

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



September 16, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	31
Positive Cases in the ICU	1
Current Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	237
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	1 (3A Surgical Inpatient Unit)
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Orange (Restrict)

Please be advised that as of September 13, the COVID-19 outbreak on the 1A Medical Inpatient Unit – Front Hall Only has been declared over. There is currently one confirmed COVID-19 outbreak at our Hospital, on the 3A Surgical Inpatient Unit (as of September 7). All restrictions are in place. For more information, please contact Infection Prevention and Control at 684-6094. All Hospital COVID-19 updates, memos and resources are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

Based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, the Ontario government is offering the bivalent COVID-19 booster dose to all Ontarians aged 18 and over, beginning with the most vulnerable populations. Starting September 12, the bivalent boosters were available to vulnerable populations including: those aged 70 and over, residents of long-term care homes, and health care workers aged 18 and over. The boosters will be available to the general population of Ontarians aged 18 and older starting September 26. For more information, see the [news release](#). More locally, information on booking booster doses is available [here](#).

Nominations for the 2022 iCare Impact Awards are [now open](#). These peer-to-peer honours are aimed at highlighting initiatives within the organization that support our mission, vision, and values. Nominations will be accepted under the four categories: Diversity, Compassion, Excellence and Accountability. Please see the [Daily Informed Newsletter](#) for more details.

This week our Hospital is celebrating two departments that contribute immensely to the safe operation of the facility every single day. [Housekeeping Appreciation Week \(September 11-17\)](#) is an opportunity to recognize the value and hard work provided by all of the dedicated members of our Hospital's Housekeeping team. We're also recognizing [Security Staff Appreciation Week \(September 12-18\)](#) and saluting the Security Services department for their commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone who accesses our Hospital. The Security team is on site and available 24/7 to provide assistance to those in need. We rely on both these teams on the front lines to keep our facility clean and safe for our patients, staff and visitors. Please join us in thanking these amazing departments for everything they do and the important roles they play.

[Neonatal Nurses Week \(September 12-18\)](#) celebrates the hard work and dedication of neonatal nurses. The contributions of these health care heroes to the tiniest patients make a difference that lasts a lifetime for

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neonates and their families. Nurses all over the world work tirelessly to save the most fragile neonatal lives, work closely with patient families, and advocate for the neonatal nursing profession. Please join us in thanking our NICU nurses for their tremendous contributions to patient and family centred care.

World Patient Safety Day (September 17), one of the World Health Organization's global public health days, was established in 2019 by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 – "Global action on patient safety". Its objectives are to increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global understanding, and work toward global solidarity and action by Member States to enhance patient safety and reduce patient harm. For more information on the World Patient Safety Day, click [here](#) or visit the [Daily Informed Newsletter](#).

To help commemorate [Orange Shirt Day](#) (also known as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) on September 30, [locally designed Every Child Matters t-shirts](#) are available for purchase [online](#). This year's Every Child Matters design was drawn by Jayda, an Indigenous artist attending Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School in Thunder Bay. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Dennis Franklin Cromarty and Pelican Falls High School for Scholarships to support Indigenous students. As a reminder, September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a statutory holiday for COPE employees.

September 19, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, is marked as a provincial Day of Mourning for Ontarians, in lieu of a provincial holiday. Please note this is not a statutory holiday for Hospital employees. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with your manager.

On August 24, Grand Council Treaty #3 celebrated the launch of their Cancer Survivorship campaign. This collaborative campaign involved partnering with the North West Regional Cancer Program at our Hospital, and features the stories of three Treaty #3 survivors who share their lived experiences with prostate, colon and breast cancer. [The videos](#) focus on the survivors' story while also educating viewers about provincial, organized screening tests for breast and colon cancer. Read the full news release [here](#).

Finally, a Virtual All Staff Town Hall was held on September 14 that provided the information Hospital staff need to make their work day better and answer frequently asked questions. Those who were unable to attend may view the recording [here](#).