

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Hospital and Health Research Institute staff and professional staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, COVID-19 Incident Manager

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

RE: **Travel Restrictions Update – Northwestern Ontario**

Please be advised of the following revised staff travel restrictions, in effect Monday, March 30, 2020. This new measure is part of our Hospital's response to COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and safety of all patients, their essential care partners, staff, professional staff, contractors, vendors, and the community.

If you travel anywhere outside of Northwestern Ontario as of March 30, 2020, you must self-isolate for a period of 14 days upon return. Staff who choose to travel outside of Northwestern Ontario as of March 30, 2020 will not be compensated by the Hospital for the isolation period.

All employees must inform OHS prior to travel departure and prior to returning to work at 684-6212 or ohs@tbh.net. This measure ensures that the Hospital has the necessary information to respond if the COVID-19 case definition is updated in response to changing circumstances.

Limited exceptions for essential travel may apply. For example, staff members whose work involves travel, such as flight transfers of patients, will be allowed to continue service, with Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) and Infection Prevention & Control approval.

Questions regarding travel outside of Northwestern Ontario will be included in the screening process for staff, patients and essential care partners.

This is not a public health directive at this time. It is an initiative of our Hospital to enhance the protection of all.

Please refer to the attached map of Northwestern Ontario. If you have questions regarding travel restrictions, please contact your manager, and Occupational Health and Safety at 684-6212 or ohs@tbh.net.

Travel restrictions can change frequently and will be updated as the situation evolves. Regular updates will be shared as they occur.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

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For more information about COVID-19, please contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 1-888-294-6630 or www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus. More information is also available at <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-english-2020-02-18.pdf>.

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