

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**September 9, 2022**

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	33
Positive Cases in the ICU	2
Current Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	215
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	2 (1A Medical Inpatient Unit – FRONT HALL ONLY and 3A Surgical Inpatient Unit)
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Orange (Restrict)</b>

There are currently two confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks at our Hospital, on the 1A Medical Inpatient Unit – Front Hall Only (as of September 6) and 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/>.

The Palliative Care ECHO series supports a continuous learning journey for health care professionals to build local capacity to provide a palliative care approach to patients and their families. The latest series, *Supporting Journeys to the Spirit World: Embracing a Two-Eyed Seeing Approach to Caring for Indigenous Peoples*, explores Indigenous and Westernized ways of knowing in caring for Indigenous Peoples who are seriously ill and identifies resources and tools available that are currently available. This series will be held on Tuesdays, from September 27 to November 8, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST via Zoom. Please see the [poster](#) with further information and register [here](#).

Each year, living donor transplants save the lives of hundreds of Canadians awaiting a liver or kidney transplant. Living organ donation offers a shorter pathway to better health with a less wait time and better health outcomes than a deceased donor transplant. Yet many Canadians are not aware of living organ donation. Living Donation Week (September 11-17) is a national awareness week featuring free virtual events and activities focused on improving access and equity in living organ donation, profiling the work of Team Transplant, and celebrating incredible living donors and transplant recipients. Learn more and register for the events [here](#).

Our Hospital is pleased to introduce the iCare Impact Awards, a peer-to-peer recognition event, aimed at highlighting initiatives within the organization that support our mission, vision, and values. Rather than focusing on individuals, the iCare Impact Awards recognizes outcomes and impacts, and the people or teams who made those outcomes possible. When placing a nomination, keep the impact as front-of-mind, looking through the lens of our strategic vision; *Exceptional care for every patient, every time*. The iCare Impact Awards program is open to all employees, professional staff, and volunteers of our Hospital and Thunder Bay

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Regional Health Research Institute. To learn more, click [here](#) or contact Madeline Reinikka, Employee Engagement Consultant at [madeline.reinikka@tbh.net](mailto:madeline.reinikka@tbh.net) or by calling 684-6221.

The Volunteer Association/Health Sciences Foundation Family CARE (Care Advancement Recommended by Employees) Grants are here to help you – the family of health care providers that make our Hospital the excellent facility it is. Family CARE grants can be used to improve the care you give every day. Listen for patient and family suggestions when brainstorming ideas. Initiatives that improve the care we can provide benefit us all. [Download the form](#) and submit your completed application to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation (Foundation President's Office, Room 2232) by Friday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. EST. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Miniaci, Executive Coordinator by calling 684-7276 or visit Room 2232 in the main building of the Hospital.

Our Hospital, in collaboration with Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board and Community Living Thunder Bay, are pleased to be the first Project SEARCH team in Northern Ontario. Project SEARCH is a ten-month unpaid internship program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their last year of high school. In tandem with classroom learning, students participate in three ten-week internships over the course of the school year to explore a variety of career paths. The ultimate goal of the program is to prepare the students to be a productive and competent employee who can be hired within our community. As we welcome the 2022/23 school year you will see new faces around our Hospital. Please give a warm welcome to the teachers from TBCDSB, employment support workers from CLTB and students. For more information about our Hospital's involvement in Project SEARCH, click [here](#) or reach out to Kelsee Fischer, Human Resource Consultant via email at [kelsee.fischer@tbh.net](mailto:kelsee.fischer@tbh.net).

The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is on September 14 at 2:00 p.m. EST via WebEx where we will answer your questions and provide you with the information you need to make your workday better. Please send your questions in advance to [tbrhscgroupnews@tbh.net](mailto:tbrhscgroupnews@tbh.net) and we will do our best to address them. If you are not able to attend, a recording will be available at [www.tbrhsc.net/th](http://www.tbrhsc.net/th) shortly after the event. Thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged.

Finally, flags at our Hospital have been lowered in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Canada's Head of State. We join Canadians and people around the world by extending our sympathies to her family as we remember her dedication and life of service.