

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

**November 25, 2022**

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

Total Positive COVID-19 Cases in the Hospital	31
Positive COVID-19 Cases in the ICU	5
New Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in the TBDHU district, past 7 days (as of November 24, 2022)	137
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	1 (1A Medical Inpatient Unit - Acute Oncology Inpatient Unit ONLY)
New Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases in the TBDHU district, past 7 days (as of November 24, 2022)	80
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Red (Control)</b>

Masking immediately upon entrance to our Hospital and all satellite buildings continues. Our Hospital's internal COVID-19 Pandemic Response Level was recently assessed, and moved to **Level Red (Control)**. Masking is mandatory for all except for when eating, drinking or within a private office. Level 3 masking remains required at all times. We remain committed to doing everything possible to keep patients and staff safe, including maintaining best practices in infection, prevention and control. Thank you for your patience and commitment to the community as we continue to put patients at the centre of everything that we do.

The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) department is reminding staff, physicians and volunteers to protect themselves during flu season. Influenza, commonly known as "the flu", is a respiratory infection caused by the influenza virus. It's contagious and spreads rapidly from person to person. Fortunately, the influenza vaccine is safe and effective and can benefit people of all ages. Even if you're healthy, getting immunized against influenza is a great way to protect you and those around you. You can drop by the OHS office on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are required outside of Thursdays by emailing [TBRHSC.OccupationalHealthandSafety@tbh.net](mailto:TBRHSC.OccupationalHealthandSafety@tbh.net). Those who attend are kindly asked to wear short sleeves and are reminded to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing while waiting. Roaming carts will be occurring once/week or more based on staff availability. If you have received your vaccine elsewhere, please send proof of receipt to [TBRHSC.OccupationalHealthandSafety@tbh.net](mailto:TBRHSC.OccupationalHealthandSafety@tbh.net).

Hospital staff, physicians and volunteers are also reminded that the Pfizer bivalent vaccine is **available by appointment only** in the OHS office at our Hospital. The COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held every Friday starting November 18 through to December 23. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Book your appointment by calling the OHS department at 684-6212. To be eligible for the vaccine, you must be a health care worker 18 years of age or older and have a minimum of three months (84 days) since your last COVID-19 vaccine dose or testing positive for COVID-19.

Our Hospital has begun upgrading the parking equipment in lots used by patients and visitors. These lots include D – Deer Lot, C2 – Coyote Lot, I – Turtle Lot, B – Bear Lot, B2 – Moose Lot, and A1 – Eagle Lot.

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Instead of the chip coins, our new system will issue barcode tickets. To get a ticket, simply press the yellow button on the front of the terminal. Take the ticket, and the gate will open up. While the upgrades are being completed, exit stations will accept both chip coins and barcode tickets. This week, only entry stations are being upgraded. The new exit stations will be installed soon after. Our existing pay stations, located inside the Hospital, have been upgraded to include a barcode reader. If you have a chip coin, you can follow the existing process to pay and exit. If you have a barcode ticket, scan your ticket on the new reader installed on the pay station and follow the directions to complete payment. When exiting, you will scan that paid ticket on the barcode reader. The gate will open and you can exit. Please exercise caution when entering and exiting the impacted parking lots.

Our Hospital is joining others across Canada to celebrate National Kinesiology Week (November 21-27). Kinesiologists are regulated health professionals who study human movement and the relationship between physical activity and health. They are committed to enhancing quality of life through the promotion of physical activity and workplace health and safety, the prevention and management of injury and chronic disease, and the overall improvement of health and performance. They are leaders in the prevention of injury and chronic disease; they work with people of all ages and every level of function and physical ability to assess, track, manage and achieve a broad range of personal health goals. Exercise is used to prevent and manage injury and manage chronic disease. There are Kinesiologists working in Programs and Services throughout our Hospital. Please join us in thanking our Kinesiologists for their important contributions to patient care.

On November 27, Canadians celebrate National Physician Assistant Day, which recognizes the physician assistant (PA) profession and its contributions to healthcare in Canada. Working alongside physicians and other health professionals, PAs are having a positive impact on many aspects of healthcare from emergency room wait times, access to primary care, the quality of seniors care and access to healthcare in rural communities. Join us in celebrating our PAs and thanking them for their important and life-saving contributions. Learn more about the profession by visiting the [Canadian Association of Physician Assistants website](#).

Volunteer Services is pleased to collect donations of new underwear and warm socks this November and December for the Patient Clothing Cupboard. Donations can be dropped off at Volunteer Services (Room 2000), Level two, located next to Seasons Gift Shop.

In support of our Strategic Plan 2026 priority *Staff Experience*, the Human Resources department is happy to introduce the "Thumbs Up" initiative. Hospital staff are invited to submit comments of recognition for their colleagues, which will be uploaded to our iNtranet, viewable by the organization. Would you like to share a compliment about a coworker? Submit your own Thumbs Up through the [online form](#), where submission guidelines are also available.