

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**July 22, 2022**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

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| Total Positive Cases in the Hospital                         | 21            | Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital      | 1<br>(1A Medical and Acute Oncology Unit) |
| Positive Cases in the ICU                                    | 1             | Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level | <b>Yellow<br/>(Protect)</b>               |
| Number of Patients on the 3B COVID-19 Unit                   | 0<br>(Closed) |   |   |
| Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district | 105           |   |   |

On July 28, parents and caregivers of children aged six months to under five years will be able to book appointments for the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine. Immunocompromised youth aged 12 to 17 will also become eligible to schedule their second booster dose (fifth dose) if at least six months have passed since their first booster (fourth dose). Starting July 28, appointments will be available through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) and the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, directly through [public health units](#) using their own booking system, participating primary care providers and paediatricians, as well as at [participating pharmacies](#) and Indigenous-led vaccination clinics.

As we move to a more sustainable response to COVID-19, a decision was made to move our COVID-19 response activities into our organizational structure and we have deactivated our COVID-19 Incident Management Team. 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 response level will remain at yellow with ongoing assessment. As well, the reactivation of the Incident Management Team will be mobilized again if required. 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.

The results are in from May's Accreditation survey and for the first time in our Hospital's history, we are among a group of select hospitals in Canada to receive the [highest possible designation from Accreditation Canada](#), '**Accredited with Exemplary Standing**'. Our Hospital met 100 per cent of the Required Organizational Practices, which address high-risk areas in health care and are categorized into six safety areas: Safety Culture, Communication, Medication Use, Infection Control, Worklife/Workforce and Risk Assessment. Our Hospital's overall compliance rating resulted in 99.19 per cent. Thank you to everyone for your exceptional effort and commitment to quality and safety for patients.

On July 19, FedNor announced [more than \\$1.9M in investments](#) for enhancing technology and research in

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our community. Our Hospital will receive \$1,228,005 to enhance and expand its cyclotron technology, enabling us to supply markets outside Thunder Bay with radio-chemicals and isotopes, which will generate revenue streams to assist with sustainability and growth, and will create three new jobs. Additionally, our Hospital will receive \$684,110 to renovate and upgrade its medical imaging suite and purchase cutting-edge equipment to expand the research and development capacity. These projects are receiving funds provided through FedNor's Regional Economic Growth through Innovation program.

As part of the ongoing activities being done with respect to Emergency Department (ED) workplace violence, our Hospital's ED Workplace Violence (WPV) Prevention Committee continues to implement strategies and deploy extra security as we work to improve the safety in our Hospital, including initiating a public campaign to bring awareness to the issue and needs, completion of hospital-based Non-violent Crisis Intervention training by all ED security and increased police presence and partnerships. We continue to work towards having an environment free from all forms and sources of violence, aggression, intimidation, threats or verbal abuse. We will be applying the strategies learned from above work to other areas of the Hospital to further enhance workplace safety and protect our staff, patients, families and visitors to our Hospital. Please connect with your manager or Human Resources if you have any questions or concerns about these initiatives.

The Trauma Program at our Hospital is pleased to announce their new website, <http://www.tbrhsctrmaprogram.ca>. Launched in April 2022, the website provides up-to-date information on programming, trauma resources and professional development opportunities. The goal of the Trauma Program is to improve trauma care for all people in Northwestern Ontario, and the launch of the new website is a tool to help achieve that. If you have any questions, comments or want more information, please reach out to us at [traumaprogram@tbh.net](mailto:traumaprogram@tbh.net).

In alignment with the Strategic Plan 2026 direction of Research Innovation & Learning, our Hospital and Health Research Institute are pleased to announce the transition to an electronic research administration and application system called ROMEO Research Portal on August 8. The ROMEO Research Portal is an online digital platform used by dozens of academic and health care institutions across Canada for managing their clinical research needs in terms of reviews, approvals, tracking, and reporting. The system will streamline the ethics and institutional authorization process for research in a number of ways, including reduced administrative data entry by collecting data via online workflow processes, tracked deliverables and auto-prompt reminders for re-approvals, and tracked and automated approval processes, reducing the time to obtain signatures. To learn more, including a list of upcoming important dates to be aware of, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/update-on-romeo-research-portal/>.