

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Volunteers and Learners

From: Dr. Peter Voros, EVP In-Patient Care Programs

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RE: **Change to Screening Question**

Based on monitoring of the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in alignment with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Federal directions, travel restrictions will change for everyone entering our Hospital.

Effective **Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 at 0600**, and in alignment with the Federal Government changes to travel outside of Canada, the COVID-19 screening question about travel will be updated to: **“Have you traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?”** (Answer NO if you have been cleared by OHS or ArriveCAN has exempted you from quarantine”).

This will be the only travel question on screening – the question regarding travel outside of Northwestern Ontario (Manitowadge to the Manitoba Border) will no longer be asked.

Please note that until this change comes into effect, those who travel outside of Northwestern Ontario, including this long weekend, must be fully vaccinated to return to work without isolation.

To be considered fully vaccinated by OHS, you must:

- have received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine or a combination of accepted vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson))
- have received your last dose at least 14 days prior to travel
- provided your proof of vaccination to OHS

Further changes or adjustments to the above guidelines may be required as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to safety.

For more information about travel restrictions, please contact your Manager or Occupational Health and Safety or visit <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#vaccinated>. For more information about screening, please contact Andrea Docherty at docherta@tbh.net.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid19-information/>.