

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



August 5, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	37
Positive Cases in the ICU	2
Current Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	200
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	1 (1A Medical and Acute Oncology Unit)
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Orange (Restrict)

As of August 5th, our Hospital has moved its internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level from **Yellow (Protect)** to **Orange (Restrict)**. This decision was made based on increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases within our community and the increase in outbreaks within high-risk setting within our region. In addition, over the last week there has been an increase in the amount of patients with COVID-19 in our Hospital. These factors have resulted in the decision to change our response level in order to decrease the amount of movement in our Hospital and maintain a safe environment. Moving into Level Orange (Restrict) will affect these response activities and Hospital operations. Please note that all response activities are evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure they are effective and appropriate by Senior Leadership Council and leaders across the organization. Staff are reminded to complete the screening tool prior to each shift, practice hand hygiene and wear PPE appropriate for the work environment.

IT systems are the backbone of any organization. Our Hospital staff rely on them to do their job and provide patients and their families with the best possible care. Scheduled maintenance of IT systems is an essential and important task and ensures these systems are working properly. Please take an opportunity to familiarize yourself with our Hospital's downtime and maintenance procedures and how it may affect your role. Visit the [Information Systems page](#) for more information.

On August 3rd, the provincial government announced that the option of French language characters, such as accents (e.g., ç, è, é, ê, ë), is now available on Ontario health cards. This is another step forward in the province's plan to make French characters available on all Ontario government identification and to better serve the Francophone community. Ontarians with French names may now visit a Service Ontario location with the required supporting identification documents to request a free replacement health card displaying their name with French language characters, including accents. Read the full news release [here](#).

The Health and Wellness Committee is currently looking for individuals to be featured in the 2023 calendar. You can share an activity you do to stay healthy (i.e. any form of physical, emotional, social, spiritual, occupational, financial or environmental wellness activity), your favourite nutritious recipe, or nominate a colleague who is a leader in health and wellness. For more information, or to submit content, please reach out to Caitlind Davidson at caitlind.davidson@tbh.net.

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Returning in the fall are our virtual All Staff Town Halls, where we will answer your questions and provide you with the information you need to make your work day better. If you have questions you would like answered, please send them to tbrhscgroupnews@tbh.net and we will do our best to address them. If you were not able to attend a previous Town Halls, visit www.tbrhsc.net/th to view a recording or read a summary in our archive. Thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged.