

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**November 11, 2022**

COVID-19 and Influenza Status as of 10:00 am:

Total Positive COVID-19 Cases in the Hospital	29
Positive COVID-19 Cases in the ICU	2
New Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in the TBDHU district, past 7 days <i>(as of November 10, 2022)</i>	137
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
New Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases in the TBDHU district, past 7 days <i>(as of November 10, 2022)</i>	125
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Orange (Restrict)</b>

Flu and respiratory illness season is upon us, and the best way for people to protect themselves and stay healthy is by keeping up to date on their vaccines. Our Hospital continues to provide flu vaccines through Flu Clinic roaming carts. Appointments can also be made by emailing [OHS@tbh.net](mailto:OHS@tbh.net). You can also get flu shots in the community through the walk-in clinics at the [Thunder Bay District Health Unit \(TBDHU\)](#) or use the Government of Ontario [website](#) to find out more information.

Planning is well underway for the implementation of the UKG Dimensions Staff Scheduling System. A critical early step for this project is the collection of the embedded internal ID number on every Hospital staff member's ID badge. This number will be used to link your ID badge to your employee scheduling and payroll profile. Your internal ID will also be used for future systems such as Meditech Expanse. Read the [memo](#) from November 7 for more details.

This week, we're celebrating Medical Radiation Technologists (MRT) and Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (DMS) who play an integral role in patient care. MRTs and DMS perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments. If you have ever had an x-ray, CT scan, MRI, nuclear medicine procedure, ultrasound or radiation therapy, you have been in contact with an MRT or DMS. They can be found in emergency departments, operating rooms, mobile breast screening vans as well as diagnostic imaging departments and clinics. Learn more about this diverse and impactful profession [here](#).

During Patient Transport Week (November 6-12), we take an opportunity to thank our Portering team for keeping our Hospital in motion by safely transporting patients to where they need to be. Porters move patients who are admitted, discharged, or need tests and procedures in other departments. They strive to create positive interactions and increase patient satisfaction. Please join us in recognizing these integral members of our health care system.

On November 10, we celebrated Genetic Counsellor Awareness Day to recognize our hardworking Clinical Genetics Program team. The Clinical Genetics Program at our Hospital offers a variety of services, including assessment and diagnosis of genetic conditions, medical information about genetic conditions, discussion about chances of passing on conditions, information about the management and prevention of inherited

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conditions and services that arrange and interpret laboratory test results. When patients are referred to our Genetics Program, patients will see either a genetic counsellor or a geneticist based on their referral. Genetic counsellors are health professionals with specialized training in the areas of medical genetics and counselling. In a typical appointment, a genetic counsellor will discuss the chance that someone has an inherited genetic condition, if there is treatment for the condition, if genetic testing is available, as well as implications for other family members. Learn more about our Hospital's Clinical Genetics Program by visiting <https://tbrhsc.net/genetics>.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a nomination for the upcoming iCare Impact Awards. The iCare Impact Awards program is open to all employees, professional staff, and volunteers of our Hospital and Health Research Institute. It provides a forum for staff to recognize outcomes brought about by other staff, peer-to-peer, for their positive impacts on our patients and their families. Nominations are open until December 31, 2022, with nominators being entered for monthly prize draws. For more information, please contact Madeline Reinikka, Employee Engagement Consultant at [madeline.reinikka@tbh.net](mailto:madeline.reinikka@tbh.net).

The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is on November 16 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, the 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.

Across generations, Canadians have dedicated their lives to preserve peace. National Indigenous Veterans Day, recognized annually on November 8, is a time to honour the contributions of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada. Learn about the inspiring stories of Indigenous Veterans and their significant role in the military over the years [here](#).

Today is Remembrance Day and we thank all veterans, members of the armed forces, and those that made the ultimate sacrifice. For those wishing to show their support, poppies are available in the Hospital's Cafeteria and Season's Gift Shop.