

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



September 29, 2022

COVID-19 Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive Cases in the Hospital	28
Positive Cases in the ICU	2
Current Active Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in the TBDHU district	125
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	Orange (Restrict)

Please be advised that as of September 19, the COVID-19 outbreak on the 3A Surgical Inpatient Unit has been declared over. There are currently no confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks at our Hospital. 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/>.

Reminder that the bivalent booster vaccine is now available for Ontarians aged 18 and older. This dose may provide more targeted protection against the Omicron variants. Appointments can be booked through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900. Eligible individuals can also book an appointment directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, participating health care providers and [participating pharmacies](#). Also as of September 26, the new paediatric Pfizer vaccine will be another vaccine available for children aged between six months to under five years old. Parents and caregivers can continue to book appointments through the same methods as for the bivalent vaccination.

The Attendance Support Program (ASP) at our Hospital will be resuming on October 1. ASP is designed to support staff to meet the goal of regular attendance, by reducing and managing absenteeism through a consistent, objective, transparent, and fair process. The process applies to non-culpable (innocent) absences due to illness or injury, for reasons that are outside of the employee's control. The purpose is to provide employees with resources and support to enable regular and consistent attendance. For more information about this initiative please reach out to Madeline Reinikka at madeline.reinikka@tbh.net.

As part of the implementation of the Comprehensive Cardiovascular Surgical Program, our Hospital is excited to be seeking expressions of interest from employees who are interested in pursuing a career as a Cardiovascular Perfusionist. You can find the call for interest [here](#). Interested parties can reach out to Amy Carr (amy.carr@tbh.net) or Wayne Taylor (wayne.taylor@tbh.net) for more information.

In recognition of Franco-Ontarian Day, our Hospital [raised the bicolour flag](#) with representatives from local Francophone organizations. September 25 is the day to celebrate the social, economic and cultural contributions of the Francophone community. There are 8,000 Francophones who call Northwestern Ontario home. We know that providing care that is culturally sensitive can improve health outcomes and quality of care. We want to encourage our community to take this opportunity to learn more about Francophone language, heritage and rich history.

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September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. It is also Orange Shirt Day, a day created in response to Phyllis Wabsted's experience when she attended a residential school in 1973. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honours the experiences of Indigenous peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters. We encourage all Hospital staff and those in our community to participate and wear orange if possible.