

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**November 4, 2022**

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

Total Positive COVID-19 Cases in the Hospital	40
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 3, 2022)</i>	141
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	0
New Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases in the TBDHU district, past 7 days <i>(as of November 3, 2022)</i>	113
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Orange (Restrict)</b>

Keeping up to date on vaccines continues to be the best way for people to stay healthy this flu and respiratory illness season and prevent non-urgent visits to the Emergency Department. 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.

Our Hospital and health care system continues to face unprecedented challenges. Despite this, our staff have shown incredible perseverance while continuing to provide exceptional care. We are working collectively with all the hospitals in the North West, along with our academic partners from Lakehead University, Confederation College and NOSM University to identify strategies that will improve recruitment and retention within our hospitals, and within our region. In order to improve and work towards a brighter future, we need to hear from you. Please [complete a survey](#) to share your feedback related to your work experiences in the health sector including workforce conditions, challenges and opportunities. This data will inform recruitment and retention efforts for current and future staff, as well as inform broader regional initiatives. The final day to complete the survey is November 14.

Our Hospital took part in the annual "Take Our Kids to Work Day" on November 2. Grade 9 students from all across the city participated in hands-on activities, met with medical professionals, and learned about the wide variety of fulfilling careers available to them in health care. Kudos to our Human Resources team for organizing a safe, informative and worthwhile experience for the students.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month around the world. One in three Canadians have diabetes, with many cases undiagnosed. This month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the disease and to increase general knowledge about diabetes. November 14, is recognized as World Diabetes Day. This year the theme is *Access to Care: Education to Protect Tomorrow*. The Centre for Complex Diabetes Care (CCDC) wants to help you learn the facts about diabetes to better understand this disease, its management and our local education programs. The CCDC will be hosting an information booth on November 14 in the Hospital's main lobby, across from Seasons Gift Shop. If you are on site, drop by to get information on diabetes, resources to enhance your knowledge, and enter a draw.

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November is also Fall Prevention Month. Falls are the leading cause of injury among older adults and according to Statistics Canada, one-third of those who fall never return home. We all have a role to play in preventing falls. Visit the [Fall Prevention Month website](#) to learn more. Together, we can help keep people active, independent, injury-free and healthy.

On Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m., clocks and watches fall back one hour to change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time. The accuracy of time is essential to ensuring the safety of patients under our care. It is important not only for scheduling procedures and staffing, but also for charting accuracy and medication dispensing. At 2:00 a.m. all electronic clocks that are controlled by the system (NICU, ICU, etc.) will be moved back to Standard Time automatically. Please ensure that your personal watches/devices are updated and that any clocks in your area are adjusted in a timely manner.

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.