

# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



**October 13, 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 (as at Oct 12, 2022)	234
Current COVID-19 Outbreaks in the Hospital	1 (2A Medical Inpatient Unit)
Our Hospital's Internal Pandemic Response Level	<b>Orange (Restrict)</b>

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This year we recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week and the theme is "*Fire won't wait. Plan your escape!*" It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape plan, before a fire happens. Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. For resources to assist in planning, please visit [fpw.org](http://fpw.org). As well, please be aware of fire protocols within the Hospital and your building to plan your safe exit.

October 9 to 15 is dedicated to celebrating the important role of Medical Device Reprocessing Departments (MDRD) across the country, just like the one at our Hospital. The MDRD staff is made up of certified technicians that wash, inspect, assemble, wrap, sterilize and distribute instruments to the O.R. and clinics throughout the Hospital. With a focus on patient safety and quality assurance, the proper reprocessing of reusable patient care items is more important than it ever has been. With over 40 dedicated staff, the MDRD works almost 24/7 to make sure doctors, nurses and surgeons have the clean sterile instruments they need to ensure patients receive the care in a safe and timely manner.

The Centre for Applied Health Research at St. Joseph's Care Group is hosting the 2023 Showcase of Health Research on February 10, 2023. The Showcase has become the premier annual venue for the dissemination of research relevant to the health of Northwestern Ontarians. The conference features oral and poster presentations by health professionals, students, and scientists. You are invited to participate in this event by submitting an abstract. Submissions for paper and poster presentations of health research ranging from prevention to service delivery and from basic to applied research will be accepted. Please refer to <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/2023-showcase-of-health-research-call-for-abstracts/> for further details. The deadline for submission is November 30, 2022.

Emergency Nurses Week (October 9-15) is dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the passion, persistence and dedication to patient care that our Emergency Department and trauma nurses display every single day. This team of health care professionals focus on the immediate care of patients who require medical attention to avoid long-term disability or death. It is a complex role, treating the trigger event for the emergency visit as well as communicating with the patient, the families, and the care team. This front-line role is very people-centered, not only physically but emotionally too. People in emergency situations often feel distraught and

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upset. So, the emergency nurse must treat the emotions as well as the emergency medical issue. It can be chaotic, especially if the cause of the visit is a violent incident. Please join us in thanking our emergency nurses for their tremendous contributions to patient care in our community.

The next virtual All Staff Town Hall is on October 19 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.