


# Guidance Document for COVID-19



<b>Title:</b> Changes to Travel Restriction Guidelines	<b>Version #:</b> 2
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<b><i>This document is intended to provide guidance to staff/professional staff during COVID-19</i></b>	

## . PURPOSE

To clarify expectations during COVID-19, related to changes to travel restrictions regarding staff, professional staff, volunteers and learners.

## 2. GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)

With staff, professional staff, volunteers, and learners having received the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) will be loosening travel restrictions, based on regional, provincial and federal guidelines for those who are fully immunized.

- Staff travelling within Canada will not require any isolation to return to work. Staff traveling outside of Canada will be subject to Federal Government Isolation guidelines and may return to work once cleared of isolation by the Federal Government.
- Staff must provide proof of vaccination (receipts) to Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) via:
  - [Email ohs@tbh.net](mailto:ohs@tbh.net);
  - Fax a copy (684-5832); or
  - Send through inter-hospital mail.
- OH&S 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, OH&S will consider on an individual basis as per Public Health and National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) directives.
- Travel forms are to be completed if travelling outside of the Canada, submitted to the staff's Manager/Medical Affairs as per current protocols.
- Travel process for those requiring self-isolation remains unchanged. Staff will not be compensated for any Federal Government required isolation period.

All staff, professional staff, volunteers, and learners are to continue to adhere to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols and practices of TBRHSC, 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 restrictions that are implemented by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), Provincial or Federal governments.

## 3. RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

1. TBDHU COVID-19 Travel Guidelines
2. Provincial and Federal COVID-19 Travel Guidelines

## 4. REFERENCES

N/A