

COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

Monday, May 25, 2020

COVID-19 Status as of 10:30 am

Tests performed yesterday (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Tests Performed total (Assessment Centre and in Hospital)	Presumptive Cases in Hospital	Total Positive Cases in Hospital	Positive Cases in ICU	Patients in COVID-19 Care Unit	Hospital Occupancy
67	3942	17	2	0	8	80.8%

Over the weekend, several COVID-19 test results were returned, and all were negative. As a result, the number of presumptive cases in our Hospital reduced from 40 on Friday to 20 as of this morning. In addition, 29 staff were tested and 25 are isolating at home due to an incident of possible exposure to COVID-19 last week. All 29 test results have been returned negative. Out of an abundance of caution, the majority of impacted staff will continue to isolate at home for 14 days from the date of possible exposure.

As reported in the media yesterday, the Premier announce this week a plan to expand testing in Ontario. It will continue to focus on anyone who has symptoms (even if mild) and will include asymptomatic risk-based testing, with the intention of more proactively detecting outbreaks and monitoring for any spread of COVID-19. As more information is received, our Hospital will determine and plan for any actions required to accommodate increased testing at our COVID-19 Assessment Centre.

Thank you to those who have been preserving N95 masks for reprocessing. Our Hospital will soon be able to perform on-site reprocessing of small volumes of N95 masks. Reprocessing capacity is expected to increase in June with the arrival of new equipment. Please continue to collect N95 masks for reprocessing. Reprocessed N95 masks are stored for future use if needed.

The Incident Management Team approved the mandatory use of eye protection, such as goggles, for all patient interactions. The Operations team will determine a roll-out strategy that include use, storage and cleaning of eye protection. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

May is Speech and Hearing Month, which will be celebrated from May 25-29 at our Hospital. Speech-Language Pathologists (S-LPs), during the COVID-19 crisis, continue to provide extraordinary services in assessing and treating speech, language, and swallowing. S-LPs assist with alternative means of communication for those COVID-19 clients who cannot speak while on a ventilator or when experiencing excessive fatigue due to COVID-19. As well, S-LPs provide swallowing intervention to clients when they are ill and risk of aspiration is high.

All previously issued COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports are available at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/past-daily-updates/>.

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Please forward any questions/concerns to your supervisor.

For questions about COVID-19 testing criteria, please contact the TBDHU's Infectious Disease Program at 807-625-5900 or toll free at 1-888-294-6630.

Local COVID-19 case status: <https://www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus>

Provincial COVID-19 case status: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-0>

Canada COVID-19 case status: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

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