

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional  
Health Sciences  
Centre

To: All staff, professional staff, volunteers and learners

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

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RE: **Travel Restrictions Update**

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Ontario has entered the second wave of the COVID-19, with high numbers of positive cases in other areas of the province. The health and safety of all remains our utmost priority.

That is why the Incident Management Team is currently **considering restricting staff travel outside of Northern Ontario**. Should travel restrictions be updated, they will become immediately effective, and those who choose to travel outside of Northern Ontario will be required to self-isolate for 14 days and will NOT be compensated.

It is strongly recommended that all staff, professional staff, volunteers and learners **take this into consideration as it applies to travel plans**, particularly as the Thanksgiving long weekend approaches. Medical Officer of Health Dr. Janet DeMille has provided the same advice to members of the community.

The Incident Management Team will make a decision as swiftly as possible, and an update will be provided.

Our early implementation of travel restrictions was vital to our success in terms of flattening the COVID-19 curve in Northwestern Ontario. However, it is recognized that the restrictions impact your personal lives and that the idea of reinstating them may be frustrating for some. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made during this pandemic. We must continue to be diligent for everyone's protection.

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