our organizational structure.

As we move to a more sustainable response to COVID-19, this means that any requests for COVID-19 operational changes or considerations for changes in COVID-19 related activities, will be required to be vetted through your portfolios' respective VP and no longer through the IMT branches.

We know that COVID-19 will continue to require ongoing monitoring and shifts in operational needs throughout the foreseeable future, and we will continue to assess against any new developments and follow Ministry of Health guidelines. At this time, all existing hospital protective measures (ex. Mandatory masking) will continue to be in place. Our internal Pandemic Response Level will remain at Yellow (Protect)) with ongoing assessment. As well, the reactivation of the Incident Management Team will be mobilized again if required.

Moving forward, no new Guidance Documents will be created and all COVID-19 related information that needs to move into a formal document will follow the existing process for Policies, Procedures and Standard Operating Practices.

COVID-19 information and supportive resources will continue to be available on the on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/> until further notice.

Any questions can be directed through to your Manager and addressed. Thank you for your support and cooperation.