

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff and Professional Staff

From: Meaghan Sharp, Chief Nursing Executive (for Dr. Peter Voros, EVP In-Patient Care Programs)

Date: June 18, 2021

RE: **Changes to Travel Restriction Guidelines**

As Ontario has begun the first phase of the Provincial re-opening plan, and with the arrival of summer, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre recognizes that the desire for staff travel may increase.

With staff, professional staff, volunteers, and learners having received the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, **our Hospital will be loosening travel restrictions, based on regional, Provincial and Federal guidelines for those who are fully immunized effective July 1st, 2021.**

Those who are fully vaccinated two or more weeks prior to travel, will not be required to adhere to the 7-day post travel self-isolation period if traveling in Northwestern Ontario or in Canada.

[Travel forms](#) are to be completed if you are traveling outside of the province and must be submitted to your Manager/Medical Affairs as per current protocols. Managers/Medical Affairs who wish to inquire if the 7-day isolation period is required for the individual are to email Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) at ohs@tbh.net for clarification.

The travel process for those requiring self-isolation remains unchanged. Those individuals will not be compensated for the isolation period.

Staff must provide proof of vaccination (receipts) to OHS via email (ohs@tbh.net), by fax (684-5832), or by sending a hard copy through inter-office mail. A copy of your own vaccine receipt is available through the provincial booking system at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>. Proceed as if you are booking an appointment. You will need to provide your health card number, date of birth and postal code. Once this is entered, there will be an option to book an appointment and an option to access your vaccine receipt.

OHS requires staff to provide both copies of proof of immunization for double dose vaccinations in order to be considered immunized. If a single dose immunization was given (i.e. Johnson & Johnson) or other variables, OHS will consider on an individual basis as per Public Health and National Advisory Committee on Immunizations directives.

Despite the loosening of the travel restrictions, we must all continue to adhere to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols and practices of our Hospital, conduct self-screening, and will not attend the work setting if failed screening. Staff, professional staff, volunteers, and learners are to continue to abide by any guidelines implemented by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Provincial or Federal governments.

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If you have questions or require more information, please contact OHS at ohs@tbh.net. A Guidance Document is also attached.

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

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